



COMMUNITY DOES IT MATTER?

BY PASTOR GREGG RAMONA

Another baby mysteriously dies at the Foundling Home. The infants are cared for by a nursing staff, their health inspected daily by a physician. Visitors wash their hands and wear sterile smocks. Yet by the end of two years, 34 of the original 91 infants have died.

Dr. Rene Spitz observes and ponders. Overworked nurses prop up feeding bottles. Babies aren't held or played with. The answer dawns on him: these babies are dying from a lack of just plain mothering. Babies need a consistent loving touch to thrive.

In spiritual terms, consistent meaningful relationships among believers provide the kind of touch that is vital in keeping Christians healthy and growing.

Scripture says, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

Too often, Christians are tempted to remain on the fringe of the church Body Life and sometimes just casually choose to drop out. The thinking is that "Nobody will miss me or that I'll probably be just fine on my own."

The reality is, as Believers in Christ, WE ARE WIRED FOR COMMUNITY! Our spiritual lives are maximized through fellowship and marginalized through isolation! Without active participation with others, faith can atrophy, love can wane, and obedience can be diminished.

At Rolling Hills, we place great value in strategic opportunities for the church to be gathered. We acknowledge the significance

of our **Large Gatherings** (Weekend Services) that provide Celebration and Learning.

We participate together in **Mid-Size Gatherings** (Body Life, retreats, barbecues, tailgates, etc) to enhance Unity and Edification.

Finally, our **Small Group gatherings** significantly contribute to spiritual **GROWTH** and **ACCOUNTABILITY**. We believe that the beginning steps to true discipleship are experienced through transparent relationships (one-on-one or in small groups) where accountability, learning, and trust are established. This is based on an important RHCC Core Value: "Truth flows best through meaningful relationships."

Each of these gatherings has their place in contributing to the building of "Community" at RHCC. We must practice the principle of being the church gathered in order to effectively carry out our mission to reach our world as the church scattered.

Are you making it a priority to get plugged in and connected? Have you recognized the primary ministry gatherings within our church? Have you discovered the rich treasure of meaningful relationships through dynamic community? We're not only better together, but it's essential that we be together for our own spiritual health, life, and productivity.

If you **BELONG** to the family, this may be the season to begin **PARTICIPATING** with the family in a more significant way. Because community matters, your individual involvement greatly matters!

Mark your calendar and join us for "Tailgate," our next (mid-size) gathering on September 20. It's about Fellowship, Fun, Food, Activities, Music and more... for the whole family!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

SUN., 6

- NURSING HOME OUTREACH MEETING

THURS., 10

- WOMEN'S PRAYER FELLOWSHIP BEGINS!
- AWANA BEGINS!

SUN., 13

- SAFE KIDS STRONG KIDS FREE SEMINAR

SAT., 19

- DESIGN SCIENCE

SUN., 20

- RHCC FALL TAILGATE

TUES., 22

- SEASONS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS!

TUES., 23

- HIGH SCHOOL AXESS BEGINS!

FRI., 25

- CASTING CROWNS CONCERT

SAT., 26

- DRAMA WORKSHOP & AUDITIONS

SUN., 27

- JR. HIGH FUSION BEGINS!
- SHORT-TERM MISSIONS FAIR

FOR MORE DETAILS
VISIT US ONLINE AT
rollinghills.org/events

RHCC Fall TAILGATE Returns!!

Join us on Sunday, September 20 from 3 - 7 PM for an All-Church parking lot gathering that will blow your socks off! We're once again anticipating hundreds of RHCC participants converging 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!

ADULT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Getting Connected at RHCC

Have you found your place in the Rolling Hills family? Are you discovering meaningful relationships?

Community Groups (small groups that meet 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

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP FAIR

Sunday, Sept. 27 in the Atrium Explore where God may be leading you to go and serve.

HOMELESS MINISTRY TRAINING

Sundays, October 4 & 11 • 11AM

Interested in serving the homeless or currently serving with Transitional Youth or Cold Weather Shelter?

To register, contact Kathy at kathy.harms@rollinghills.org

SAVE THESE DATES IN NOV.

