

God is Building a Family
Paul: By Love Captured
Philemon 1:1-3

Captured by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, a radical religious fundamentalist, whose whole life has been transformed by the grace, salvation, and love of the Lord Jesus Christ, vv. 1, 9.

A religious radical fundamentalist has his heart and life transformed by the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:1-11).

The love and call of the Lord Jesus Christ became his purpose in the world (a purpose shared by all the church), Acts 26:12-23, vv. 1, 4-6.

Paul, a man whose life was compelled by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ (prisoner, brother, laborer, soldier, partner), v. 1.

Confident in the plans, purpose and provisions of God for his life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

A life lived for God's purpose as he ...

Brought the Good News of salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to others, vv. 1, 9, 13.

Loving and supporting the rest of the saints in their daily walk with and for the Lord Jesus Christ, as together they bring Good News of salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to all peoples, vv. 4-7.

A life lived in confidence (peace) that God was in control of, and at work in, the events of his life, and that the helping support of God, through his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, would always be enough (grace), v. 3.

Next Weekend's Scripture Emphasis
Philemon 1:4-7

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.**

April 7-8, 2018

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Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald

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.

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!

SATURDAY: 5pm - Worship Center
SUNDAY: 8 & 9:30am - Worship Center (Classic Worship)
9:30am - 290s
11:15am - Worship Center & 290s

LANGUAGE OPTIONS:

RHCC en Español
Saturday, 5pm, 290s
Japanese Service
Sunday, 11:15am
North Campus Chapel



ARE YOU NEW TO RHCC? Maybe you've been here a while and want to learn more about us. We invite you to come to our *Connect* lunch on Sunday, April 22 at 11:15am 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*.

Join our Japan Mission Team

If you are interested in joining our short-term mission to Japan, we invite you to come to an informational meeting on Sunday April 15 at 11:15am in the Welcome Center conference room. The team will be traveling to Nagano June 5-13 to put on a Bible camp for pastors' kids. For more information, contact William Mitchell at mitchellwd@earthlink.net.

GriefShare

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one, we encourage you to join GriefShare on Saturdays at 11:15am in Room 280. No sign up required.

Missionary Needs

The Dedrick family of 5 will be visiting August 15-31 and are in need of housing and a vehicle during their stay. If you can help with either of these needs, please contact Nandi at 310.521.5274 or nroszhart@rhcc.net.

Jobs Available

- K-1st Grade Associate (P/T)
 - Bilingual Communications Asst. (P/T)
- Go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs for info.

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.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Chain: Submit prayer requests to Vicki Hardin at Chaplain_Vicki@aol.com or 310.612.7832, by yellow card or at RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer.

Need a hospital or home visit? Call the Ministers of Congregational Care at 323.825.9694.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered program that offers a safe place where you can find life-long freedom from your hurts, habits, or hang-ups. We have groups specializing in co-dependency, anger, relationship addiction, pornography/sexual addiction, abuse survivors, chemical dependency, food issues, bitterness and more. Join us every Friday at 5:45pm for dinner in Carlson Hall. The program begins at 6:45pm in the 290s. Childcare available.

Weekly Giving Report (as of April 1)

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$8,100,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$6,980,167
Received YTD:	\$6,682,637
Over/Under YTD:	(\$297,530)
Needed last week:	\$145,045
Received last week:	\$146,388

Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.

As I looked out my office window this morning the tent is gone and worship folders and other debris scattered across the parking lot is being picked up, the *Pageant of Our Lord* art is being trucked to storage, and the choir loft in the Worship Center is being disassembled. As we gather for worship this weekend there will be no visible evidence of what happened on our campuses over the past two weeks. Yet, if we saw things from the heavenly perspective, we would see that some things have been forever changed. What God cares about is souls. Everything else will come to an end. The things of this world will eventually be burned in fire as God consumes this earth and creates a new heaven and earth. Our bodies are only for this life and each of us gives evidence that we are mortal. But what will last from these last two weeks is the worship of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the heavens. What will last are the souls who have been forever changed by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. What will last is the faith that has been built up in the lives of the disciples of our Lord Jesus. What will last is the bond of love that joins us together as we serve and share the love and truth of Jesus with others.

There were, in the last two weeks, 14 presentations of the *Pageant of Our Lord*. Each one presented Jesus and the word from God that we do not need to live in fear but can come to God through Jesus and find salvation, rest for our souls, and grace for our lives. In addition to the regular presentations of the *Pageant of Our Lord*, there was a special one for children. Our Worship Center was overflowing with children, and those who brought them, who heard about Jesus and His love and desire to save each of them. There was also a special *Pageant of Our Lord* in Spanish to an audience of 580. The Gospel was clearly proclaimed and people responded.

Besides the presentation of Jesus, through the *Pageant of Our Lord*, there is also the profound

way God binds together, in love, those who serve in the *Pageant*. I don't know of any other ministry that brings together the generations at RHCC to serve and share the ministry together like *Pageant*. From young children to those well into their senior years, the ministry is shared by about 300 volunteers. The bond of love formed over this time will grow and last into eternity.

On Good Friday we had extraordinary attendance and the moving of God in two simple, yet profound services that took us to the cross. So many came to the 1pm service that there was a scramble for chairs to give everyone a seat. At 7pm in the Worship Center, another large assembly gathered at the cross. I was part of the 7pm service and it was one of the most moving services I have been privileged to participate in. To see the generations and the nationalities of RHCC coming one by one to take the elements of communion at the cross of Jesus was a picture of what God is doing all over the world.

All of these accumulated with the opportunity on Resurrection Sunday to proclaim the glorious Good News that at the right time Jesus died for us in judgment so that we might be saved. In three services in the Worship Center, two glorious services in the Easter Tent, in Japanese and Spanish, and in two services at Gateway, the Gospel was proclaimed and people responded. Lives were forever saved by Jesus and will join us at the great heavenly throne before Jesus. Yes all of the physical signs of the efforts of the last two weeks are gone, but what has happened in the heavens will last forever. Thanks for your prayers and inviting others. Thanks to the hundreds of you who served in multiple ways that were so important. It takes a massive and cohesive team for each of these ministries and your willingness to join in and serve. All glory be to God, through His crucified dead and buried Son, who rose on the third day in victorious triumph, who is coming soon; who has been so honored, loved, and served by you.

Pastor Byron welcomes your questions/comments at bmacdonald@rhcc.net