

Rolling Hills News

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A POWDER BLUE CHRISTMAS

By Faith Carter, Equip Ministries Director

It was almost Christmas when a fellow church member told me that he had paid my way to attend Intersarsity's Urbana conference in Illinois, where college students are challenged to see, hear, and respond to God. At an evening session, we were reminded that Jesus never said, "I love you," but rather so powerfully demonstrated His love that it was not difficult for people to grasp its depth. "Life," said the speaker, "is not talking about love, it's living and giving love." He asked each student to consider giving \$20 for work in an impoverished area of South Africa, outlining what we could do with that much money.

Tucked away in my purse was a Christmas gift from my parents - a crisp \$20 bill with a note that read, "Have fun finding something for yourself in Illinois." There was no doubt what God had in mind for that \$20. The problem was that, while walking through the University campus earlier that evening, I had seen a powder blue sweater and skirt in a store window with "After-Christmas Sale-\$20" pinned to it. Since the store was closed, I planned to purchase the outfit the next morning. That night I didn't sleep much. Was I going to give to others, or would that powder blue outfit hang in my closet? I'd like to tell you that I sacrificed and gave the \$20, but I didn't. The outfit that went home in my suitcase quickly lost its attraction, and I was left with the sad truth that I had lost an opportunity to change lives. All these years later, I can still taste the regret of that decision. That's why I'm excited about participating in Advent Conspiracy.

In the coming weeks, you'll hear about an opportunity to change lives by first changing your own. For now, let me share the concept behind Advent Conspiracy.

[Worship Fully]

It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. We need to enter this Advent season with an overwhelming passion to worship Jesus.

[Spend Less]

America spends \$450 billion on Christmas every year. Have you given gifts for no other reason than obligation? Why not consider buying ONE LESS GIFT this Christmas? Sounds insignificant, yet many who have sacrificed in this way have been more available to celebrate Christ during Advent.

[Give More]

God's gift is a relationship built on love. Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable ways possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers and it can't be found at the mall. Time to make a gift, write a letter, bake really good cookies and sing really bad Christmas carols! Time to make love visible through relational giving.

[Love All]

Jesus loved in unimaginable ways. Though rich, He became poor to love the poor, the forgotten, the overlooked, and the sick. By spending less at Christmas, we can give to those in need. One less gift...one unbelievable present in the name of Christ.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY
Christmas can [still] change the world
NEW TEACHING FOCUS
Begins Sunday, November 8
Learn more at rollinghills.org/advent

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 1

Nursing Home & Assisted Care Training begins

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Hearts at Home

Sunday, Nov. 8

Baptism Orientation Class
Marriage Refresh

Saturday, Nov. 14

Arise! Cry Out! - Moms InTouch Prayer Day

Sunday, Nov. 15

Emergency Weather Shelter Orientation
Baptism Celebration

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Seasons Fall Term ends

Thursday, Nov. 19

Women of Worth

Friday, Nov. 20

Jeremy Camp Concert

Saturday, Nov. 21

Design Science

visit rollinghills.org

Care Ministries

Crossroads Career Network

Unemployed? Under- or Over-employed? If you would like God's help with your career transition, join us each Thursday at 7 PM in the Courtyard Room as we address these needs. To help mentor others through career transitions, please contact Brent Williamson at williamson.brent@comcast.com. More info? Contact Becky · becky.lomax@rollinghills.org

Nursing Home and Assisted Care Training Starts Sun., November 1 • 11 AM-1 PM • Courtyard Rm

Four weeks (Nov 1, 8, 15 & 29) of training to prepare for ministry to those in long-term care facilities or, with some modifications, to shut-ins, the homeless, jail or prison inmates, etc. This multi-generational training is for people of all ages and seasons of life – from elementary to high school, young adults to seniors, singles or marrieds, Community Groups or families! “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40 NIV) Attend this powerful training so you can make a life-changing difference in our community! Register at rollinghills.org/nursing-home-assisted-care-outreach or call 503-638-5900.

Beds and Dressers Needed!

Do you have a bed, mattress, or dresser to donate? Each year, requests come from families who need these items. Bless someone in need this Christmas! Contact Becky · becky.lomax@rollinghills.org

Adopt a family this Christmas!

Rolling Hills Christmas Blessing (RHCB) is a unique ministry designed to help you bless families in need. We anticipate a greater need than ever this year, given the current economic climate; so prayerfully consider if you or your Community Group would like to adopt a family this Christmas! Assistance goes first to Rolling Hills families and then to the community. You can interact with your adopted family or remain anonymous. Contact Marilyn Janes • 503-691-9355 or Becky · becky.lomax@rollinghills.org

Singles Ministries

RHCC has one of the few premier Singles Ministries in the Metro Area

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

Wholeness Ministries

Celebrate Recovery

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 our Celebrate Recovery website—rollinghillscr.org

Community Groups

Where Lives Are Strengthened

“My small group has provided a safe haven for me in a world where I often feel so attacked and so afraid to reveal who I truly am.” *Carrie*

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

Marriage Ministries

Marriage Refresh

Sunday, November 8 • 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Speaker: Dr. Steve Stephens. Topic: Lost in Translation. If you heard him speak in 2007, you know you won't want to miss this! \$15/couple includes pizza dinner and dessert!

FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

Life has a way of overwhelming a marriage

Jobs, kids, activities, errands. Before you know it, checking email is more important than carving out a date night. It's time to rediscover each other and find more intimacy in your life together!

