

James: A Faith You Can See

Joy in the Waves

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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.

June 16-17, 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.

Next Weekend's Scripture Emphasis

James 1:13-18

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!

SATURDAY: 5pm - Worship Center

SUNDAY: 8 & 9:30am - Worship Center (Choir)

9:30am - 290s

11:15am - Worship Center & 290s

LANGUAGE OPTIONS:

RHCC en Español

Saturday, 5pm, 290s

Japanese Service

Sunday, 11:15am

North Campus Chapel



Join Rooted and Get Connected with others at RHCC!

Over the course of 10 weeks, you will meet with a group of people to talk about what God has been revealing to you as you go through readings, journal entries, and prayer. Experience life in Him that is marked by community, authenticity and generosity. Our Summer session begins June 26. Pick up a brochure in the seat backs or Welcome Center.

For more information about what is going on at RHCC this month, pick up a copy of *What's Happening*.

Meet Our Missionaries

Come meet Victoria and Barrett Harkins on Sunday, June 24 at 1 pm in Carlson Hall. They will give us a brief update on their work in Uppsala, Sweden. A light lunch will be served.

DivorceCare

Divorce can be the most painful and stressful experience you may ever face. Come learn practical, prayerful, and helpful tools to help you move forward in a healthy way. This 13-week program begins Sunday, June 24, 9:30 to 11 am, Room 280. You can join at any time.

Widow's Group

If you are a woman struggling with the loss of your husband, we invite you to join us as we journey together to rediscover our purpose, value and strength. Friday, June 29 and July 27 from 9 to 11 am in Room 301, North Campus.

Jobs Available

- Information Technology Director (F/T)
 - Accounting Assistant (P/T)
 - Global Outreach Admin. Asst. (P/T)
 - Early Childhood Associate (P/T)
- Go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs for info.

Missionary Needs

- Nancy Manoly is in need of a car June 19-27 and a car and housing July 12-23.
- The Dedrick family of five will be visiting August 17-31 and are in need of a car and housing.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Nandi at nroszhart@rhcc.net or 310.521.5274.

Prayer Ministry

Homegoing: Please pray for Pastor Nate Aanderud and family on the homegoing of his mother, Irene.

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 June 10)

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$7,930,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$243,965
Received YTD:	\$307,670
Over/Under YTD:	\$63,705
Needed last week:	\$121,982
Received last week:	\$132,498

Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.

This week begins a new preaching series on the book of James, which is going to be a very enriching study as James gives us a lot of really practical advice and encouragement on how to live the Christian life: how to handle poverty, wealth, sickness and challenging relationships, how to control our tongue and how to make sure that our faith isn't just empty words.

He wrote this letter to Christians who, because of their faith, were scattered throughout the Middle-East. Most were likely living in modern day Syria and Iraq. James begins his letter by offering them encouragement in the midst of their trials. Their life was tough, but he reminds them that no matter the situation they can turn to God who loves to give His children wisdom during challenging times.

I think it's important to stop here and realize that they were Christians only because someone at some point had reached out to them and told them about their hope in Christ.

And if you think about it, you wouldn't be reading this right now unless someone had cared enough to reach out to you. Romans 10:14-15 reminds us that no one can come to trust in Jesus unless they hear about Him and for that to happen, someone needs to go and tell them about Him.

And if you continue to think about it, that person who was so instrumental in you coming to faith in Jesus might have been pretty nervous at the thought of reaching out to you, not knowing how you might react or if it might jeopardize their relationship with you. They might have been worried that you were going to ask them some question that they might not be able to answer.

But, thankfully, their concern for you rose above their nervousness and they stepped out of their comfort zone! Unfortunately, many Christians let the nervousness stop them from reaching out, or worse yet, they just aren't that concerned about lost people.

Aren't we thankful that wasn't the case with the person or persons who reached out to us? Aren't you grateful that they were concerned enough about you to do something, to at least try?

Right now there are millions of Americans who don't know Jesus, but we do. Right now there are probably people in your life who don't know Jesus, but you do. And if either nervousness or apathy is holding you back, let me offer some encouragement:

First, start by praying. Studies show that the likelihood of you sharing your faith is directly connected to whether or not you are praying for lost people. The more you pray about them, the more likely you are to share with them.

Secondly, I want to encourage you that sharing your faith can be really easy. You don't need to be a Bible scholar. You don't need to be a dynamic speaker. You don't need to know all of the answers. You can just be yourself! God can use you just like you are.

So let me help you with this. This will be fun! Go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/evangelism and answer a quick questionnaire to find out which of the six styles of reaching lost people that we find in the New Testament is most like you—Direct, Interpersonal, Invitational, Serving, Intellectual or Testimonial.

Follow the instructions on the questionnaire and I'll send you some easy tips on how to use your unique style. This could change your life, but more importantly, it could change someone else's life. I can't wait to hear from you!

Pastor Steve Bunyard

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.