Sermon Notes

"From Great to Good"
Acts 10:36-38

Ministry of Mercy

Focus: Improving another's life for _____ - from need to temporary improvement.

Mercy: "God's attitude and action toward those in distress."

Ministry of Empowerment

Focus: Improving another's life for a _____ - from dependence to _____.

Ministry of Evangelism

Focus: Making another's life better for _____ - from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light - destiny is forever changed.

Application:
What is our measure of being a good church?

What if...?

Join us next weekend as Pastor Andy Noch speaks on *Sacred Creations.*
Please read Genesis 2:7 to prepare.

Pastor's Chat

A few months ago several of us on the RHCC pastoral team were blessed to hear Eric Swanson speak in San Diego at the National Outreach Convention. Eric is the co-author of *The Externally Focused Church* and *Living a Life on Loan.* He also serves as the Leadership Community Director for Leadership Network, an organization that helps equip churches all over America for more effective ministry.

After we heard him speak, we all agreed that it would be great to have him share with the church family at RHCC. So, we're thrilled to have him as our guest speaker this weekend. We hope that you will benefit from his teaching, as we have so far.

No doubt Eric will remind us, as the apostle Paul did in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, that we are not our own. We belong to God. And further, God has a purpose for our lives beyond salvation. We are to live lives, by God's power, to make a difference in this world.

Each of us have found great meaning and purpose in our lives through knowing Christ as our Lord and Savior. But, that's not true for most people in this world. It's not true for most people in our community either. The South Bay alone consists of over half a million people who have yet to receive Christ into their lives. Spiritually, they live in danger and darkness.

That's where we come in. Part of God's plan is to use us to reach others. He could have done it some other way, but this is the way He chose. And, it works. Think about it. As you look back on your life and reflect on how you came to know Jesus in a saving way, there was most likely someone who was instrumental in that coming about. There was somebody whose life or words made an eternal difference in your life and God wants us to be that somebody in the lives of others.

Fortunately, it's God's plan, not ours, and He is the power behind it. We just need to be willing participants. God can't use us if we're determined to stand on the sidelines. We need to 'get in the game' so to speak. In fact, that's the theme for this weekend—"Get in the Game."

Thankfully, it's not that hard. You don't need to be a gifted evangelist for God to use you. You just need to be grateful. I often remind people that it's not technique or talent that drives evangelism, it's gratitude—to just be grateful for what God has done for you through Christ and to want others to experience that as well.

This weekend we're going to present to you four easy ways to 'get in the game,' four things any of us can do and God can use to make an eternal difference in someone's life. So let's all be determined not to stay on the sidelines, but to get involved in what God is doing to reach lost people, and be that somebody in someone's life that makes a difference.

Serving with you,

Pastor Steve Bunyard
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Welcome To
Rolling Hills Covenant Church

Celebrating 50 Years of Sharing God's Love

April 14-15, 2007
Evangelism Emphasis Weekend

"From Great to Good"
Acts 10:36-38
Eric Swanson

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Worship Center
and 6:45 p.m., the 290s
Contemporary Worship Music

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

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

Canvas: Sunday, 5:30 p.m.
North Campus Chapel
Worship for the Emerging Generation

Church: A Living Picture
"Judgment and Forgiveness: Forgiven"
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Pastor Shawn Hurley

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.

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

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church — a caring community of people who uphold the teachings of the Bible and Jesus Christ.

We endeavor to know Jesus intimately and to share His love and truth passionately. We encourage you to celebrate new life in Him at our worship services, connect in fellowship through small groups, and contribute your time and talents to ministering the love of Christ to others.

Welcome

Welcome, guests! We are so happy you have joined us for worship today. We want you to feel you belong at Rolling Hills Covenant Church and that there is a place for you here to:

- Celebrate (in corporate worship)
- Connect (through small group community), and
- Contribute (minister to others)

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 at 10:45 a.m. every other month. The next seesion begins May 6. For more information, visit the Starting Point table following services.

STARTING POINT
Your Journey Begins Here

Are you struggling?
The Pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you just need prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay for your long-term counseling needs. Contact Pastor Vergil Best at 310-521-5273 or vbest@rhcc.net.

Connecting This Weekend...

