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The MESSENGER

The Woman At The Well

On Sunday, April 24, I shared a message based on the Woman at the Well (John 4). The gist of the message (titled, "Imperfect People Welcome Here") was two-fold: 1) For non-believers or people who are beginning to have belief, to know that Jesus welcomes them and can even work through them in spite of "messy" lives; 2) For Christians to model their interactions with non-Christians after Jesus' with the woman: open, conversant, non-judgmental.

One of the unique things about that conversation that is not likely to be replicated today, is that the woman already had a "head-start" in her understanding of spiritual matters and holy living. Jesus is able to pretty quickly point out some things about her life that are inconsistent with Biblical living. I suspect she was already feeling some sense of internal shame that expressed itself in body language before Jesus hardly said a word. He knew that she knew her life was not on the right path before he said anything.

Plus, in response to her statement about knowing the Messiah is coming, he then says, "I am he" (John 4:26). That gives him instant influence in her life. We just can't manufacture that in our own relationships so quickly. (Actually, if you're an "expert" in some area that meets a need of your neighbor, you do gain instant influence and trust to a degree, and that can be leveraged to forge a relationship.)

So, generally, we need a lot more time to get to that place of trust and influence, because we aren't the Messiah. And most of our friends aren't looking for the Messiah like she was, either. She was much further along in her faith journey than most people around us are, and we can't fast-track people on their journey.

This is why it's so important to just cultivate relationships with people. Doing that will probably take some intentionality on your part. It just starts with a "Hey, we ought to get together some time for a bite to eat" (or whatever...but keep it low-key) and see what the response is. If they're receptive, follow up a few days later. You could invite a co-worker (or a few) out for an after-work appetizer and drink; ask the parents of your kids' friends out to coffee; invite your neighbor over to watch a sporting event or a movie or for dinner; go check out a new restaurant in town, etc. There are countless ways we can intentionally spend some time with others and cultivate a relationship.

This is how we make friends with Christians, right? Why would we not do the same thing with people who aren't yet Jesus followers? Why don't you make it a goal to start that conversation with someone this week, so that sometime in the month of May you are able to hang out with someone who doesn't know Jesus and begin getting to know them better.

Your Pastor,



Brian



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Gwen North, Children's and Family Ministry Director



Children's Ministry Loves You!!!

The moments that we experienced together during Holy Week were so memorable. God's love is truly amazing. Palm Sunday was a time of joy when we celebrated and Easter we celebrated again. We remember what happened in between and saw the sacrifice that Jesus did for us in a new way.

Looking ahead in May for Kidz Ministry we are going to grow in our faith as we see that God is working in our lives through Sunday School. We are going to continue with Gym Jam or playing outside as the weather permits each Sunday. VBS is just around the corner in June! HAYDAY is going to MOOve our feet on the farm.



Get everyone crowin' about VBS 2022!!!

At HayDay, kids will be up to their elbows in farmin' fun as they explore one simple Bible truth: Jesus will always love us! Tell everyone that you know and sign up kids age Kindergarten through grade 5. **Sign up online** at www.rosehill.church.

Volunteers needed!!! Reach out to gwen@rosehillpc.org.



BSA SPRING FAMILY FUN FAIR

MAY 21, 2022
11AM - 3PM

The Scouts are bringing fun kids event to Rose Hill Church! There will be mini car races, a climbing wall, the playground will be open, and crafts!



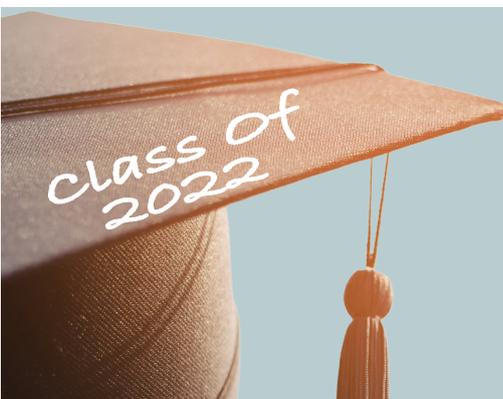
RH YOUTH

Paul Hudson, Director of EmERGE Youth Group

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is nearly upon us! This is one of our great annual services that I always look forward to. This year Youth Sunday is May 15th, so be sure to mark it on your calendars and invite all of your relatives and family, especially if your kids are running the service! With each year, I have sought to release more and more of the service to the kids so that I or any of the other adult leaders are barely visible— only the kids. This year for the first time since I've been here, four or five of the youth will be sharing live messages on their own from the front. The themes this year center around mental health and temptations for youth today. The youth group this year wanted to bring you into their world in a way that has never been done before, so I hope that you can come! Expect to hear messages from the heart of our youth and what they experience in their world today— which you know is much, much different than our youth experiences! All of the other typical elements of the service will be led by the youth as well.

