

Rose Hill Church

January 2012 Newsletter



Hearing From God

I had a delightful opportunity recently to be interviewed on "Faith Radio Mornings with Michelle and Ted." They're on Faith Radio, 900 AM.

In that interview I briefly highlighted a biblical basis for hearing God speak to us – that God has spoken through the Bible and through Jesus Christ, that God is still speaking, that God desires and invites us to listen to him, that God is displeased when we refuse to listen to him, that God takes the written Word and makes it a specific word for our situation, that God's voice can be known, that God's speaking to us is to lead to our obedient action, that God communicates to us what to do and say as we listen to him.

Essentially, God's voice sounds like God's character. As we better understand God's Word and God's character, we get to know his divine presence speaking to us more clearly. The simplest way to hear God speaking to us is to ask God questions that prompt his response and motivates us to listen! Many times God is directing us toward the "next step" we need to take.

In that radio interview, I also highlighted some of the many ways God speaks to us. (I have a list of 33 ways God speaks to us that I can email to anyone interested.)

You can hear the entire podcast at <http://www.faithradionet.com/category/faith-radio-mornings/>. Then look for "Hearing from God" dated December 21, 2011.

What I didn't have time to share are some "boundaries" in listening to God. Here are three:

1. The "self" must be focused upon the Triune God of the Bible.

Listening to God begins with the true self focusing on the true God as the object of our contemplation. C.S. Lewis warned against the self talking to the self: "The prayer preceding all prayers is 'May it be the real I who speaks. May it be the real Thou that I speak to.'" Listening to God is not a method, but a walk with a Person.

2. The "mind" must be filled with the Word of God.

Whatever a mind is filled with will result in the product. The more we understand the Scriptures and sound doctrine, the greater will be our listening to God through them. If we are to do God's specific will applied in the *now*, then we must first know God's general will *already* revealed.

As Joyce Huggett says, "Listening to God is not about *newness* but about *nowness*. It is receiving the applied Word in whatever form God chooses to make it known."

Praying with a mind well-furnished with the plans and purposes of God re-

vealed in the Scripture is essential for an effective ministry of prayer and action, which unleashes the power of God into the human predicament.

3. The "goal" of listening to God in prayer is for Christian living and effective ministry.

Guidance, direction, answers, and insight are given by God for the sake of building up ourselves in our most holy faith, building up the Body of Christ, and extending the kingdom of God. Our priority is taking in and reflecting upon what God would have us be and do.

Like Samuel, pray, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

Like Mary, sit, for "Mary . . . sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said" (Luke 10:39).

Like Paul, ask, "What shall I do, Lord?" (Acts 22:10).

Like A.W. Tozer, invite, "Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to Thee, 'Speak, for thy servant heareth.' Let me hear Thee speaking in my heart. Let me get used to the sound of Thy Voice, that its tones may be familiar when the sounds of earth die away and the only sound will be the music of Thy speaking Voice. Amen."

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REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:30 a.m.
 Daybreak Worship

9:45 a.m.
 Sunday School for All

11:00 a.m.
 Wellspring Worship

11:00 a.m.
 Japanese Worship
*(1st Sunday of the month the
 Japanese join the English
 Worship.)*

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.
 Awana Clubs–Youth Group
 Prayer Gathering

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 STAFF**

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 Rev. David Smith

Student Ministries Pastor
 Rev. Rick Wallace

**Children’s Ministry
 Director**
 Diane Grindahl

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**Worship Music
 Coordinators**
 Bethany Morris – Wellspring
 David Svenson, Wally Borner
 – Daybreak

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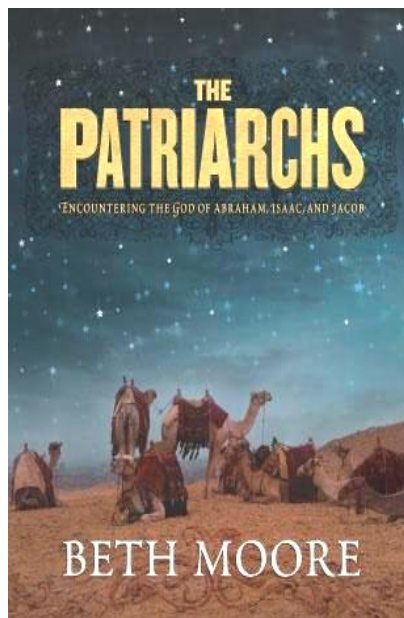


ARTWORK ABOUT JESUS’ PASSION AND RESURRECTION

Beginning in February through Easter, you are invited to create artwork about Jesus’ Passion or Resurrection. This artwork – any media, all ages to participate – will be displayed at the church during this season. Following the Gospel of Matthew, from which Pastor Dave will be preaching, here are a list of possible themes and texts. Include your name and the title of your artwork.

Be prayerfully creative!

- The plot against Jesus, 26:1-5
- Jesus anointed at Bethany, 26:6-13
- Judas agrees to betray Jesus, 26:14-16
- The Lord’s Supper, 26:17-30
- Jesus predicts Peter’s denial, 26:31-35
- Gethsemane, 26:36-46
- Jesus arrested, 26:47-56
- Before the Sanhedrin, 26:57-68
- Peter disowns Jesus, 26:69-75
- Judas takes his own life, 27:1-10
- Jesus before Pilate, 27:11-26
- The soldiers mock Jesus, 27:27-31
- The crucifixion, 27:32-44
- The death of Jesus, 27:45-56
- The burial of Jesus, 27:57-61
- The guard at the tomb, 27:62-66
- The resurrection, 28:1-10
- The guards’ report, 28:11-15
- The Great Commission, 28:16-20



WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Led by Diane Grindahl

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 Rose Hill Church
 January 17-March 27
 (11 Sessions)

Sign up at the Information Center.
 You may purchase a workbook at Lifeway
 Christian Book Stores or on-line at Amazon.com

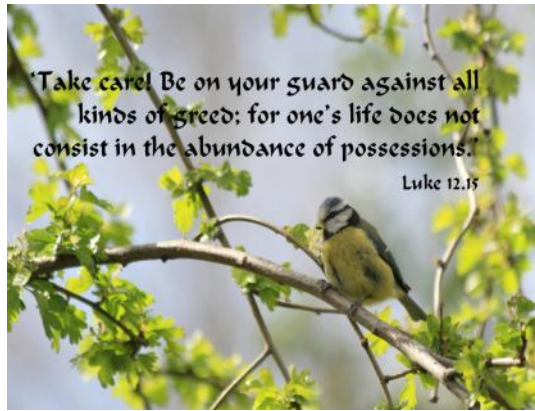
In this study we will discover the unfolding of
 God’s earthly plan: that through one nation—and
 ultimately, one man—all people on earth
 will be blessed.

JANUARY PREACHING

January 1 – Extravagant Love,
Matthew 26:6-13

**Financial Stewardship
Sermon Series**

January 8 – Ten Golden Nuggets
of Financial Wisdom
January 15 – Toppling Our Idols
January 22 – Gaining Contentment
January 29 – Giving Until It Tickles



Dear Rose Hill Family,

This month, the Hospitality Committee will be organizing the Hospitality groups for 2012. These groups are organized for the purpose of serving our church family in the event of a funeral.

Since we are all part of the Rose Hill Church family, we are all part of the groups to show love and support to a bereaved family either by bringing food, money donation for food, setting up, serving or cleaning up for the luncheon.

In the sad event of a funeral, please help our hostess' by returning their calls or emails promptly and helping in the way that you can. This greatly helps the hostess' with their planning. Letters will be sent out in January letting you know the group you are in. If you have any questions or need to be reminded which group you are in, please contact one of the Deaconess'.

**STAMPS
BECOME
SPANISH MATERIAL**

Save your postage stamps?

The stamps become cash that is used to print and publish Sunday School materials in Spanish.

**Campbell's Soup for Lunch
Becomes
School Supplies & Equipment**

Save your proof of purchase labels.
The District Alliance Women are able to provide supplies and equipment to the Dalat International School in Malaysia. Many of the missionaries' kids attend this K-12 school.

**An Easy Way
to Support Missions . . .**

RECYCLE



**CHRISTIAN MATERIALS
BECOME
A NEW BLESSING**

Save your Christian literature, tapes, Bibles, devotional materials, etc.

These are sent to Third World countries who have little or no materials.

Baskets are provided in each of the coat room areas to receive your donations. The I.C.L.D. box accepts all Christian Literature.



Alliance Women will meet
Monday, January 9, in
the Fireside Room at
9:30 a.m.

Our speaker will be
Brenda Naatz who with
her husband Rick serve in
Nigeria with Sudan
Interior Mission.
The Naatz' attended Rose
Hill in the late 80s while
Rick studied to be a Lab
Technician at the
University of Minnesota.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to submit a prayer request to the prayer chain, you may do so by emailing it to rhac-prayer-chain@rosehillcma.org



PRAYER GATHERING

Join us Wednesdays at
6:30 p.m. in the Fireside
Room for a regular time
of prayer.



**January
Youth
Group**

**Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.**

GOVERNING BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

❖ Is exploring and initiating steps potentially to change our church fiscal year from January through December to July through June. (More of this explained at the Annual Meeting.)

❖ Approved the increase of our Children's Ministry Director from 15 to 20 hours per week.

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CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS

Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday
January 29, 2012**

6:00 p.m.

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"FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS" DISTRIBUTION . . .

**Tuesday, January 17
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

2012 Dates

Feb 14, Mar 13,
April 17, May 15,
June 19, July 24,
August 21, September 18,
October 16, November 13,
December 11

Real Life church
2353 Chatsworth St. N,
Roseville.

Frozen meats & veggies
are up to 40% savings.



MEN'S BASKETBALL . . . WINTER 2012

Who? Men who regularly attend Rose Hill Church.
You must be at least 15 years old.
You may bring one guest.

Contact Pastor Rick if you have any questions.

When? Saturdays, January 7 – March 31
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where? Roseville Covenant Church,
2865 Hamline Ave. North in Roseville

Cost? \$5 donation

Winter Avalanche Youth Retreats

Junior High Avalanche (6th-9th grade): Jan. 27-29
Speaker: Gary Wozniak, former college professor of Crown College
Senior High Avalanche (9th-12th grade): Feb. 3-5
Speaker: Ken Castor, new professor from Crown College

Some of the activities include broomball, tubing down our new side-by-side double run tubing hill, kicksleds, and much more.

*Information on all the camps are on line at www.bigsandycamp.com
(Scholarships are also available. Contact the church office.)*



Fight Like a Man

"For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms."
Eph. 6:12 NLT

Men's Winter Retreat

**February 24-26,
2012**



Big Sandy Camp & Retreat Center

The C&MA Men are pleased to announce that the speaker for the 2012 Men's Winter Retreat will be Rev. Todd Braschler, a pastor, musician, author and conference speaker. If you'd like to get a preview of Todd's ministry, please check out this [YouTube video](#). It's going to be an unforgettable conference.

Registration information is available on line at www.bigsandycamp.com or on the church bulletin board. Early registration deadline is **January 15**. (\$99 by January 15/\$110 after January 15. Group rates also available.) Questions? See Jeff Carpentier or Glen Grindahl.

Prepare to see God move among us!