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES ON SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.	Sonrise Class, Rm. 283, Main Campus
8:50 a.m.	Voyagers, Carlson Hall, Main Campus
9:00 a.m.	Connections Class, Rm. 303, North Campus
	Faith Builders, Conference Room, Main Campus
	Homebuilders, Rm. 293, Main Campus
9:30 a.m.	Single Adults (30s-40s), Rm. 202, North Campus
10:45 a.m.	Prime Time Singles (50+), Rm. 201, North Campus
	Turning Point, Rm. 301, North Campus
	VowBuilders (married couples), Rm. 303, North Campus

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Saturday:
Nursery, Main Campus Lower Level Education Building
2 yrs. - 6th Grade, Main Campus Education Building

Sunday:
Nursery, Main Campus Lower Level Education Building
2 yrs. - 6th Grade, Main Campus Education Building
Canvas: Nursery - 6th Grade, Rms. 201, 202 & 303, North Campus

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday 10:45 a.m.:
Ten:45 (Jr. High), Carlson Hall, Main Campus
Treehouse (High School), the 290s, Main Campus

Kids' Zone
Children in grades 3 & 4 are encouraged to sit with their parents or in the "Kids' Zone" in the front right-hand side of the Worship Center. They will be dismissed to their classes shortly after the start of the service.

Shuttle Service to/from Main Campus
Avoid parking lot congestion and ride the shuttle Sunday morning. For your convenience, a shuttle service runs between campuses on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. as well as to the overflow parking lot behind Jack in the Box. Please do not cross Palos Verdes Drive North on foot!

Announcements

For additional RHCC ministry news,
please pick up the April/May ***Expressions*** magazine
or go to www.RollingHillsCovenant.com

Through the Bible
We have just started the New Testament. If you missed the Old Testament, now is a good time to jump in! Through the Bible meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the Worship Center. No registration is necessary. You can pick up a reading schedule in the lobby or at www.RollingHillsCovenant.com.

Friendship Café this Tuesday!
Join us Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the North Campus Chapel as Carol Gibbs speaks about *Spiritual Spring Cleaning.* Carol willl share practical ways to clear out bad habits and replace them with good ones. Cost is $11. You can purchase tickets after services at the Communication Windows.

Nursery Volunteers Needed
Volunteers are urgently needed in the nursery for the 5:00 and 6:45 Saturday evening services. If you can help, please contact Sharon Jones at 310-521-2546.

Adult Education Program
Sign up now for the Spring Semester of the Adult Education Program. Classes include photography, bridge, Spanish, and more! Pick up a brochure in the lobby for more information.

Workers Needed
Skilled and unskilled workers are needed the last three weekends in April to help build a clinic in Alamar, Mexico. Especially needed are a lead plumber and finish carpenter. Sign up on the patio after services. For more information, skilled workers should call Dave Wendorff at 310-701-5552 and all other volunteers call Cathy Johnson at 310-408-6885.

Got Gifts? Not Sure?
Find out what your spiritual gifts are and where to best use them at the next "Finding Your Ministry Fit" class on Sunday, April 22 at 10:45 a.m. in the Library. To register or for more information, call 310-521-2518.

Women of Faith
Join thousands of women at the Honda Center in Anaheim on September 7 and 8 for two amazing days of laughter, music, and messages from dynamic speakers. The theme is *Amazing Freedom, Let your spirit soar!* Sign up at the Communication Windows following services.

Small Group for Couples
Join Rob Orr for a special 7-week small group series designed for married couples on Fridays at 7 p.m. in Room 303, North Campus. For more information, call Rob at 310-378-8506.

Car Needed for Missionary
A vehicle is needed for a missionary home from Central Asia through June 30. If you can help, please call Reggie in our Global Outreach office at 310-521-5274.

New Small Group Series
There are two new small group series that will be starting this spring. *Jesus' Greatest Moments* will focus on the week of the passion of Christ. Rick Warren's *40 Days of Purpose* will also start for those who didn't have a chance to participate earlier or who wish to review the material. Cost for each series is $5. Sign up at Grand Central after services.

Worship Center Flowers
Flowers in the Worship Center have been donated in memory of Andy Dugas from his loving wife Judy and family.