Additionally, on Youth Sunday we get to witness the confirming of the faith of two of our youth who will have just finished the confirmation course, Olivia Ernsberger and Justin Xi. Justin is getting baptized on Youth Sunday as well, so please join us to celebrate these faith confirmations!!!



KNOW A GRADUATE?

If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, let us know! We will be honoring the graduates on June 12th.

FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Women's Ministry Spring Tea

Saturday, **May 7th**, 12:00pm - 2:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall



Open to all women & girls of all ages. \$5 for women over 18, Free for girls 17 and under! (Financial assistance available)

Bring your mom, sister, daughter, grandma, granddaughter, aunt, niece, and best friend! We will be wrapping up our Year-of-Connection with talking about encouragement. Wear your Saturday's best for pictures with your tribe at our special photo booth! Please (bring your own) BYO teacup to the party.

Please sign up at the Information Desk in the lobby at church or online at WM@rosehillpc.org. (Even though youth & kids are free, please sign them up so we can plan for enough tea and treats. Thanks) We hope to see you there!

Teacup Ministry

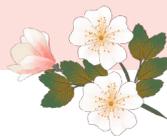


The Teacup Ministry is starting up again. Our first event will be a Luncheon on Thursday, **May 19th**, from 12:00pm - 2:00pm in the Social Hall where Ron Lince will bless us with his famous Waffles.

Biblically, the Diaconate was founded to take care of widows in a fast-growing church (Acts 6:1-7). At Rose Hill Church, the Teacup Ministry has become the arm of the Deacons for meeting some of the needs of our single (widowed, divorced, never-married) adult women. It has taken many forms in the past 20 or so years and was active until COVID stopped our meeting together. Now, after a 2-year hiatus, we are seeking to find out what are the needs of single women in our "new normal."

If you are an adult single woman who considers Rose Hill your church home (whether a covenant partner or attender), please come to our luncheon to connect with others, learn about ideas we have for the future of this ministry, and to offer your own ideas. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex after Easter.

Contact Linda Holbrook at 425-681-2088 or lwholbrook2003@yahoo.com with questions or ideas.



SESSION

Jim Peterson, Clerk of Session

Our Session met on April 12th for their monthly stated meeting to discern God's will for His church at Rose Hill. The Session welcomed Olivia Ernsberger and Justin Xing who observed a portion of the meeting as part of their Confirmation Class training.

Dave Cram reported on progress toward the transition of our financial record-keeping to Chaney & Associates when Leslie Thompson steps down as our bookkeeper in the coming weeks. During this transition our regular monthly financial reports have not been available. We will have full reporting when the transition is complete.

The Session also reviewed a proposal for restarting the Rose Hill Christian Preschool beginning this fall. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to postpone action on this proposal while the pastor and elders focus their full efforts on developing the church's vision, goals, and plans for the next few years.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to making progress on formulating that vision.

Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders, deacons, and all the church staff members as they lead us in the ongoing work of God's Kingdom.

In Christ,
Jim Peterson

Change in Financial Operations

Dave Cram, Director of Finance

After six years of wonderful service to Rose Hill Church, Leslie Thompson is stepping down from her role in our financial operations. All of us appreciate the great service that she has provided to the church these many years. If you get a chance to say: "Thank You" to her, please do.

Yet, the financial operations of the church must go on. To meet our accounting and payroll needs, we've contracted with the accounting firm of Chaney & Associates to provide our accounting services. This accounting firm serves over 200 churches nationwide including several here in Washington State. We are in the process of transition right now with the goal of having them take over the accounting on May 1st. Our whole staff would appreciate your prayers as we work through the steps involved in making this transition.

The move to Chaney & Associates for accounting doesn't significantly change our need to process your donations. We still need to count the offering, put it in the bank, and record the donations. As I write this, we are still looking for someone for an hour or two each week who can serve as our Financial Secretary. This is the person who records donations in our donation tracking software. This is a paid position that can be done from your home. Let Pastor Brian or me know if you would be willing to be considered for this position.

Second, we need an offering counting team! The count must be done by at least two people. To make this task less burdensome, we are seeking to establish a team of 6 people on a rotating schedule, with substitutes available, who can either count the offering right after the 2nd service on Sunday or do it Monday morning. Again, please contact either Pastor Brian or me if you would be willing to join the others on this team to do this.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

GLOBAL OUTREACH



James and Gina Nie (Colton, Nikyla) – Tyndale Bible Translators

Jim and Gina continue to lead the Melanesia Boat Project, dedicated to the construction and deployment of a boat (MSV-1) specifically designed to meet the needs of missionaries and inhabitants of the Melanesian islands.