Marriage Refresh • Sunday, Nov. 8 with Dr. Steve Stephens. You won't want to miss him!

Visit rollinghills.org for more info!

Moms In Touch International is hosting "Arise! Cry Out!" on Sat., Nov. 14 • 9AM - 1PM in the Fellowship Center • A worldwide day of extraordinary prayer for children and schools.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

visit rollinghills.org/womens-ministries

Seasons Morning and Evening Bible Study

Fall/Winter term begins Tues., Sept. 22:

• **P • O • W • E • R Walk**

Transformed by the Holy Spirit

• **New Beginnings and Betrayed Heart**

Register at the Women's Ministries station or online.

Aug. 30, Sept. 6 & 13. Note: To register children in our Morning Program you must do so in person, not online.

Women of Faith: A Grand New Day! Oct. 9 – 10.

RHCC has great seats for this 2-day event when you will laugh...cry...and realize you are not alone. Heart felt hilarious messages, gripping drama, and amazing music by some amazing women. Details and tickets available at the Women's Ministries station or contact Margie at margie.turner@rollinghills.org

Fall Preview • Look for our 2009 - 2010 brochures!

Hearts At Home Wed., Oct. 14 • 9:30 – 11:15 AM

Women Of Worth Thurs., Oct. 22 • 12 – 2 PM

Women's Prayer Fellowship begins Thurs., Sept. 10 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Gathering Room.

It's never too late to start. All women are welcome.

Colleen Jost • jostjc@hotmail.com

Shelby Peterson • sheblypete@aol.com

WANTED: NEW USHER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers are the friendly faces we can count on Sunday mornings at RHCC. Their very necessary and valuable role is to help visitors and newcomers avoid confusion and discomfort. Ushers put everyone at ease, so they are ready to learn how to think and live like Jesus. Currently we need 19 additional volunteers. Questions? Contact Donna at 503-638-5800 before noon or email donna.braun@rollinghills.org.

WELCOME MINISTRIES NEEDS YOU!

12 PARKS volunteers are needed each Sunday to effectively staff the parking lot. Serve one Sunday each month. Make it a party! Serve with your family; Father/Son (any age) teams are inspirational. How about it? Give Donna a call 503-638-5900.

CARE MINISTRIES 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 as we address these needs. Want to help mentor others through career transitions? Contact Brent at brentwilliamson@comcast.net. For more info, email becky.lomax@rollinghills.org.

Nursing Home and Assisted Care Outreach

Did you know that 80% of nursing home residents receive an average of less than one visit per month? "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40 NIV) Join us as we kick off the new year of ministry! Our first monthly meeting will take place Sun., Sept. 6 at 10:30 AM in the Courtyard Room. For more info, visit our rollinghills.org/nursing-home-assisted-care-outreach.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

visit rollinghills.org/mens-ministries

Pregnancy Resource Centers 2009 Life Invitational Golf Tournament Wed., Sept. 16 • 7:45 AM Shotgun start at Pumpkin Ridge's Ghost Creek Course. For more information, visit Portlandprc.org

WHOLENESS MINISTRIES

visit rollinghills.org/wholeness

Celebrate Recovery (CR) • Are you struggling with life? Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:17 NIV) CR is a spiritual plan of action that is based on God's power, not our own effort. We welcome all who are willing to reach out and grasp the hand that Jesus is offering. Wednesday Nights in the Back Room. Visit CR's website at rollinghillscr.org. **New Men's and Women's Step Studies available!**

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 Tuesday, Sept. 22. Register at the Women's Ministries station September 6 and 13, online at rollinghills.org/womens-seasons-bible-study, via confidential voicemail at 503-638-5900 x297, or diane.manchester@rollinghills.org

HEART • Healing and Encouragement for Abortion Related Trauma Are you, or is someone you know struggling with a past abortion(s)? If so, help is available. Men's and women's Bible study support groups start the weekend of September 25-26. Please call our confidential voicemail at 503-22-HEART for more information. A ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Centers of Greater Portland.

