

Rolling Hills News

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LIFE INTERRUPTED BY LIZ DUGGER, WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Have you been hearing the typical Christmas questions—What do you want for Christmas? What do you think you're getting for Christmas? What are you doing for Christmas?

Before the month is out, these questions will be asked the world over, generating a myriad of emotions! A buzz of expectation builds as people everywhere anticipate the realization of their imaginations, many silently feeling the pressure to "make this our best Christmas ever." As if year after year, we have to "one up" ourselves with some illusive improvement on the year before!

But wait! We've started to interrupt this idealistic sort of thinking to ask a different type of question—"what about this notion of best Christmas ever?!"

In November, Advent Conspiracy interrupted our thinking by challenging us to celebrate Christmas in a counter-cultural way: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All. We dared to "...remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35b, NLT). We started down a path that confounds the empty hype and hopes of finding "the best Christmas ever" shopping online or under a bejeweled tree.

This month, we'll see how real lives were interrupted in order for "the best Christmas ever" to become a possibility. Ordinary people in the original story were intruded upon

in a variety of circumstances by a transcendent God, challenging them in ways that were counter-intuitive to human thinking. This month we'll look closely at Zechariah & Elizabeth, the shepherds, the angels, Simeon & Anna, Joseph & Mary. Along the way, these real people might have felt threatened, confused, or abandoned by God. Instead, in the moments of divine interruptions, they were able to let go of preconceived thinking and cultural correctness to find God's true gifts: hope, peace, joy, faith, and love wrapped up in the promised gift of Christ.

This year, we will hear the typical questions and sense the buzz of holiday madness and glitz. We'll make cookies, watch football, and hope for laughter and surprise. But let's not settle there. As life plans are interrupted along the way, let's look to the Christmas Story and ask, "what hidden gifts are wrapped up here?" Maybe we'll be surprised to experience the realization of God's imagination - the Gift of Christ—inviting Him into our homes in new ways to make this our best Christmas ever!

LIFE INTERRUPTED

- ...by Hope · Sunday, December 6
- ...by Peace · Sunday, December 13
- ...by Joy · Sunday, December 20
- ...by Love · Wed., December 23 & Thurs., December 24
- ...by Faith · Sunday, December 27

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Dec. 1
Christmas Gift-Making Idea Evening

Thursday, Dec 3 - Sunday Dec. 6
Christmas Drama

Sunday, Dec. 6
Preschool Sings in Big Church

Wednesday, Dec. 9
Hearts at Home

Thursday, Dec. 10
Women of Worth

Saturday, Nov. 19
Design Science

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Services

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: Share hope, peace, joy, love, and faith
: this Christmas!

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 23 • 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 24 • 3, 5 & 7 PM

This year, our Christmas Eve services will be a time for the entire family to worship together, so childcare won't be offered. Live broadcast of the service will be available in the Courtyard Room, which will be set up for young families needing a little more wiggle room.



● ● **SAVE THE DATE • Sunday, January 10, 2010** ● ●
Commissioning and Celebration of Bill Towne, our new Senior Pastor

RHCC Christmas Drama “Grandad’s Christmas”

December 3, 4, 5 & 6

You don't want to miss this year's entertainment-filled outreach event, written and directed by Rick Tillman. Bring your whole family, your friends, and your neighbors! Performances are December 3, 4, 5 at 7:30 PM and December 6 at 4 PM. Online or in-person ticket sales. Cost per person is \$8. All seats are general admission.

Disposable Diapers and cash donations for Northwest Children's Outreach (NCO) are encouraged. Make checks payable to RHCC with "NCO" on the memo line.

Learn more at rollinghills.org/christmas-drama

Christmas Volunteers Needed

Ushers • Greeters PARKS • Clean Up

We're forming teams to serve as Ushers, Greeters, PARKS, and Worship Center Clean-up crews at our Christmas Eve Services.

Open to all individuals, families, and Community Groups!

No experience required!

You'll just need to arrive 30 minutes before the service you plan to attend. This is a perfect opportunity to implement our

Advent Conspiracy focus.

Make this short-term ministry opportunity a

Christmas Tradition!

Contact Donna · 503-638-5900
donna.braun@rollinghills.org

Candle-stuffers

for Christmas Eve!

TWO Candle-stuffing Parties:

Wednesday, Dec. 23 • 8:30 PM

(after the 7:30 PM service)

Gathering Room

Thursday, Dec. 24 • 5 PM

(after the 3 PM service)

Gathering Room

Hot Cocoa & goodies provided!