So far in 2022 their time has been spent submitting grant applications, visiting churches, and speaking with potential donors. "We enjoy talking about Melanesia and the great need we saw during our first deployment." Gina attended the Rose Hill Women's Retreat in April and enjoyed making new friendships there. (THANK YOU for your skit and presentation participation, Gina!) Jim continues to explore larger donor possibilities.

Prayers of praise:

- God continues to connect us to people who are interested in learning about Melanesia.
- Niki was accepted for a summer internship with Shared Hope International which is located in Vancouver (WA).

Prayers of need:

- God's provision for funding for MSV-1.
- That God will solidify existing relationships and bring new ones.



Bill and Julie Odom – NAYM/ROCK (Native American Youth Ministries/Reaching Out in Christ's Kingdom)

PRAISE from Arizona: We are happy to announce that the New Testament has been printed in the Havasupai language, and they will begin distribution in May, Lord willing. We were able to see the Havasupai New Testament on Zoom, and it's beautiful, with a picture of the Grand Canyon stretching from front to back. Part of the audio New Testament will be available as they begin distribution, but not all, as it is not yet finished. Pray for the Bible Translators, who are continuing to work hard, tediously listening to the audio, and letting Bill and his team know of adjustments and corrections to be made.

Continue to Pray for Bill:

Thank you for praying for the healing of Bill's pulmonary embolism. The blood thinner he is on is intended to prevent new clots, but does not dissolve this clot. The Lord has made our bodies to dissolve clots over time; we just don't know how long that will be. Originally the doctors said it would take 3 to 6 months. Also, Bill has been having headaches of unknown cause and plans to see the neurologist soon. We'd appreciate prayer for him, that if it is something that needs to be addressed in a timely manner, that it will be caught.

May Birthdays

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| 4 Suzanne Pippel | 17 Warren McGrath |
| 8 Susan Lindh | 18 Elizabeth Stahlheber |
| 9 Peggy Agee | 20 Renee Ochoa |
| 13 Jimmy Seifert | 23 Ron Linn |
| 15 Connie Gesell | 28 Jim Peterson |



May Anniversaries

- 14 Bob & Jeanne Harshbarger



Weekly

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| M | 10:00am | Piecemakers Quilters |
| | 11:00am | Staff Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon) |
| | 6:15pm | BSF |
| | 7:00pm | Online Discipleship Class |
| | 8:00 pm | Men's Monday Night Basketball |
| T | 9:30am | Online LOL Bible Study |
| | 6:30pm | Worship Team Practice |
| W | 6:30pm | RHC Youth Group |
| TH | 10:00am | Men's Coffee |
| | 6:30pm | Choir Practice (Choir is back!) |
| | 8:00pm | Bells Practice |
| SU | 9:30am | Modern Service |
| | 11:00am | Traditional Service |

FACILITIES

Dan Wolfe, Facilities Director

FACILITIES WORK PARTY
May 14, 9am-12pm
Let's join together to maintain our amazing church home!
Thank you for your servant's heart!

CHOIR IS BACK - AND YOU ARE INVITED!

Rehearsals on Thursdays, 6:30pm-8:00pm



The Choir is looking for new members. *EVERYONE* high school age and up is welcome. No previous experience nor audition required.

The Choir sings early in the Traditional Service, so 9:30 service attendees can easily join in the fun!

Contact [Tim Weltz](#).

Group Prayer Time every 1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 7:00pm on Zoom, led by Hailey North. Praying for a variety of things, but with a focus on our church: our ministries, our future, our transformation.

May Dates: 5 & 19

The Zoom link is sent out in our weekly all-church email.

May Calendar

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| 5 | 7:00pm | Group Prayer |
| 7 | 12:00pm | Women's Spring Tea |
| 8 | | <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> |
| 10 | 7:00pm | Session |
| 12 | 11:40am | RHC Momz Bible Study |
| 14 | 9:00am | Work Party |
| 15 | 10:00am | Youth Sunday - ONE Service |
| 17 | 7:00pm | Deacons Meeting |
| 19 | 12:00pm | Teacup Luncheon |
| 21 | 7:00pm | Group Prayer |
| 26 | 11:40am | RHC Momz Bible Study |



2022-2023 Back to SCHOOL Supplies Drive

On June 19th the church will be collecting funds for the annual Back-To-School Supplies Drive. Each \$35 collected will fund a filled backpack for children of clients at Woodinville Storehouse. The Storehouse's goal is to fund 30 elementary and 30 middle/high school backpacks, though not all should be funded by Rose Hill. You can donate in person at church on the 19th or online at rosehill.church/Back2School.