

The MESSENGER

Reaching Our Community, Part 2

Over the last 7 years or so, the Rose Hill Church family has intentionally sought to become "a generationally-balanced church," because the church recognized that RH had become a little "top-heavy." And by the grace of God, we have made a lot of progress. For instance, prior to the pandemic we were typically having about 17 children (birth to 5th grade) on Sunday mornings, which is about 4 times what we typically had just 7 years ago or so.

That's a lot of great progress – and praise God for that! Most churches that had the same trajectory as Rose Hill did for 30 years until 2014 or so do not turn things around. So, we might wonder: Have we "arrived"? Are we now a "generationally-balanced" church? More importantly: are we reaching the community around us with the gospel message?

I don't have room to dive into the statistics here, but suffice to say: in spite of our progress and the trend of RH in the last few years toward becoming more generationally balanced, we still have work to do. Jesus is still on the move. We still have a grand opportunity to reach out to our neighbors – regardless of their age – and invite them to know Jesus and to connect with Jesus at Rose Hill.

Here are a couple of practical and encouraging thoughts in regards to that from my heart: First, please be encouraged by the ethos and culture of RH. Statistically, churches that get "older" over the course of a few decades as RH did, don't often begin to reverse that trend. We have – praise God! Even in the pandemic that has continued to be true. You may have forgotten about some of this if you haven't been at church in a year or more, but there are a lot of really great things about our church family. So, let's keep that up, and keep building for Jesus as we pursue our faith together. God continues to work in us!

Second, we would do well to remember that the best "advertising" for Jesus is his followers. No one else is going to do that for us. I invite you to read those two sentences again. There's a clear mandate from Jesus a number of times: "Go and make disciples...shine the light so that others would glorify your Father in Heaven...So also I send you..."). He wants us to reach our communities for Him. There are so many hearts and lives that need Jesus today!

If you'd like to see us reach more people for Jesus, then it's going to be on us Christians to do that. We are the missionaries. How many non-Christian (or "pre-Christian) friends and acquaintances do you have? Those are important people to love on, care for, and simply ask when
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you have the opportunity, "What do you know about Jesus?" Or: how many people do you know who say they're a Christian, but aren't a part of a church family? Perhaps they've become disenfranchised with the Church, or are simply new to the area and in need of a new church family. RH is there to love and shine the light of Christ in their lives.

As we get closer to the end of the pandemic and all the restrictions, we have a great opportunity to invite people to "come and see" who Jesus is. Let's do that, and reach our community for Jesus.

Your Pastor,



Brian



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Gwen North, Children's and Family Ministry Director

EXCAVATE THE TRUTH AT ROSE HILL CHURCH'S VIRTUAL VBS, AUGUST 23-27!

Grab your pickaxe and shovel!

VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

Sign up online, we have dig supply kits for every kid who signs up. The dig kit distribution will be on Sunday August 22nd from 9am-1pm. The kids will have daily links to adventure, teaching, crafts, and extended learning fun. We will meet over zoom each night and will have a live gathering at church on Friday the 27th. The cost is free so sign up your junior archaeologist(s) and let's embark on this adventure together!

Virtual VBS 2021



Castle Park Playdate for Families

We will meet at Castle Park (formerly named North Rose Hill Park) on Sunday, **June 13th from 2pm - 4pm** to play! Bring a soccer or football if you would like! We will have water balloons!!!

Sunday School

We have Sunday School on Zoom at 8:30am.



Back to In-Person Sunday School

In-person Sunday School is during the 9:30am service.

Paul Hudson, Director of Emerge Youth Group

I truly hope you were blessed by our Youth Sunday Service last month. This was one of the most youth-led services we had, and it was by the design of the youth themselves! I was so proud of the way they took charge and handled pretty much every aspect of the service. We have a wonderful youth group with a strong foundation, and I am



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excited to see how each of them will grow and affect, even change the world around them for the sake of the Gospel.

Coming up in June we are still meeting only on Wednesdays from 7pm - 8:15pm until summer break. During the summer break we will switch to afternoons instead of evenings as usual, and will have more outdoor activities as the weather permits. So, unless the weather is bad, June 23rd will be our first Wednesday group for meeting in the afternoon. I will send a schedule of activities for the summer with times. In the mean time, stay safe and get your vaccinations sooner than later if you can!

Paul

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Starts on June 20!

Journey to Freedom



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FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Monica Ernsberger, Director

In Case You Didn't Know...

Rose Hill Church has ongoing Fellowship/Bible Study groups for men and women!

Wednesday Morning Men's Group

Wednesday morning at 5:30 is a great way to start the week! The Wed AM Men's Group has limitless room (we're meeting on Zoom, currently with guys located in 3 states!), and we're always open to new members. We dive deep into scripture (Ephesians now) and spend time in prayer for each other, our church, and our world, ending about 7am for those needing to get to work. Interested? Contact Brad: brad@hurte.net.



LOL
Ladies of the Lord

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

LOL (Ladies of the Lord) is a Women's Bible Study (and yes we laugh out loud numerous times). Most importantly, we study God's Word, pray together, and enjoy fellowship.

We meet on Tuesday mornings via Zoom from 9:30am – (about) 11:30am. For more information please contact Barbara Lince at rb31agape@comcast.net or (425) 883-0740.

We are now on summer break. See you in the Fall!

We also have ongoing Adult Discipleship classes!

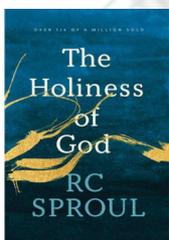
(We are taking Memorial Day off.)

