



# Rosedale Connect

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**Rosedale Day at PNC Park May 18th**

**Ticket Price Includes: Pregame cookout Ticket Round Trip Transportation from Third Street**

**Register by mail or online at [www.aspgh.org](http://www.aspgh.org).**

**Enter to win free tickets. Details inside.**

## Community Spotlight: Rosedale Recollections

Streetcars on Third Street! A boardwalk down Homestead Road! Chickens laying green eggs! These are a few of the recollections shared by some long-time Rosedale residents.

Around the 1920's, a streetcar traveled down Third Street running from Wilksburg to Oakmont. The fare at that time was 15 cents. Some of the young residents of the area hitched trolley rides to go to school while others rode it to play hooky! One gentleman who lived in the area used to ride the rails in his Model T and during the summer months many families used the streetcar to reach the Rosedale pool.

The pool was not only a center of family activity during the summer as it is now, but also a source of employment for many local young people. Barbara Miller Slattery ran the snack bar at the Rosedale Pool where many of the teenagers worked. Affection-

ately known as "Mama Miller", Barbara had a special chair from which she viewed the snack bar activities. Everyone who worked for her carved their initials and date of employment in this chair and it continues to remain in her home on Homestead Road.

Traveling down Homestead Road, you may notice a white frame house among the red brick homes. At its founding, Rosedale was marked off into farmlands and this house was part of one of those farms. Grape vines and roses abounded and many homes had chicken coops. Housed in one of these chicken coops was a special breed of chicken known for laying green eggs.

As the area developed, a boardwalk was built running from Verona Road from Strunks Market, down Homestead Road to the river. This was not a typical boardwalk with snack

bars and shops but rather a way for residents to meet the train that ran along the river.

These recollections only scratch the surface of the stories and places that make up the history and character of Rosedale. There is much more to learn: why some streets are named for people; what the names Orangetown, Willie's Town and Frog Town have to do with Rosedale; and the names and locations of stores and buildings that are no longer here... Coffroths gas station and Edwards Grocery to name a few.

If you have a favorite "Rosedale Recollection" you would like to share or a question about Rosedale's history you would like us to investigate please contact us at 412-744-4063 or by email at [allsaintspittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintspittsburgh@gmail.com).

## From the Pastor's Desk

I've had the opportunity to talk to a number of "old timers" of Rosedale, people that have lived here for several decades or more. They talk about neighbors that were their friends, the generations that have grown up "down the street", the pool and churches. There is an obvious sense of roots when they talk about Rosedale; its not just a place, it's their neighborhood.

I've also noticed that nearly all the conversation is about the past, as though time has stood still. The world has changed a great deal and so has our neighborhood. People relate to one another much differently, we live much differently.

One change is obvious to anyone

that has lived here for many years - there are a lot of new people; a neighborhood that gradually grew older has become much younger again. New life is moving into Rosedale; a great blessing and cause for much hope for the future. Now, if we can just keep the sense of neighborhood alive....

This issue of RC is focused on Rosedale as a neighborhood - people connected to one another. We feature a story about one of those "old timers" who reflects on the past. We also look at two ways the "new" Rosedale will be able to start building new memories. All Saints wants to become, once again, a neighborhood church and so we are planning two more events that we plan to offer annually.

**By Pastor David Rucker**

First, in March we will offer a three week Lenten Season series. We will provide a discussion about the reality of "heaven" - is it real, what is it like, and who enters?

Then in May we will host the first annual Rosedale Day at PNC as we share a cookout and Pirates game together.

These events are meant to build community, a neighborhood. It is our hope that you will participate, that new connections with neighbors will be made, roots will be planted a bit deeper; that Rosedale won't simply be the place you live, it will become your neighborhood, and new memories will be made.

## Heaven: What Can We Know About It?

### A Special Three Week Series Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>

Heaven's hot! At least it is on the best sellers list. Over the past year, four different books on personal experiences of heaven have spent time on the list, reaching all the way to the top of the list. Among Christian circles, Randy Alcorn's book "Heaven" has been very influential.

Heaven represents many things - eternal life, reuniting with loved ones, and an end to the suffering of this world, to name a few. Remarkably, few people talk about God when heaven is considered, or God is a secondary "motive". God is seen as sort of the playground keeper, and probably the one who will dish out whatever work there is to be performed. For many people, God is somewhat like a high school Principal - we all know he runs the place and the goal is to never be called into His office!

While there are many possible reasons for the popularity of this topic, almost assuredly the most important reason is that people want to know that Heaven is real. They also want to know if "they" will be able to go to heaven ("if this guy can go, surely I can to!"), and they want to have an idea of what to expect.

In other words, they want assurance that heaven is real, for them, and it is indeed a place to look forward to.

