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We are a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

**Our mission is to know Jesus intimately
and to share His love and truth passionately.**

August 25-26, 2018

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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.

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!

SATURDAY: 5pm - Worship Center
SUNDAY: 8 & 9:30am - Worship Center (Choir)
9:30am - 290s
11:15am - Worship Center & 290s

LANGUAGE OPTIONS:

RHCC en Español
Saturday, 5pm, 290s
Japanese Service
Sunday, 11:15am
North Campus Chapel



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Join Rooted and Get Connected with others at RHCC!

Over the course of 10 weeks, you will meet with a group of people to talk about what God has been revealing to you as you go through readings, journal entries, and prayer. Experience life in Him that is marked by community, authenticity and generosity. Our Fall session begins September 11. Pick up a brochure in the seat backs or Welcome Center.

For more information about what is going on at RHCC this month, pick up a copy of *What's Happening*.

Meet the Christensens & Dedricks

Come to Carlson Hall on Sunday, August 26 at 1 pm to meet Mike & Stacey Christensen, Christian & Marcie Dedrick, and their families, and hear about their work in Central Asia. A light lunch will be served.

Marriage Retreat

Sign up today for our marriage retreat at the luxurious La Quinta Resort & Club October 12-14. **Sign up by August 31 to get the early bird discount!** Go to rhcc.events to register and get more information.

Join our Choir or Orchestra

Looking to serve God through singing or playing and instrument? Join our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra! Contact Theresa Cochran at 310.521.2514 for information.

Jobs Available

- Video/Media Coordinator (F/T)
- Audio Coordinator (F/T)
- Childcare Worker (P/T)

Go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs for info.

We're here for you! 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 Pastor Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or naanderud@rhcc.net.

Prayer Ministry

Homegoings:

- Pray for Mia Ellison on the homegoing of her mother, Joyce Ellison.
- Pray for Gloria Fahringer on the homegoing of her husband, Tom.
- Pray for the family and friends of Marjorie Abbott on her homegoing.
- Pray for Shairl Wallace on the homegoing of her mother, Pearl Goodwin.

Prayer Chain: Submit prayer requests to Vicki Hardin at Chaplain_Vicki@aol.com or 310.612.7832, by yellow card or at RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer.

Need a hospital or home visit? Call the Ministers of Congregational Care at 323.825.9694.

Weekly Giving Report (as of August 19)

Giving goal (6/1/18-5/31/19):	\$7,930,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$1,452,984
Received YTD:	\$1,618,937
Over/Under YTD:	\$165,953
Needed last week:	\$148,516
Received last week:	\$122,433

Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.

I've been a Christian for 41 years. Sometimes I'll still look at a passage and then look at my life, compared to other Christians, and wonder are we reading out of the same book? It seems, at times, there is a vast difference to how we live versus how Scripture tells us how we should live. For example, Scripture says in Matthew 6:25, "...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." Do we really live a life that is not anxious about tomorrow? I think about all the times we are anxious about our finances, employment, relationships, retirement, etc. Why don't we believe the Bible when it says, "Don't be anxious!" Or how, when Jesus pointed in a crowded room and said, "*Who are my mother and my brothers?*" And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, "*Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.*" – Mark 3: 31-35. Do we really believe and treat every believer like a brother, sister, or mother? Living a life of what the Bible says is hard, but it's good for us, and better yet, it honors God.

As I look at the description of the early church in Acts 2, I am amazed at the contrast with how the first century church lived and how we should live in our churches. In Acts 2:42 it says, "*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*" In other words, the early church held on to their possessions very lightly. They didn't hoard things or declare anything was of their own. They lived with an attitude that if someone needed something, it was their personal responsibility to take care of it.

As I think about our Life Groups this Fall, I am encouraged that we have a place to live out the caring component of our Christian life. Where else are you going to truly live out your Christian faith other than with a group of a few others

who truly know you, and who you truly know? I don't think the 59 "one anothers" in the Bible was meant to be practiced in a weekend large service. Rather, they were meant for a smaller context, where we can know intimately what struggles people are going through.

Recently, I heard of an Elder who read Acts 2:42-47 as part of their devotion during a meeting. They all agreed the description of how the early church took care of each other wasn't uniquely for them. Rather, it is still a call today of how we should take care of each other. At the end of the meeting, one Elder said I'm willing to try to live like this. Then another followed, and soon all of them were in. After they prayed, they hugged and made a pact with each other and agreed if anything should happen to each other's families, they would make sure their wives and kids were taken care of. Whatever it took...financially, emotionally, a place to live, whatever! They left that meeting feeling a little closer to God and to each other. For they knew they were closing the gap on what Scripture taught and how they lived.

Next weekend, we will have the opportunity to join a Life Group out on the patio. We believe it is always a divine appointment when a group decides to accept someone like a brother, sister, or mother. We also believe it's a divine appointment when someone seeks to bless a group that is open.

If you have not joined Rooted before, we hope you will join us on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in Carlson Hall. There we will introduce you to a group and provide you with the Rooted workbook. If you have done Rooted before, and are not currently in a group, we hope you will find a Life Group next weekend to join. All open groups will be displayed out on the patio after services.

~ Pastor Vance Hartzell