A new study, "The Holiness of God," will start on **June 7**. It is a set of 6 video "sermonettes" with discussion following each video.

(www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/470)

Monday nights, 7pm - 8(ish)pm
via Zoom

Email Andy Padvorac at andypadvo@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to sign up for the class. Everyone welcome!



DEACONS

Roy McIntosh, Moderator

Deacon's Doings: Your Deacons' efforts to visit - both in person and by telephone, continued in May. Things continue to open up a bit and we look forward to having even more relaxed procedures. For example, even though we must make an appointment, it is now possible to visit most folks in assisted living situations. It will be nice when we can just 'drop by' and say hello. In early May Pastor Brian provided training to the Elders and Deacons on sharing communion with those unable to attend our regular worship services.

Remember, please let a Deacon know if you or someone you know needs to be included on the Deacons' Prayer List.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

June Missionaries of the Month



Matt & Elizabeth Van Wart



TS John and his wife founded **South Asia Access** in 1997 in partnership with Joni and Friends. South Asia Access' mission is to minister Christ's hope and healing to children, families, and communities struggling with disabilities in India. We have the privilege of supporting this ministry that empowers persons with disability, disciples' families, and transforms communities. The results are insider-led house church movements that lead to "Christ-ward" transformation of the community.

Matt and Elizabeth Van Wart (Nathaniel, Maddy, Annie, and Alex) serve with WorldVenture in Mbarara, Uganda (East Africa). Matt's title is Public Health Coordinator, which includes "popup" clinics and medicine delivery...plus a whole lot more. Matt also disciples and helps their neighbors, Elizabeth bakes for church and teaches Sunday School, the girls babysit, and... "Life is busy and full and wonderful and exhausting. God has blessed us with many chances to serve others, and given us sweet times of fellowship."

SESSION

Brad Hurte, Clerk of Session

Session met electronically in May to discern God's will for His church here at Rose Hill.

Pam Risinger-Hurte reported that the church has had 100% of the COVID Payroll Protection Plan loan we took last year forgiven, including interest. We participated in this program, along with other small businesses, churches, and charities, in order to help cover employee costs during a difficult time. We did not anticipate having all of the loan forgiven, so this was quite surprising good news. Approximately \$15,000 of the forgiveness will be credited to cover Preschool costs, and the balance, approximately \$40,000, will be credited to a designated fund. Note that we are not receiving new cash – this just moves the loan from the liabilities portion of our balance sheet. Thanks to Pam and to Leslie Thompson for their diligence in navigating a confusing process very successfully.

Session will be forming two important ad hoc teams to assess and define our relationship with the Boy Scout Troop that has long been part of our church family, and to assess the conditions, timing, and structure of our Preschool, now that society is re-opening a bit. We're starting from the standpoint of "What does God want us to do?" If you have particular callings in either of these areas, please let Pastor Brian know.

The Pastor reported that a half dozen Rose Hill congregants joined together to help Attain Housing clean up one of their properties. Elder Linda Muilenburg, one of the team, commented on the great day they all had and the blessing that it was to work on this project.

April finances looked like this:

Income	April	YTD Actuals	2021 Budget
Pledges	\$22,128.20	\$96,882.27	\$274,176.00
Loose Offering/Other Giving	\$10,933.00	\$44,764.15	\$203,000.00
Total Operating Donations	\$33,061.20	\$141,646.42	\$477,176.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$32,249.79	\$118,934.78	\$505,572.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$811.41	\$22,711.64	(\$28,396.00)

As we get closer to a sense of "normalcy," Session asks that you continue pray for those impacted and traumatized by the pandemic. Our God is sovereign and we can trust Him. If you need encouragement, visit <http://rosehill.church/devotions>. God bless you and thank you for your faithful prayers.

Blessings to You on Father's Day!

The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him!
Proverbs 20:7

June Birthdays

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| 3 Helen Hunt | 12 Elaine Adams |
| 7 Steve Smith | 13 Andy Mathis |
| 8 Linda Holbrook | 14 Byron Byrne |
| Mark Roetcisoender | 24 Marilyn Campbell |
| 9 James Maclin | 27 Karl Palo |
| Jeanne Harshbarger | |
| Brooke North | |

Happy 
Birthday!

June Anniversaries

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| 9 Randy & Linda Muilenburg |
| 24 Wayne & Amal Jones |
| John & Robin Godfrey |
| 25 James & Jane Maclin |
| 30 Roy & Linda McIntosh |

 Happy
Anniversary!

Weekly

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| M | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon) |
| T | 6:30 pm | Worship Team Practice |
| W | 6:30 pm | King's Kidz on Zoom |
| | 7:00 pm | RHC Youth Group |
| SU | 9:30 am | Modern Service |
| | 11:00 am | Traditional Service |

June Calendar

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| 12 | Facilities Work Party |
| | 9:00am - 12:00pm |
| 19 | Juneteenth/Emancipation Day |
| 20 | Happy Father's Day! |
| | 9:30 Modern Service |
| | 11:00 Traditional Service |

FACILITIES

Dan Wolfe, Facilities Director

Let's join
together to
maintain our
amazing
church home!

Remember to
bring your
snacks & drinks.

Thank you for
your servant's
heart!

**WORK
PARTY**

June 12

**9:00am-
12:00pm**

CHURCH CONNECTIONS & RESOURCES

Streaming Services available on:
<https://rosehill.church/online>
<https://youtube.com/user/rosehillpc/live>

Prior audio sermons:
<https://rosehill.church/audio-and-text>

Devotionals:
<https://www.rosehill.church/devotions>

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