RSVP: Becky · 503-638-5900 ·

becky.lomax@rollinghills.org.

Want to be our Candle-stuffing

Party Coordinator?

If so, please call Becky ASAP.

Wholeness Ministries

Celebrate Recovery (CR)

Is anger causing difficulties in your relationships? Do other peoples' problems seem to dominate your life? Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Center, where we develop a spiritual plan of action to deal with these issues that is based on God's power, not our own effort. As we follow and apply biblical principles from the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10), we begin to grow spiritually and become free from our hurts, habits, and hang-ups through the healing power of Jesus Christ. We welcome all who are willing to reach out and grasp the hand that Jesus is offering. Visit the CR website—rollinghillscr.org! Women's Sexual Abuse Support Groups coming in January!

Shuttle Drivers Needed!

Drivers needed to shuttle those without transportation to Celebrate Recovery and Sunday services from Meridian Park Hospital. Use our church van. Must have valid driver's license and submit to background check. Contact Becky · becky.lomax@rollinghills.org.

Want to help build Confident Kids (CK)?

We need a team of adults to provide a safe and loving environment where struggling kids can be equipped with the skills they need to cope with their life circumstances in healthy and positive ways. Our plan is to meet on Wednesday evenings. Volunteer and make a HUGE difference in kids' lives! Contact Michelle Dummer · mcdummer@verizon.net

Singles Ministries

Join us this Sunday!

IGNITE (mid 20s-30s) • Sundays, 11 AM • 3rd Floor Small Rm

Special speakers every week and a robust activities calendar.

40s & BETTER • Sundays, 10:45 AM • 3rd Floor Large Rm Meeting for over 15 years, this group has outstanding programs and worship. In addition, various service projects and social activities promote Christian fellowship.

For info on both Singles groups, visit the Singles station or call Singles Pastor Sam Haley · 503 638-5900 x304

Family Ministries

How to Talk “THE TALK” – Talking to kids about sex and pornography
Sunday, January 24 • 11 AM • Courtyard Room

Designed for parents of kids 7 through teen-age, this free class uses a safe & light-hearted approach to address the issues involved in handling this often difficult subject. Contact Travis · travis.waits@rollinghills.org

Men's Ministries

SAVE THE DATE: NW Men's Conference • January 29-30, 2010

Men at the Cross—Building a Cross-Centered Life

with Joe White, Donald Miller, Mike Silva, and Bill Perkins.

Cost: \$35, \$20 for ages 14-24. For more info or to sign up, go to nwmensconference.com or the Men's Ministries station!

Women's Ministries

Women's Christmas Dessert & Drama

Thursday & Saturday, December 3 & 5 • 6:15 PM - 9:30 PM

For more info contact Heather • heather.creighton@rollinghills.org

Hearts At Home

Wednesday, December 9 • 9:30 - 11:15 AM

For all women who are expecting, adopting, or with children through early elementary age. Topic: "Dreaming of a Wise Christmas?"

Teaching Biblical Truths Through Fun Christmas Traditions.

Speakers: Kami Like and Sheila Adams. For more info, pick up a brochure at the Women's Ministries station.

Pre-register your children birth - Kindergarten

• Online at rollinghills.org, Wed., Dec. 2 - Sun., Dec. 6

• At the Women's Ministries station, Dec. 6

• Cost \$5 - pay at event

Contact Heidi Tillotson • joet@teleport.com

Women of Worth (WOW)

Thursday, December 10 • 12 - 2 PM

WOW is a monthly luncheon for women 50, 60, 70 or better!

Join us for a delicious meal and and listen to our featured speaker,

Maxine Dyrkach - Rhonda's mom!

• \$10 Ticket cost on November 29 & December 6

• \$13 Ticket cost after December 6

Contact Bettejo Lowe • bjlowe@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat • March 5-7, 2010

at Cannon Beach with our own Becky Herbst as our speaker! Come relax, renew, refresh, and learn. Registration begins late January.

Care Ministries

Crossroads Career Network (CCN)

Provides practical coaching and assistance, tools and resources, networking opportunities, accountability, and encouragement with a balanced perspective for people in career transition. CCN meets weekly on Thursday at 7 PM in the Courtyard Room.

*CCN will not meet on the following dates: 12/3, 12/24, and 12/31.

Community Groups

Where Lives Are Strengthened

People long for a place where they can feel accepted and understood. In a SMALL GROUP environment, we can be real and transparent, and this lays the groundwork for spiritual growth. JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP TODAY and discover the life-changing impact of a small group!

Contact Jennifer • jennifer.harrel@rollinghills.org

Join the Christmas Choir

Participate in the Dec. 20 services!