Safe Kids Strong Kids • Sun., Sept. 13 at 9 or 11 AM upstairs in preschool rooms 202-203. Learn skills to help protect your kids from sexual abuse. A free seminar for parents of children birth-5th grade.

2009 Men's Retreat • October 16-18! LIVING REAL – move from "acting" like Christians to thinking and living like Jesus. To get REAL we need open and honest relationships with God, ourselves, and others. This year's retreat is designed to challenge and strengthen you in all three areas. Hear great messages from by Pastor Bill and Pastor Dale, attend stimulating workshops with key leaders in our church, meet in small groups, and enjoy informal time with men like you.

Cascades Camp adds some exciting new opportunities this year: paintball, rubicon ATV racing, mountain bike riding, kayaking, canoeing, tournaments galore (Xbox, 3-on-3 basketball, 4-on-4 volleyball, tennis), and for real men—wake boarding, blobbing, iceberg climbing, and swimming in the lake. With great food, fewer guys per room, and cost saving camping options all an hour closer in an awesome setting at the foot of Mt. Rainer, it is going to be a great year! Sign up at the Men's Ministries station or contact Chuck Dalby • 503-631-2405 • chuck@libertykidz.org

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY SERVICE? NO WORRIES... Watch Sunday Sermons online at rollinghills.org/audio-video

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

visit rollinghills.org/childrens-ministries

TreeHouse commits to teaching children about Jesus Christ in a fun, relational and safe setting. Until we begin the new year of ministry on October 4, we have great need of TEMPORARY HELP (no lessons to teach!)

Sign up online at rollinghills.org/treehouse-volunteers or write "Summer TreeHouse" on a Welcome Card. Explore the dozens of ways and times to serve this fall at rollinghills.org/childrens-ministries.

AWANA returns for its 9th 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, Sept. 10 - May 13 • 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. Serve as a leader and guarantee your child's spot.

Register at rollinghills.org/awana

Questions? Visit the Children's Ministries station or email rhccawana@comcast.net.

Joyful Noise Brigade begins Monday, Sept. 21
5th graders on up, join us as we begin a new year of ministry serving the Lord using puppets and other creative means. Download the application at rollinghills.org/joyful-noise-brigade or pick one up at TreeHouse Central, inside the Warehouse, or outside the Back Room.

Healthy Start FREE Clackamas County-sponsored drop-in playgroup for parents and their preschoolers meets at Rolling Hills on Mondays, 10-11:30 AM. Healthy Start also sponsors the following programs that attenders are invited to:

FREE Dental Fluoride Varnish Monday, Sept. 14 during regular playgroup hours to children under 5.

Car Seat Safety Checks & Reduced Cost Car Seats
Offered by appointment only. Call 503-655-8601.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

visit 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.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

VISIT HSMWIRED.COM

High School Ministries Needs Leaders!
Invest your time, talents, and energy into our students. Contact Zoe Anne for more info.

Leader Training • Wednesday, Sept. 16 • 6-9 PM
in the Courtyard Room. Dinner is provided.

Axess Kickoff • Wednesday, Sept. 23 • 7-9 PM
This is a time for students to grow closer to God and each other. All High School students are welcome.

JR. HIGH MINISTRIES

VISIT 678LIVE.COM

Male Leaders for FUSION needed. Commitment on Sunday evenings, Sept.-May. Invest in the lives of young men. Contact Jen at jen.gulbrandson@rollinghills.org.

FUSION Leader Training Sun., Sept. 13 • 6:30-8:30 PM in the FC & Sun., Sept. 20 • 12:30-2:30 PM.

FUSION Begins • Sunday, Sept. 27 • 6:30-8:30 PM
in the Fellowship Center. It's a Meal Night!

Questions? Want more details of upcoming Jr. High & High School events? Contact Zoe Anne zoeanne.pilger@rollinghills.org

The 6th Annual RHCC Candlestick Players DRAMA WORKSHOP & AUDITIONS

Saturday, Sept. 26 • 10AM It's the perfect Drama workshop experience (ages 15 and older). Actors bring their talents, sharpen their skills, and enjoy other artists. Space limited. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 21 to Terry Lomax at 638-5900.

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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