

WHEN THE LAST BECOME FIRST LUKE 16:19-31

Socio-economic status is no indication of God's blessing in life
– Luke 16:19-21

Heaven and hell are realities that we must be prepared for – Luke 16:22-23

How you live your life now will determine how you spend eternity
– Luke 16:25-26

The Scriptures are sufficient to instruct us and prepare us for the future
– Luke 16:27-31

PRAISE & PRAYER

- **Pray for** our shut-ins: Rose-Ann L and Egon U.
- **Pray for** Ron & Jeannie Seck who are based in Hungary, Central Europe. Their gifts of faith, leadership, preaching and hospitality are used to develop Roma (Gypsy) Christian communities.
- **Pray for** Donald & Susan L as they travel to Edmonton for Susan's heart surgery and for their children during this family separation.
- **Werner S** would like to express his thanks to the church family for their prayers and visits during the time that he was recovering from his surgery. While complications from the surgery were serious, God graciously restored him and he is doing well now. Thanks again to everyone who helped him during this time.

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THIS MORNING:

One of the sayings of Jesus that has made its way into our modern parlance is “the first shall be last”. We often hear this used when someone or something (such as a sports team) who once held a high position has suddenly fallen from that position and is now seen as a has-been. Sometimes this first-to-last scenario is expressed through the concept of “karma”. Karma is a concept from eastern religions which states that good deeds and positive attitudes in life will result in future blessing and prosperity, while evil deeds and negativity leads to future pain and suffering. The problem with karma is that it is grounded in a fatalistic view of the universe. The Bible teaches us that a person – God – is in control of this universe and he will reward or punish men according to their deeds.

Actually the full statement of Jesus is “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” This statement contains both a warning for the mighty and a promise for the weak. He is saying that no one should feel either secure or hopeless about their lot in life because there is a day of reckoning coming when things will be made right. There is no story in the Bible that illustrates this point as well as the parable Jesus told that is found in Luke 16. It's the story of a rich man who lost everything, and a poor man who gained eternal life. Today we will look at this parable and find out some profound and probing truths that it has for us to learn.

welcome to
ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Equipping and enabling disciples to make disciples

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a **Visitor** we ask you to sign a Guest Card and drop it in the offering plate so we can acknowledge your visit. Join us to Worship at 10:30 am.

A **staffed Nursery/Jr. Church** is provided for children from 6 months to age four. Please drop your children off in the nursery **no later than 10:45 am.**

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Opening Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Worship in Song
- Scripture & Prayer
- Offering
- Worship in Song
- Message
- Closing Song
- Benediction

WORSHIP TEAM:

- Mic M
- Bev S
- Monica U
- Jonathan M
- Gillian M
- Ana T
- Fred L

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

A Benevolent Offering will be received next week following the Communion Service.

SUMMER KIDS CLUB

“EXTREME RESCUE TEAM!”

AUGUST 15TH - 19TH

Spaces still available. \$15/child or \$25/family. Register your child (Kindergarten to Grade 5) today!

ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

STATS FOR JULY 24TH, 2016

ATTENDANCE	158
GENERAL OFFERING.....	\$5,389.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$9,760
GIVING TO DATE	\$281,090
BUDGET TO DATE	\$273,280
NDOLA JESUS FILM	\$8,159.65

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 10:30 am
Bethsaida French
Fellowship - 1:30 pm

COMING UP

Aug 2 - Church Offices Closed
Aug 7 - Worship & Communion -10:30 am
- Bethsaida Fellowship - 1:30 pm

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Can you join us this fall on Fridays from approx. 8:00 to 9:15 am every 3 to 4 weeks, to serve breakfast to children at Princess Margaret School? If so, please see ANDREA K.

PASTORS AWAY


PASTOR BEN is on vacation from July 29th to August 5th & August 14th - 19th.

PASTOR JONATHAN will begin his five month leave-of-absence starting August 1st. We pray for God's blessing and safety upon them during this time of growth and development.

THANK YOU

The prayers for health and safety allowed ELSIE L and me to organize the library of a teachers' training college in Cameroon.

- HELGA K



In the event of a postal strike - you can still forward your Share-A-Wage support to the Church office or Dave R.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FORMS are available on the table in the lobby for those working at Camp this summer. Once completed please place in the Outreach mailbox.



BOOST

Keep a look-out for fall events! If you want to hang out during the summer text Pastor Ben.

Young Adults

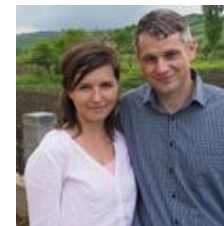
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH
GAMES & HANG-OUT NIGHT!

Come out to the Ps' for some board games, food and to hang-out around the fire pit. Starts at 6 pm.

THANKSGIVING EVERY MONTH
For the month of August, Rowandale Church is partnering again with Union Gospel Mission's "Thanksgiving Every Month" (THEM) program, by collecting non-perishable food or personal items to assist those in need. Items needed are: *canned soup, veggies, fruit, meat, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil, ketchup, mustard, ground coffee, band aids, soap, toothbrush/ toothpaste, shampoo, baby food, formula, diapers (size 5 & 6), laundry detergent, window cleaner, toilet paper, napkins, styrofoam plates & cups, clothing, etc. etc.*

Please place your contribution on the table marked "THANKSGIVING EVERY MONTH" in the church lobby sometime during August 7th - 28th. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, contact Sonja P.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



TAMAS & TUNDE MODI
NATIONAL MISSIONARIES
ROMANIA

Tamas & Tunde have been appointed as director and administrator of Camp Falcon Rock. Tamas has a background in construction, and Tunde comes from a legal background, so they are well suited for their respective responsibilities. They are native to Romania but are supported by NAB churches to enable them to serve as God has called them. They have become good friends and invaluable co-workers of Paul and Tanya Gericke. Pray for them as together they are working to realize the vision of Camp Falcon Rock and help it reach its full potential. For more information, visit <http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/tamas-tunde-modi>.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
WINNIPEG, MB

MARK (SHELLEY) WOODS
SENIOR PASTOR

JONATHAN (JENNIFER) KROEKER
ASSOCIATION PASTOR

BEN (VANESSA) CLOUSTON
YOUTH PASTOR

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mark Woods
Associate Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Kroeker
Youth Pastor: Ben Clouston
Office Administrator: Bev Sheridan