



State of the Church
The Vision of the Church
 Ephesians 2:8-22

Saved from being daily and eternally lost:

Without the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ we were alienated from God, ourselves, and one another (male/female, age, ethnicity, nationality, religion), vv. 11-13.

What saves us is the grace of God, through the saving blood and work of Christ, vv. 8-9, 13.

In Christ we are new creations, saved by God for the good works He has prepared for us, individually and together, v. 10.

Living in a world full of people who are as lost as we were, v. 12.

Saved to build a growing family of disciples, one with God, joined to one another in loving relationships and mutual service, vv. 14-22.

Church becomes a growing family of disciples in which all the walls that alienated us from one another and God are being torn down as we build a family known by grace and service, vv. 14-22.

Saved to be a local and global center and to give all the lost in the world the chance to learn of Christ and become reconciled to God, us, and others, vv. 11-12, 3:7-13.

Next Weekend's Scripture Emphasis
 Psalm 24:1, Deuteronomy 8:1-20

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 28-29, 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.

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, May 27 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 the Children's Ministries Team!

Be part of a dedicated team of volunteers helping our kids learn about Jesus. You can serve every weekend or just once a month. Summer and Fall opportunities are available. We especially need volunteers for our summer session (June 24-September 9). Come to the table on the patio following services for more information, or join us for our **Info Meeting on Sunday, May 6 at 11:15 am in the Loft.**

Annual Congregational Business Meeting

Everyone is invited to come to the Annual Congregational Business Meeting Sunday, May 6 at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. The budget for the new fiscal year will be presented, we will review the budget for the current fiscal year, receive new members, and more! Childcare is available by calling 310.521.2539. Members are eligible to vote.

Contemporary Worship Band

We are looking for drummers, keyboarders, and electric guitar players to join our Contemporary Worship Team. Come to the patio following services for more information or email Michael Barker at mbarker@rhcc.net.

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.

National Day of Prayer

Join the Catalyst Ministry as they host the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3. The Worship Center will be open for prayer 7 am to 4 pm then we'll come together for guided prayer in Carlson Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Join our Choir or Orchestra

If you are interested in joining our Sanctuary Choir or Orchestra please contact Theresa Cochran at tcochran@rhcc.net or 310.521.2514.

Prayer Ministry

Homegoing: Please pray for Clara Marvasi on the homegoing of her husband, Corrado.

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.

Weekly Giving Report (as of April 22)

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$8,100,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$7,415,301
Received YTD:	\$7,094,169
Over/Under YTD:	(\$321,132)
Needed last week:	\$145,045
Received last week:	\$135,820

Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.

This weekend we share our annual State of the Church message on behalf of the Church Council and Ministry Team. Two weeks ago I was in Caesarea Philippi where Jesus gave a promise to His leadership team of Apostles. Peter had made the confession of Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus gave a promise to the Church He would form around the world based on those who make a true confession of Christ, "... *I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*" As I thought of those words, I was both thinking of those to whom Jesus gave this promise and of us now carrying out the mission of Jesus some 1,985 years later. Jesus spoke to humble men who really didn't understand what He was talking about when He gave this promise. Men who would each abandon Jesus when He was betrayed, arrested, and then crucified. Yet these same men, 50 days after the cross, preached the Gospel with courage, passion, and effectiveness. The church was birthed with 3,000 new members and the Gospel went out from them in ways that reached a profound portion of the then known world.

As the leadership team at RHCC we look to Jesus for vision, courage, direction, and empowerment to fulfill His plan to build a church from the nations of the world. From the beginning, the church of Jesus was a welcoming family of growing disciples who were devoted to Jesus, each other, and reaching out to those lost in the world without Him. They learned to embrace, as joint heirs, Jew, Gentile, Barbarian, male and female, slave and free, young and old. There were problems as they grew but they learned the resources of the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and a commitment to Jesus and each other, was always enough to overcome any issue. They worked to see every wall of division or alienation torn down, building in love to take the place of division. We are now part of this work of God that started with that promise of Jesus to those gathered with Him in Caesarea Philippi. But we believe Jesus is mighty and awesome to the humble and meek that will collectively and willingly join together with Jesus as He builds His Church.

God has called out a church, RHCC, for the Lord Jesus, in one of the most important communities in the world. The influence of the South Bay, through a global economy and the varieties of nationalities, gives RHCC a unique opportunity few other churches have. As God has been building His church, we see Him bringing people to our church who are as different as our very diverse community. We have seen, through Rooted and Life Groups, that the walls of alienation or division among us are coming down. We believe we must continue to work at seeing the diversity of us as a church family reflected in leadership and in our Worship Services. We believe we need intent to make that happen. We celebrate the unique expressions of RHCC in worship in Spanish and Japanese, as well as English. We are looking at technology which would have simultaneous translation of our worship services in other languages such as Mandarin. We are so excited about ReIgnite Hope, which is teaching the unemployed and those without hope welding skills, and we are seeing profound transformations in their lives through learning of Jesus and a trade.

RHCC continues our passion to reach people in our neighborhoods and among the nations who don't know Jesus. We know there is no way to God and no hope in this life and for eternity without Jesus. Steve Bunyard, our Outreach Pastor will be coming alongside our Life Group and preaching teams in training and encouraging us in sharing the Gospel with others. We will be working with Bangladesh Youth For Christ in developing ministries for orphaned children from Rohingya. We will continue our effort among refugee children in Jordan and Iraq. We will continue to deepen our relationships with ministry partners in countries like Cambodia, Japan, and India. We are prayerfully considering how to help those who are reaching countries like Myanmar and North Korea. We live in the greatest moment in time for the Gospel and we must be sure we are doing all we can as God leads and enables. I am so grateful to be part of a church that has a heart for our neighbors and for the nations.

~ Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald