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## PARENTING IS A WAY OF LIFE

By the time you read this, Lord willing, my eldest daughter will be married. July 25 is the date I walk down the aisle to give my little girl away. I've never been the father of the bride before, and I'm pretty sure I'm going to be a mess.

Though my parenting is not done, it will change. I am releasing her into a new commitment that trumps all other human relationships...that of husband and wife.

I've no doubt made a ton of mistakes as a parent, but I thought I'd share with you a belief on parenting that I've tried to honor as a follower of Jesus.

### Being a Godly parent starts with who you are and who you are becoming.

This statement outweighs any and all parenting philosophies, books, or guidelines. Be focused on this first and your children will reap the benefits.

I believe up to ninety-nine percent of the actions you perform that influence your children are unpremeditated actions. There are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of them every day. Your facial expressions, your posture, your tone of voice, your gestures, and your reactions to the dog, the weather, the slipping clutch, the dripping faucet, the late spouse, and the TV news, are among a hundred other spontaneous expressions of who you really are each day.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV) says, "These commandments that I give you today are to be **upon your hearts**. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along

the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on **your hands** and bind them on **your foreheads**. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

### Parenting is a WAY OF LIFE! It's who you are.

The only parenting they catch is your response to real life situations. Real begets real, not infallibility. Even the best of parents can lose a child to a life of bad decisions, but authentic joy in God is the most likely to win them. The startling truth is if you want your children to find deep fellowship with God, you should make it your life's passion to enjoy deep communion with Him. If God is not seen to be your true satisfaction, it is unlikely that 18 years of church-going will make your kids think God is worth much.

Ever notice how easy it is to praise things that you enjoy? Whether it's a good meal, a nice outfit, a touchdown by your favorite team, or when your child has success in an activity, praise comes naturally.

That's why Scripture so often talks about enjoying the Lord (Philippians 4:6; Psalm 37:4, 100:2, 32:11, 16:11).

In other words, genuine heartfelt praise is not artificially tacked on to joy. And without the heartfelt satisfaction of knowing God, our attempts at praising Him fall flat. And our kids see the inconsistencies.

Your most positive impact on your children is your growing (not perfect) satisfaction and dependence on God. Guaranteed.

### AUGUST EVENTS

SUN., 2  
• FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SUN., 9  
• ALL-CHURCH BBQ

• JR. HIGH CINEMA

SUN., 16  
• RIVER BAPTISM

SUN., 23  
• JR. HIGH CINEMA

FRI., 28  
• BETH MOORE LIVING  
PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST  
• FATHER/SON CAMPOUT

SAT., 29  
• BETH MOORE LIVING  
PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST

FOR MORE DETAILS  
VISIT US ONLINE AT  
[rollinghills.org/events](http://rollinghills.org/events)

**SERVICE TIMES**  
Sunday 9 & 11AM  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday – Friday  
8:30AM – 5PM  
**ATRIUM CAFÉ HOURS**  
Monday – Friday 8 – 10:30AM  
Sunday 8AM – 1PM

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Check out Bill's Blog at [rollinghills.org/bills-blog](http://rollinghills.org/bills-blog)

The Elders invite you to another  
**ALL-CHURCH BBQ**  
Sunday, August 9 after the 11AM service

An informal gathering with your church family and a fun time to hang out!  
It's FREE! Looking forward to seeing you there!

#### UPCOMING BAPTISM

visit [rollinghills.org/baptism](http://rollinghills.org/baptism)

**Want to publicly declare your faith through Baptism?**

#### ADULT ORIENTATION CLASS

Sun., Aug. 2, 12:45PM · Courtyard Room  
(previously the Future Bookstore)

#### ELEMENTARY ORIENTATION CLASS

(5th grade or younger)  
Sun., Aug. 2, 1:30PM · Front/Fireside RM

Children MUST be accompanied by at least one parent/adult. To sign up, email Pastor Jeff, [jeff.mattson@rollinghills.org](mailto:jeff.mattson@rollinghills.org)

#### RIVER BAPTISM

Sun., Aug. 16, 2PM · Mitzels' Residence

Questions? Contact Terri Pace  
[terri.pace@rollinghills.org](mailto:terri.pace@rollinghills.org)

#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

visit [thereforego.org](http://thereforego.org)

**Sunday Gathering** Every Sunday at 5 PM in the East Atrium, join the 18-30 year-olds of RHCC for an in-depth Bible study.

**FREE University of Oregon Day Trip • Sun., Aug. 30** Come with us to meet & have lunch with Pastor Brett Gilchrist of University Fellowship Church, a young church-plant we've partnered with near campus. Contact Chris Nye at [chris.nye@rollinghills.org](mailto:chris.nye@rollinghills.org)

#### WHOLENESS MINISTRIES visit [rollinghills.org/wholeness](http://rollinghills.org/wholeness)

**Celebrate Recovery •** A biblically based spiritual plan of action to grow 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. Meets on Wednesday evenings. More details at [rollinghillscr.org](http://rollinghillscr.org)

**New Men's and Women's Step Studies for Celebrate Recovery** will be starting this fall! Interested? Visit CR on Wednesdays for more info!

**Betrayed Heart •** Healing from sexual betrayal in our marriages can be a difficult process for us as wives. Rather than walking alone with the challenges of your husband or fiancé struggling with sexual integrity, join us and discover hope through God's Word. This group provides safety and support through other women experiencing these same challenges. Begins this September. More info, call our confidential voicemail at 503-638-5900 x297 or email [diane.manchester@rollinghills.org](mailto:diane.manchester@rollinghills.org).

#### COMING IN SEPTEMBER:

**For Women Only - Healthy Sexuality Forum •** A conversation with women from every stage of life about their real experiences—understanding their femininity and sexuality. Facilitated by Christian therapist Terra Mattson, MA MFT. Watch for date, time, and more info soon!

**Safe Kids Strong Kids •** Learn skills to help protect your kids from sexual abuse. A free seminar for parents of children birth-5th grade. Watch for date, time, and more info soon!

#### MEN'S MINISTRIES visit [rollinghills.org/mens-ministries](http://rollinghills.org/mens-ministries)

**2009 Men's Retreat • October 16-18!** New location in Yelm, WA means lots of new activities, like golfing, mountain biking, x-box, 4-wheeling, or skeet shooting! Have another idea? Then join the Retreat Planning Team and help make this year's Retreat the best ever!

Contact Chuck Dalby · 503-631-2405 · [chuck@libertykidz.org](mailto:chuck@libertykidz.org)

**Pregnancy Resource Centers 2009 Life Invitational Golf Tournament at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club** Wednesday, September 16  
Pumpkin Ridge's Ghost Creek Course · 7:45 AM Shotgun start.  
For more information, visit [Portlandprc.org](http://Portlandprc.org)

## FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN THE WORSHIP CENTER!

Sunday, August 2 • 7-9 PM “Facing the Giants” (Get ready for Football Season!)

### CARE MINISTRIES [visit rollinghills.org/care](http://visit.rollinghills.org/care)

#### 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 (previously the Future Bookstore) as we address these needs. Want to help mentor others through career transitions? Contact Brent Williamson at [brentwilliamson@comcast.net](mailto:brentwilliamson@comcast.net). For more info, email [becky.lomax@rollinghills.org](mailto:becky.lomax@rollinghills.org).

**Nursing Home and Assisted Care Outreach** • Join us as we kick off a new year of ministry! Our first monthly meeting will take place Sunday, September 6 at 10:30 AM in the Courtyard Room (previously the Future Bookstore). Visit [rollinghills.org/nursing-home-assisted-care-outreach](http://rollinghills.org/nursing-home-assisted-care-outreach) or call 503-638-5900.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES [visit rollinghills.org/womens-ministries](http://visit.rollinghills.org/womens-ministries)

**Beth Moore's Living Proof LIVE Simulcast** • In the Worship Center on Friday, August 28 • 7 - 9:30 PM and Saturday, August 29 • 8:30 AM - 12 PM. Ticket price \$20. Register online at [rollinghills.org/beth-moore](http://rollinghills.org/beth-moore) or mail your information to Rolling Hills Community Church c/o Beth Moore Simulcast, 3550 SW Borland Rd., Tualatin, OR 97062. Make checks payable to RHCC. Questions? Email [rhccbethmoore@hotmail.com](mailto:rhccbethmoore@hotmail.com) or call 503-638-5900 x313.

**Women's Prayer Fellowship** will be meeting on Thursday, August 6 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Gathering Room. For more info, contact Colleen Jost [jostjc@hotmail.com](mailto:jostjc@hotmail.com) or Shelby Peterson • [shelbypete@aol.com](mailto:shelbypete@aol.com).

**Summer Bible Study** • Interested in an inductive Bible Study during the summer? Join Women At The Well each Saturday morning from 8 – 9:30 AM as they will be studying the book of Titus. Please contact Karen Marshall at [jmmkmm@verizon.net](mailto:jmmkmm@verizon.net) for more information.

**Fall Preview** • Look for our 2009 - 2010 Brochures later this month!

**Seasons AM and PM Bible Study** begins Tuesday, September 22.

Registration: September 6 and 13 at the Women's Ministries station.

**Hearts At Home** Wednesday, October 14 • 9:30 – 11:15 AM

**Women Of Worth** Thursday, October 22 • 12 – 2 PM

### ADULT COMMUNITY GROUP

#### Getting Connected at RHCC

Have you found your place in the Rolling Hills family? Are you discovering meaningful relationships? Are you growing spiritually with others?

Community Groups (small groups meeting in homes) are central to the ministry life at Rolling Hills. Belonging to a group makes the big church small! RHCC adult small groups meet throughout our community and experience life together in Christ!

