

*God is Building a Family*

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Pastor Shawn Hurley

**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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**April 14-15, 2018**

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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.

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**Next Weekend's Scripture Emphasis**  
Philemon

***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 a copy of our *Ministry Catalog*.**

**Join our Choir or Orchestra**

Every Sunday morning, we are blessed by a group of people passionate about praising God through music. If you are interested in joining our Sanctuary Choir or Orchestra please contact Theresa Cochran at [tcochran@rhcc.net](mailto:tcochran@rhcc.net) or 310.521.2514.

**Japan Mission Team Info Meeting**

We are having an informational meeting for our short-term mission to Japan 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](mailto: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 Sundays at 11:15am in Room 280. No sign up required.

**Jobs Available**

• Bilingual Communications Asst. (P/T)  
Go to [RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs](http://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](mailto:naanderud@rhcc.net).

**Missionary Needs**

The Dedrick family of 5 will be visiting August 17-31 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](mailto:nroszhart@rhcc.net).

**Prayer Ministry**

**Homegoing:** Please pray for the family and friends of Steve Jurich on his homegoing.

**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).

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

**Weekly Giving Report (as of April 8)**

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$8,100,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$7,125,211
Received YTD:	\$6,850,714
Over/Under YTD:	(\$274,497)
Needed last week:	\$145,045
Received last week:	\$168,077

*Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.*

Almost 7 months ago, my family and I packed our bags and moved all we had from our home in the High Desert over to the South Bay. This wasn't an easy decision. We were blessed to live in an extremely affordable area of Southern California, where we had a house with plenty of extra space and a beautiful backyard. More importantly than that, we were surrounded by family. My wife grew up in the High Desert and the majority of her family still lives there. Her parents, grandparents, sisters, nephew, uncles, aunts, and cousins all lived anywhere from 3 to 20 minutes from our home. My wife was working at our previous church as the Children's Director and I was grateful to work for an incredible web development agency that served some very well known businesses and organizations. But during our three years of living there, I found myself continually becoming more and more unsure of if this was what God was calling our family to. The more I prayed and talked to our friends and family, I eventually realized I had this overwhelming desire to be in ministry. This call felt so strong, that I did not have a doubt that it was what God was leading us to next.

Taking the role of Director of Communications and Story here at RHCC forced my wife and I to make some sacrifices, of which, leaving family was by far the most difficult for us, especially moving our son away from his amazingly loving grandparents. But since moving, we've never once wondered or asked ourselves if we made the right decision. For the first time since my graduation at Biola University, I feel at peace, knowing that this where God has been leading me to. These last 7 months have had their challenges, yet I can say that they have been some of the greatest of my life.

My goal is that, in the coming year, you will not only see an improvement in how you receive important information, but that you will also start hearing more stories of what God is doing in and through our church. I've now been here for a little over half a year and I cannot

begin to tell you how many incredible stories I've already heard. I believe these stories are of great value and should not go untold. By sharing them, we will not only be extremely encouraged, but our God will receive the praise He deserves for how good He is.

As I've been looking into improving our overall communication, there were a few surprising things I realized. Some of you may not be aware, but we post an ad in the newspaper each week that includes our church information, who is preaching that week, the title of the sermon, and which verses will be the focus. We have been doing this for years and the cost of advertising in the local paper just continues to rise. It was a shock to me to find that it costs nearly \$30,000 a year to publish this weekly ad. I'm sure there are many of you who use it to see what our upcoming sermon will be but, in hopes of being better stewards of what God has given us, we have decided to no longer advertise in the local paper. I apologize in advance to anyone this directly affects. Please know that we are working towards some other solutions that will help you find this information easily. One of them has already been in place for the last few weeks in your worship folders. On the back of your worship folders you receive every week, at the bottom of your notes, you will see a new addition that will let you know what the scriptural focus will be for the following week. Additionally, we hope that our new website, which is coming later this year, will also have that information easily accessible for you.

I am extremely thankful to you RHCC. You have been so loving and welcoming to myself and my family, and I'm honored to be serving as your Director of Communications and Story. I can't wait to introduce some exciting new updates and changes later this year that we've been working on.

Sam Tabari  
Director of Communications and Story