Prayer Ministry
Hospitalized: Noah Brownell, newborn son of Jeff and Jennifer Brownell.
Bereavements: Please pray for Casey and Andrea Figlewicz and families on the homegoing of their newborn daughter Taylor Grace; Hilary Ferris and family on the homgoing of her mother Margie Holman; Bob and Mary Gentry on the homegoing of their daughter Pam.
Prayer Chain: Peggy Snell at 310-539-0391 or Annette Johnson at 310-530-3292.

Thank You RHCC
Bob and Mary Gentry wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of love and prayers they've received following the homegoing of their daughter, Pam. "God has been faithful as has our church family." They feel truly blessed to be a part of His family here at RHCC.

Giving Report

Budgeted expenditures for March:	$??
Actual expenditures:	$??
Difference:	$??
Anticipated giving in March:	$??
Actual giving:	$??
Difference:	$??
Budgeted expenditures for April:	$??

Connecting & Contributing This Week...

ADULT MINISTRIES
Adult Bible Class, Wed., 9:30 a.m. to Noon, Rm. 201, North Campus
Adult Educational Program, Thurs., 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Rm. 201, North Campus
Alpha Course, Tues., 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., Rm. 201, North Campus
Disciplers Bible Study, Wed., 7 to 8:45 p.m., North Campus Chapel
Through the Bible Study, Tues., 7 p.m., Worship Center (Matthew 10-19)

FAMILY MINISTRIES
Marriage Small Group Series, Fri., 7 to 8:30 a.m., Rm. 303, North Campus

MEN'S MINISTRIES
Every-Other-Friday Bible Study, Fri., 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Rm. 301, North Campus
God's Fraternity, Sat., 7:30 to 9 a.m., Rm. 281, Main Campus

OUTREACH MINISTRIES
ACTS Outreach, Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rm. 303, North Campus
Holy Tearers, Wed., Noon to 3 p.m., Rm. 304, North Campus
Japanese Bible and Tea Time, Tues., 9:30 a.m. to Noon, Rm. 281, Main Campus
Passport to English (ESL), Thurs., 9:30 to 11:15 a.m., Rm. 281, Main Campus
Smile Makers Workshop, Mon., 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Rm. 301, North Campus

PRAYER
Prayer & Study, Thurs., 6:30 to 9 p.m., Rm. 303, North Campus
Prayer, Wed., 10:30 a.m. to Noon & Thurs., Noon to 1 p.m., Prayer Room, Main Campus
Prayer & Fasting, Wed., Noon to 1 p.m., Rm. 204, North Campus

SUPPORT GROUPS
Career/Job Support, Tues., 6 to 8 p.m., Rm. 303, North Campus
Celebrate Recovery, Thurs., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (dinner provided), North Campus Chapel
Divorce Recovery, Thurs., 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rm. 282, Main Campus
GriefShare, Sat., 9 to 11 a.m., Rm. 201, North Campus
Healthy Emotions & Relationship Training, Tues., 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rm. 282, Main Campus
Sonshine Class (mentally challenged adults), Sun., 9 to 10:15 a.m., Rm. 201, No. Campus
StandUp Parenting, Tue., 7 to 9 p.m., Rm. 281, Main Campus

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
In-Depth Discipleship, Mon. 9:30 to Noon, Rm. 281, Main Campus
In-Depth Discipleship I, Sat., 7 to 9 a.m., Rm. 304, North Campus
Evening M.O.P.S., Fri., 6:30 to 9 p.m., Rm. 281, Main Campus
Mom's Bible Study, Thurs., 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Rm. 294, Main Campus
M.O.P.S., Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Noon, Carlson Hall, Main Campus
Young M.O.T.S., Tues., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Rm. 280, Main Campus

WORSHIP, MUSIC & CREATIVE ARTS
Contemporary Worship Team, Wed., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Choir Room, Main Campus
God's Childrensingers Rehearsal, Mon., 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Rm. 281, Main Campus
God's Kids Rehearsal, Mon., 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Rm. 293, Main Campus
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Thurs., 7:15 to 9 p.m., Choir Room, Main Campus
Theatre five:16 Drama Rehearsal, Mon., 7 to 9:30 p.m., North Campus Chapel

For more information about any of these classes,
pick up the 2006-2007 *Directory of Classes, Programs & Ministries.*

Where will you go?

We are sending 50 short-term mission teams this year in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. The trips range from one day to several weeks. If you are interested in blessing others through one of these experiences, contact Brad Sandelius at bsandelius@rhcc.net or 310-521-2517 for more information.