**JOINING or STARTING** a Community Group could be one of the most important steps you take as a participant of RHCC.

For more information, visit the CG station or email Jennifer at [jennifer.harrel@rollinghills.org](mailto:jennifer.harrel@rollinghills.org)

### DID YOU MISS SUNDAY SERVICE?

NO WORRIES...

Watch Sunday Sermons online at [rollinghills.org/audio-video](http://rollinghills.org/audio-video)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

# RHCC Fall TAILGATE Returns!!

Join us on Sunday, September 20 for an All-Church parking lot gathering that will blow your socks off! We're once again anticipating hundreds of RHCC participants to converge for a time of celebration and fun as we kick off a new year of dynamic ministry. There will be food, music, a special children's playground, more food, games, raffle drawings, and more...

Community Groups, make arrangements to come together! A ROLLING HILLS FAMILY EXPERIENCE!

## JR. HIGH MINISTRIES

VISIT [678LIVE.COM](http://678LIVE.COM)

### Jr. High Camp • Aug. 2-7

Please pray for a safe and valuable experience for all our Jr. Highers and Volunteer Staff. Visit our Camp blog at [678live.com](http://678live.com).

### Jr. High Camp Rewind

**Aug. 16 · 11 AM** in the Back Room. Parents are invited to come and see what your students experienced during camp.

**ROOTS** • Helping students be ROOTED in Christ through weekly Bible reading & discussions. More info at [678live.com](http://678live.com).

### Jr. High Sunday Cinema

Visit [678live.com](http://678live.com) for movie titles/dates!

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

VISIT [HSMWIRED.COM](http://HSMWIRED.COM)

**NOOMA** • Tuesdays · August 4, 11, 18 & 25 · 3-4:30 PM at the Swamp. Join us to watch & discuss one of Rob Bell's NOOMA videos.

### Transitional Youth Service Night

Serve food on Monday, Aug. 10. Leave RHCC at 5:30 PM & return at 9 PM. Email Jen to sign up [jen.quijada@rollinghills.org](mailto:jen.quijada@rollinghills.org)

**"22"** • August 21-22 Join us for "22" hours of incredible adventure serving the homeless in downtown Portland. An adventure that could change your life! Contact Zoe Anne for more info.

### Questions about Jr. High & High School Ministries?

Contact Zoe Anne Pilger  
[zoeanne.pilger@rollinghills.org](mailto:zoeanne.pilger@rollinghills.org)

Dear God,

I bet it is very hard for you to love all the people in the world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it. - Nan

Dear God,

Of all the people who worked for you, I like Noah and David the best. - Rob

Dear God,

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! - Eugene

**Aren't kids great?** Be part of our kids becoming more excited about following Christ this summer by being an assistant in TreeHouse and you, too, could hear similar pearls of wisdom. Did we mention assistants help maintain age-appropriate safety ratios, only serve THREE times, and have no lessons to teach? Sign up at [rollinghills.org/treehouse-volunteers](http://rollinghills.org/treehouse-volunteers) or write "Summer TreeHouse" on a Welcome Card.

**TreeHouse commits to teaching children about Jesus Christ in a fun, relational, and safe setting.** Join us in our new year of ministry beginning Oct. 4! Explore the possibilities at [rollinghills.org/childrens-ministries](http://rollinghills.org/childrens-ministries) or at TreeHouse Central on Sundays at the foot of the Preschool stairs.

### Fri., August 28 & Sat., August 29 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father/Son Campout

For dads and their elementary-age sons in the RHCC field. Join Pastors Jeff and Bryan for a 6 PM barbecue, followed by an outdoor game and bonding time together. Breakfast provided. Invite your neighbors and friends! Cost \$5/person (payable at event). Sign-up begins Aug. 1 at [rollinghills.org/fatherson-campout](http://rollinghills.org/fatherson-campout).

**AWANA returns for its 9<sup>th</sup> year!** • AWANA is a ministry dedicated to reaching children with the Good News of Jesus Christ, and training them to serve Him by discovering and memorizing God's Word amid fun and games.

**Thursdays, September 10 - May 13 from 6:15-8:15 PM**

**Who:** Kindergarten (5 yrs. before Sept. 1) through 6th grade.

**Note:** Cubbies (pre-Kindergarten) is for leaders' kids only; a parent must serve in AWANA for their child to attend Cubbies.

**Cost:** Club dues are \$35/child plus uniform and handbook. Scholarships available. Space is limited and based on leader participation, so sign up early! Serve as a leader and guarantee your child's spot.

**Register** at [rollinghills.org/awana](http://rollinghills.org/awana) beginning Sunday, August 2.

**Questions?** Visit the Children's Ministries station in August. Email your questions or your desire to be a leader to [rhccawana@comcast.net](mailto:rhccawana@comcast.net).

Would you like to reinforce your child's Sunday School lesson at home?

Go to the library TODAY to check out a Family Pack on the current character value.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR KIDS!

Earn various prizes! All kids may participate. Contest runs June 15 - August 30.

Visit the library TODAY to get started!