

*Time: Living a Full Life vs. a Busy Life*

**This Too Shall Pass**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

There are defined seasons in which God is at work in and through the lives of His children, but He often works in ways that are not clearly recognized, vv. 1-8.

In the most basic parameters of life, God has established the time for a person to be born and the time to die.

In relationships, possessions, and activities in life, there are seasons to acquire and there are seasons to let go.

In emotions, there are joyful times and there are painful times.

In public events, there are times for peace with quiet and times to stand and fight.

God has a plan in our life that only He understands, vv. 9-15

God has purposed that people have productive lives, vv. 9-10.

God will make beautiful the results of all His plans in the lives of those He loves, v. 11.

The beauty that God will produce, through the events of life, is often not easily discernible.

God puts the awareness of eternity in the hearts of people, v. 11.

Only eternity will fully reveal the beauty of God's plans and work.

Wisdom calls for us to let God be God and to live a humble life enjoying the good that can be found in daily life, vv. 12-13.

God will accomplish His will, nothing man can do will add to it or take away from it, vv. 14-15.

**Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church!**

We are a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

**Our mission is to know Jesus intimately  
and to share His love and truth passionately.**

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Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

**SERVICE TIMES**

WORSHIP CENTER: Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Contemporary Worship Music  
Sunday, 8:00 & 9:30 a.m., Blended Music

THE 290S (Ed. Bldg.): Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Spanish Worship Service (en Español)  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship Music  
Sunday, 11:15 a.m., The Gathering

NORTH CAMPUS: Sunday, 11:15 a.m., Japanese Worship Service, North Campus Chapel, 日本語礼拝



**ARE YOU NEW?** Maybe you've been here a while and want to learn more about RHCC. We invite you to come to our *Connect* lunch on Sunday, February 25 at 11:15 a.m. in the Loft. You will be welcomed by our staff, learn about

the church's purpose and priorities, and connect with others who are also exploring the church. Come to the Connect tent on the patio for more info.

**For more information about what else is going on at RHCC this month, pick up *What's Happening* in the blue boxes or a copy of our *Ministry Catalog*.**

**Women Are... Resilient**

Women are encouraged to join us at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9 at the RHCC Community Center (735 Silver Spur Road, RHE) as we build a deeper connection with God and one another. Bring a sweet or savory dish to share. Childcare available by reservation.

**Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed**

It takes hundreds of volunteers every weekend to help our children learn about Jesus. We are currently in need of the following volunteers:

- 4/5th grade small group leader - Saturday
- 1st grade small group leader - 11:15 a.m.
- Worship volunteer - 11:15 a.m.

You can sign up for these or any other position in Children's Ministries by contacting Shannon Magaña at smagana@rhcc.net or 310.521.2540.

**Jobs Available**

- Associate Preschool Teacher (P/T)
- Special Needs Coordinator (P/T)
- Worship Arts Assistant (P/T)

For more information about these positions, go to [RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs](http://RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs).

**Pageant Tickets Now on Sale**

Tickets for *Pageant of Our Lord* are now on sale at the ticket booth following the Saturday service and between services on Sunday. For more information you can visit [PageantofOurLord.com](http://PageantofOurLord.com) or call 310.521.2520.

**Time Out for Parents**

- *Mom's Day Out* is now offered every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon for children birth-5 years.
- *Parent's Night Out* is offered the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6 to 9 p.m. for children up to 12.

Get more information or make reservations by contacting Natalia Dover at [ndover@rhcc.net](mailto:ndover@rhcc.net) or 310.521.2539.

**Prayer Ministry**

**Prayer Chain:** Submit prayer requests to Vicki Hardin at [Chaplain\\_Vicki@aol.com](mailto:Chaplain_Vicki@aol.com) or 310.612.7832, by yellow card or at [RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer](http://RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer).

**Weekly Giving Report (as of 1/28)**

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$8,100,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$5,672,441
Received YTD:	\$5,413,692
Over/Under YTD:	(\$258,749)
Needed last week:	\$116,355
Received last week:	\$124,524

Sometimes the problems in the world seem so big and overwhelming the questions come, "What can I do? How can I make a difference?" We know that the 7.3 billion people alive in the world right now is just an accumulation of ones. We count the population one by one. Just as population is counted one by one, so God has called us to touch people with the love of Christ one by one. When we have been given the task to reach the children who are refugees from Syria, numbers which run well into the millions, every one the ministries touch is important. God touches a world one by one. In God's sight every single person is important. In God's sight every person we touch with the love of Jesus and the Good News of the Gospel is important. God moves through others for the accumulation of the ones. The focus God has for us is not on what we can't do, but rather what we can do by the resources God has entrusted to us.

One ministry within our church, that is touching lives by the ones in very meaningful ways, is a ministry called the Prayer Shawl ministry. This ministry was started by a widow in our church, Elaine Busby, who received the idea from the Lord of how she could, with others, touch people one by one with the love and promise of Jesus. She gathered a group of women to knit prayer shawls with her. The prayer shawls are given to those who are going through deep waters – like an illness or bereavement. As the prayer shawls are knit they are prayed over. The desire is that as the shawl enfolds them with warmth physically so the love of God in Jesus would unfold them and bring comfort and strength.

This past week, I received an update on what the Prayer Shawl ministry has done this past year. They knit and delivered 238 prayer shawls. They knit and delivered 108 prayer blankets. That is an incredible amount of shawls and blankets delivered in a year. Those shawls and blankets went to people one

by one. Each one with the message that you are important to God and to us, and that we want you to be touched by His love and grace in your time of need, comfort, healing. Each of them went with prayer. Many of these shawls and blankets just show up at a recipients door in a gift bag with a card.

But the ministry doesn't stop there. They knit 51 hats that, through Smile Makers, go to children who are hospitalized. They knit baby blankets for moms in need and for foster parents. They knit scarves for teens in Teen Challenge. They knit scarves for homeless women who stay for a time at Doors of Hope. They made "skinnies" that went to Mexico, Guatemala, and 100 for Florida hurricane victims. They also knit numerous items to be shared through the ministries of Lynwood Worship Center. In addition they made multiple items for sale at Market of Hope, with the funds going to ministries supported through Market of Hope.

It is truly overwhelming to consider how much knitting was done this past year through the Prayer Shawl ministry and those who knit for other ministries. We must have the most proficient and productive knitters in the world at RHCC! But the result of each of the items knitted is for people to be touched, one by one, with the love of Christ. Every one of those items goes with the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, allowing the Holy Spirit to touch lives through the tangible expressions of the truth, that there is a personal God who is seeking to reach each of us through the love and truth of Jesus. I pray these ladies encourage each of you as you find ways of being instruments of His love and care to others. Remember that 7.3 billion people is just a collection of ones. And as Jesus touched people in His life on earth, one by one, so He calls us in His love to follow in His steps.

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**We're here for you!** The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Pastor Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or [naanderud@rhcc.net](mailto:naanderud@rhcc.net).

*Pastor Byron welcomes your questions/comments at [bmacdonald@rhcc.net](mailto:bmacdonald@rhcc.net)*