

The Songs We Sing with Our Lives

“The Song of Love”

Psalm 18, 2 Samuel 22

“I (Jesus) have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

I love and praise you Lord because ...

You kept me safe in troubled times, vv. 2-19.

Many times I was in situations in which my life was at risk, yet I prayed and You always delivered.

You gave me Your righteousness by faith and I sought to be faithful to it, vv. 20-27 (Romans 4:1-8).

My heart was sincere, yet imperfect, and You always showed me mercy as I humbled myself before You.

You gave me strength so that I could overcome, by faith in You, in all my battles, vv. 28-45.

You are absolutely worthy to be trusted and praised, vv. 46-50.

You are the author and perfecter of my salvation.

Join us next weekend as Pastor Byron finishes his summer Psalm series, *The Songs We Sing with Our Lives*, with his sermon “The Song for the Future.” Please read Psalm 30 and 1 Chronicles 22 to prepare.

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August 13-14, 2011

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Pastor Byron MacDonald

Thank you for turning off your pagers and cell phones during services.

Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

SERVICE TIMES:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Worship Center, Contemporary Worship Music

Saturday, 6:45 p.m., the 290s, Education Bldg., Contemporary Worship Music

Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m., Worship Center, Blended Contemporary and Traditional Music

Sunday, Chapel Option, 10:45 a.m., North Campus Chapel, Video Message, Contemporary Music

Sunday, Canvas, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m., the 290s, Education Bldg., a Contemporary Worship Option

Sunday, 10:00 a.m., RHCC Community Center, Life on The Hill Outreach Service



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We are so happy you have joined us for worship today!



Starting Point is a 4-week orientation to RHCC and our purpose for ministry. Gain insight into God, the Bible, and our beliefs. The seminar meets in the library on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. to noon every other month. Our next series meets September 4 through 25. For more information, visit the Welcome Center.

Are you struggling? The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or naanderud@rhcc.net.

Here are some highlights of what's coming up at RHCC. For more information about all of our ministries, pick up the latest issue of *Connections* magazine.

Children's Ministries

We are still in need of 70 volunteers to join us in teaching our children about Jesus beginning September 3/4. If you are interested or have questions, we'd love to talk with you and help you find a position that fits your skills and personality. Check out the rolling boards on the patio following services or call us at 310.521.2541.

Pictorial Directory

We have just added our FINAL dates for you to have your photo taken for our church directory. You now have until September 17 to have your portrait taken. You will receive a free 8x10" photo along with a free church directory. Sign up at today RollingHillsCovenant.com/pictorial-directory. If you do not have access to the internet, you can make an appointment by calling our church office at 310.519.9406.

Have You Been Baptized?

If not, now is your chance! Sign up today for our all-church baptism taking place Sunday, August 21 at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Celebrate Recovery

Join us Fridays at 6:45 p.m. in the North Campus Chapel and find freedom from the issues that have kept you trapped and separated from the life that God has intended for you!

Student Ministries

Do you have a heart for students? We need people to come along-side our jr. high, high school, and college students. If you would like more information, please contact Lloyd Gilbert at 310.521.2537.

Worship Center Flowers

Flowers in the Worship Center have been donated by Bill and Karen Burns in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary. *Congratulations!*

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Chain: Peggy Snell at 310.539.0391 or Annette Johnson at 310.530.3292.

Giving Report (as of 8/7)

Giving goal (6/1/11-5/31/12):	\$6,790,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$1,137,239
Received YTD:	\$1,172,921
Over/Under YTD:	\$35,682
Needed last week:	\$113,905
Received last week:	\$174,917

As the economies of the world tumble, people are desperately seeking where to keep their money so it will be safe, and, if possible, have a good return. While I am not a skilled economic counselor, I can give you advice that will absolutely be right for you. Interestingly enough it comes from Jesus who had a lot to say about money. He encourages us there is one secure place of investment, as He taught in Matthew 6:19-21, *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Jesus says invest your money in Jesus' kingdom work, and not only will your investment be secure, it will pay dividends for eternity.

The trillions lost in stock markets these past two weeks are reflective of what security there is today in investments. Many find it ironic that Standard & Poor's, the rating agency that rated portfolios of bad mortgages as AAA+ if they had a good mortgage or two in the bundle, and thus contributed to the market meltdown, is now birthing another market meltdown by it's downgrading of the USA treasuries. Yet we must say there is some wisdom in their downgrading as we (the government and Federal Reserve) have maintained the value of the treasuries by printing more money and then buying them ourselves. It's hard to have confidence in a country that is paying 40% of its income to pay interest on debt as it continues to add to that debt by record deficit spending.

I did read one financial advisor this past weekend who was asked what should people do with their money, if the value of the dollar is sinking and investments are at risk, he said, "If you can find something of value to buy, buy it." I thought what great advice. And what could be of greater value than investing it in ministries that are reaching people for Christ and helping

people grow in Him? We have seen God moving in special ways in our church ministries and in our worldwide ministries. We had a two-man team in Congo that came back with such great reports of the church's resourcefulness for Christ in the midst of a country all but totally dysfunctional. I encourage you to keep your money invested in the ministries of the kingdom of God. It was always Jesus' command, but now it makes even more sense as we see all the securities man builds evaporating in the heat of financial crisis.

The other advice Jesus gave on money was not to let fear or anxiety rob you of your peace in Christ. He taught us that God takes care of those who seek Him. Jesus said in Matthew 6:25, 32, *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ... But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* As we make our priority to know Jesus intimately and to share His love and truth passionately, God promises He will watch over us and provide what we need. Our task is to keep life in focus, and God promises His goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives (Psalm 23:6).

Also, as we read the Bible and the description of the last times when Jesus comes back for His church, things are unfolding exactly as the prophets of God foretold. Jesus will give us the grace we need each day, but we also need to lift up our eyes to the promise of Jesus's coming, and let that be our hope. As the Bible says at the end, *"Come, Lord Jesus!"* And then the promise with it, *"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all."* In Jesus, we have all the help we need, we have hope and we have the opportunity to use the moment and money for Christ and His kingdom. May God bless us as we do.

Pastor Byron welcomes your questions/comments at bmacdonald@rhcc.net