Rehearsals in 3rd Floor Large Rm:

Thursday, Dec. 10 • 6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 13 • 12:45-2:30 PM

(lunch provided)

Thursday, Dec. 17 • 6:30-9:30 PM

All ages welcome!

THANK YOU

to all who have generously offered to adopt a family in need this Christmas! Have a gently used mattress? Rolling Hills Christmas Blessing is still in need of used furniture, especially mattresses. Contact Becky • becky.lomax@rollinghills.org to arrange pick-up and delivery.

Equip Ministries

Serve our community!

- Be a Lunch Buddy at Bridgeport Elementary
- Cook and serve meals at Transitional Youth
- Tualatin School House Pantry
- Severe Weather Shelter

For more info contact Kathy • kathy.harms@rollinghills.org

Marriage Ministries

"Is your marriage good or great?"

Sun., Jan. 17 • 11 AM • Courtyard Rm

Join us as our Marriage

Encouragers provide practical tools to help your marriage continue to honor God.

visit rollinghills.org

Watch & Listen to

Sunday Sermons online at

rollinghills.org/audio-video

High School Ministries

AXESS Wednesdays • 7-9 PM
No AXESS on 12/30

Amplify Services
Sundays • 11 AM • FC
No Amplify on 12/2 & 1/3

FREE Christmas Dinner
December 11 • 6:30-9 PM • FC
Dress is semi-formal.

Enjoy a delicious dinner & lots more!
Tickets at Amplify or AXESS.

New Years Eve Event of the Century
PHOWLVE - Join us Thurs., Dec. 31,
8 PM - Jan. 1, 7 AM for a night
you won't forget. This event begins
and ends at RHCC. Cost - \$25.
Reg begins Sun., Dec. 6.

HS Winter Camp
SAVE THE DATE: February 19-21
at Suttle Lake. Cost - \$125

Jr. High Ministries

FUSION Sundays • 6:30-8:30 PM
Meal Night (Hot Dogs & Chips)
Sunday, December 13
No FUSION on 12/27 & 1/3

Elevation Services
Sundays • 11 AM • Back Room
This month's topic:
"The Advent Conspiracy"
No Elevation on 12/27 & 1/3

JH Summer Camp
July 25-30 at Riverview Bible Camp
Online reg begins Mon., Dec. 14
at 678live.com. Cost \$305 until
April 1, then \$335.

Young Adult Ministries

Sunday Gatherings Sundays • 5 PM • East Atrium

Our ministry for anyone age 18-30, ThereforeGO exists to bring glory to God by equipping young adults through His Word and each other to be active disciples of Jesus Christ, and to GO be Jesus to our city, culture, and world.

Children's Ministries (TreeHouse)

Preschool sings in big church!

Sunday, December 6

Invite the whole family to be part of this annual RHCC tradition!

Home Court Advantage

Sunday, December 13 • Class for 3rd-5th graders & parents.

Join Pastor Gary for "For Heaven's Sake" at your child's regular service.

The TreeHouse is a place for ALL children to learn about following Jesus.

Some children have special needs requiring a Buddy to help them have a safe and successful time in TreeHouse. Right now, several children of varying ages need Buddies. We are also praying for a Coordinator for the Buddy program. If you could be a Buddy to a special needs child or a Coordinator for this ministry, please write "Buddy" or "Buddy Coord" on the Welcome Card or contact the TreeHouse office. Thank you!

TreeHouse greatest needs:

NURSERY - 11 AM • 6 leaders

PRESCHOOL - 9 AM • 4 leaders & 11 AM • 5 leaders

ELEMENTARY - 9 AM • 1 leader & 11 AM • 8 leaders

MIDWEEK (times vary) - 2 DEQ toy cleaners & 2 Room Administrators

Will you help? Go to rollinghills.org/treehouse-volunteers, write your info on a Welcome Card, or email treehouse@rollinghills.org.

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• **THIS MONTH IN TREEHOUSE, YOUR CHILD**
• **WILL LEARN ABOUT...**

Preschool • Jesus is God's Greatest Promise

Elementary • continuing in the Advent Conspiracy Focus

Christmastime provides great opportunities to share with others the Good News of how much God loves us and desires to be in a personal relationship with us! Let this be a time in our homes when the focus is more about being a servant for God and looking for opportunities to give to others, and less about getting more for ourselves!

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Rolling Hills Community Church

Service Times Sunday 9 & 11 AM | Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Atrium Café Hours Monday - Friday 8 - 10:30AM • Sunday 8 AM - 1 PM

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