Beginning Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> ASC will host a three week series on heaven. Each week we will consider a different question, beginning with "Is Heaven Real?". On week two we will consider "What is Heaven Like" and we will wrap up in week three with "Who is Invited to Heaven?"

The format will be very relaxed. Literally - come as you

are. There will be time for group questions and discussion, and light refreshments will be provided each week. We'll meet each week in Boyd Hall (located downstairs in the church building) beginning at 6:30, lasting until 8:00. Child care will be provided.

Is heaven real? Can I expect to go there? What will it be like? These raise all kinds of related questions: is God real, what is He like, does God love me? Surely there are no greater questions for us in life. The best-selling book in all of history, the Bible, has much to say about these questions. Some of the answers may well surprise you. Plan on being with us for three important weeks beginning Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>!

## May 18th is Rosedale Day at PNC Park!

It may be February but spring and even summer are right around the corner - what proof? The Pirates are in Florida and Spring Training is in full swing. If baseball is starting up, can spring be far behind!?

Now is the time to make plans for a special beginning to spring and summer. On Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>, All Saints Church will be hosting the first annual Rosedale Day at PNC as we take in an evening at the ball park watching the Pirates play the Astros.

The purchase of a ticket includes a cook out on the church grounds beginning at 4:00. There will be plenty to eat and drink, and games for the kids as we visit with our neighbors.

Buses will pick us up around 6:00 and carry us to the stadium. Forget traffic, forget parking - let the bus

drop you off at the front door and then pick you up immediately afterwards and return us to Rosedale.

The cost is \$20 (less than the cost of a game ticket), \$13 for kids ages 14 and under (kids must be accompanied by an adult). Seating is limited and it is first come first served. You need to reserve your ticket as early as possible to assure availability.

You can reserve one of three ways - return the form included in this issue of the RC, call 412-744-4063 and leave a message, or at [www.aspgh.org](http://www.aspgh.org). If you call the office leave your name, address, phone number and number of tickets. A confirmation with payment instructions will be mailed upon receipt of reservation. Payment will be due by April 1<sup>st</sup> (we have to pay

the Pirates by April 3<sup>rd</sup>). More details can be found at [aspgh.org](http://aspgh.org).

A cookout, games, Pirates verses Astros, a Pirate's bobblehead, and transportation, all for less than the cost of a game ticket? Absolutely! It's Rosedale Day at PNC, it's the middle of May and you want to be there - reserve your seats now and make plans to spend a beautiful spring day with your Rosedale neighbors, a new neighborhood tradition!



## Win Free Tickets to The Pirates Game on May 18<sup>th</sup>!

What could be better than Rosedale Day at PNC? Free tickets to the game! We will be giving away four tickets to the game.

There are two ways to win: First, everyone with a ticket will be in-

cluded in a drawing for two free tickets. The winner will be drawn at the cookout prior to the game (the winner will be reimbursed their ticket cost). In addition, everyone that attends one or more weeks of our Lenten Series in

March will be included in a special drawing on the third week of the series (winner will be notified if not present at the drawing).

Make plans to be part of this special day, and the game may be on us!

## Book Review: *Deadline* by Randy Alcorn

**Deadline** by Randy Alcorn. Fiction.

Gripping mystery about a liberal newspaper columnist who ultimately faces the product of his many liberally slanted columns and has to look anew at those he calls religious fanatics.

Randy Alcorn, a well know pastor and author, has published a nonfiction book **Heaven** based on his interpretation of the Scriptures. **Deadline** brings much of these Scriptural descriptions of

heaven to life in this fictional account. Covering a broad range of topics including abortion and the liberal bias of the media, it can get a bit preachy at times. However, Alcorn's interpretation of heaven put me in a place of considering the eternal constantly throughout the day which was a good thing. Alcorn contends that we should all be thinking about heaven. He quotes C.S. Lewis, "It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become

so ineffective in this one."

I found this novel entertaining, thought provoking, and a page turner. It is the first in a series.

### LKBTIF

Since the Bible was first published for the common person in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, it is estimated that between 2.5 and 6 billion copies of the Bible have been sold. The Bible is easily the best seller of all times. No other book is remotely close.

By Karen Rucker

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## Upcoming Events/Holy Week Schedule

Thursday Lenten Series 6:30-8:00 Boyd Hall:

March 7<sup>th</sup> “Is Heaven Real?”

March 14<sup>th</sup> “What is Heaven Like?”

March 21<sup>st</sup> “Who goes to Heaven?”

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Service 9:00AM

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Community Maundy Thursday  
Service 7:00PM

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service 7:00PM

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Service 9:00AM

Women Alive in Christ retreat Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> -  
Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Saturday May 18th Cookout and Pirates baseball game

Questions? Call 412.744.4063



May 18th

Cookout, baseball game,  
& round trip transporta-  
tion. Look inside for  
complete information,  
your registration form,  
and a chance to win free  
tickets.