November 6 - 8

Hilton Vancouver Washington
301 SW 6th St · Vancouver, WA 98660

November 20 - 22

Red Lion Hotel on the River
909 N Hayden Island Dr · Portland, OR 97217

Register at rollinghills.org/marriage-conference to get your discount!

Reach Ministries

Operation Christmas Child

Consider reaching out in the name of Christ by purchasing gift items for needy children.

Pick up a brochure and a shoebox at the Reach station. Collection week is Nov. 16-23. Interested in volunteering that week? Contact Lael Weiss · ml.weiss@verizon.net · visit samaritanspurse.org

Quilting as Ministry

Turn your quilting hobby into an outreach ministry!

Join a group of ladies who gather each month at RHCC to quilt blankets that are then sent abroad with RHCC mission teams. Non-quilters can help, too! Contact Tamara Cox · 971-246-1279 or Gail Richardson · 503-579-6382

Russia Mission Trip Info Meeting

Sunday, November 8 • 9 AM • Conference Room

No-obligation informational meeting about a 2010 short-term mission trip to Russia to work with Russian pastors who are planting churches. Come and learn about this amazing opportunity. Contact Mike Custer · 503-691-1691 · mike.nextgen@verizon.net

Baptism Opportunity

Want to publicly declare your faith through Baptism?

An opportunity is coming soon!

Adult Orientation Class - Sunday, Nov. 8 • 12:45 PM

Courtyard Room (no Elementary class)

Baptism Celebration - Sunday, Nov. 15 • 1:30 PM

Worship Center

Contact Terri · terri.pace@rollinghills.org

Equip Ministries

Emergency Weather Shelter Orientation

Sunday, November 15 • 9 AM • Courtyard Room

Join us to learn about the responsibilities and duties required to serve in the Shelter this winter.

Contact Kathy · kathy.harms@rollinghills.org

Transitional Youth

NEW socks, NEW sleeping bags, and NEW blankets needed for this ministry to homeless youth.

Drop off items at the Equip station.

Contact Kathy · kathy.harms@rollinghills.org

Lunch Buddies needed

At Bridgeport Elementary. It only takes an hour a week to bring positive change a child's life. Eat lunch, play at recess, and build a loving adult relationship into the life of a child who needs you!

Contact Kathy · kathy.harms@rollinghills.org

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 23 · 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 24 · 3, 5 & 7 PM

Learn more at rollinghills.org/christmas

Women's Ministries

Women's Christmas Dessert & Drama

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

Only \$10 for dessert and the Drama! Hostess tickets continue on sale November 1. Outreach tickets available November 8, 15, & 22 at the Women's Ministries station. This is a beautiful opportunity to reach out to friends and neighbors with the love of Jesus. We will share dessert in a gorgeous setting and then attend the all-church Christmas Drama, "Grandad's Christmas"!

Hearts At Home

Wednesday, November 4 • 9:30 - 11:15 AM

For all women who are expecting, adopting, or with children through early elementary age (Note: H@H is one week earlier this month due to the Veteran's Day Holiday) Mentoring Mom Gail Poindexter will encourage us with "The Power of a Praying Wife." For more info, pick up a brochure at the Women's Ministries station.

Pre-register your children birth - Kindergarten

• Online at rollinghills.org, Wed., Oct 28 - Sun., Nov. 1

• At the Women's Ministries station, Nov. 1

• Cost \$5 - pay at event

Contact Heidi Tillotson · joet@teleport.com

"Arise! Cry Out!"

A Worldwide Day of Prayer for Children & Schools

Sat., November 14 • 9AM - 1 PM • Fellowship Center

Moms in Touch International is hosting this historic prayer event, inviting Christian women from around the world to "Arise! Cry Out! for the generations."

Register at the Women's Ministries station.

Women of Worth (WOW)

Thursday, November 19 • 12 - 2 PM

WOW is a monthly luncheon for women 50, 60, 70 or better! Join us for a delicious meal and hear Linda Lockyear speak on "The Power of Love." Special Feature: Silent Auction, featuring a variety of gift baskets. (Auction preview begins at 11:30 AM)

• \$10 Ticket cost on November 8 & 15

• \$13 Ticket cost after November 15

Contact Bettejo Lowe · bjlowe@aol.com

visit rollinghills.org

Watch Sunday Sermons online at rollinghills.org/audio-video

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 begin Sunday, November 8. Cost per person is \$8. All seats are general admission.

Disposable Diapers and cash donations for NW Children's Outreach (NWCO) are encouraged.

Make checks payable to RHCC with “NWCO” on the memo line.

Learn more online at rollinghills.org/christmas-drama

Young Adult Ministries

Sunday Gatherings

Sundays • 5 PM • East Atrium

Our young adult ministry for anyone ages 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. To learn more, visit rollinghills.org/thereforego

High School Ministries

Contact Zoe Anne · zoeanne.pilger@rollinghills.org

AXESS • Wednesdays from 7-9 PM

Don't miss what God has for you on Wednesday nights! No AXESS on Nov. 25.

Amplify Services

Sundays • 11 AM • Fellowship Center

No Amplify on Nov. 29.

Jr. High Ministries

Contact Zoe Anne · zoeanne.pilger@rollinghills.org

FUSION • Sundays from 6:30-8:30 PM

Meal Night (Spaghetti) • Sunday, November 1

No FUSION on Nov. 29.

Elevation Services

Sundays • 11 AM • Back Room

This month's topic: “Life Hurts, God Heals.”

No Elevation on Nov. 29.

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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