

What the World Needs Now is
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- I. The Coming of Love - 1 John 4:7-11

- II. The Need for Love
 - A. Love is the foundation for every commandment. - Matt. 22:35-39

 - B. Love needs to be our top priority. - 1 Cor. 14:1

 - C. Love demonstrates to the world that we love God. - John 13:35

 - D. Life is all about learning to express love.

- III. The Time for Love
 - A. Love leaves a legacy. - 1 Cor. 13:13

 - B. Love is best expressed through time. - 1 John 3:18

- IV. The Response to Love

“The best use of life is love. The best expression of love is time.
The best time to love is now” - Rick Warren

Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church!

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.**

January 20-21, 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.

SERVICE TIMES

WORSHIP CENTER: Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Contemporary Worship Music
Sunday, 8:00 & 9:30 a.m., Blended Music
Sunday, 11:15 a.m., Contemporary Worship Music
THE 290S (Ed. Bldg.): Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Spanish Worship Service (en Español)
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship Music
Sunday, 11:15 a.m., The Gathering
NORTH CAMPUS: Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Japanese Worship Service, North Campus Chapel, 日本語礼拝



Want to connect with others at RHCC? Join Rooted!

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 the week's readings, journal entries, and prayer.

Experience life in Him that is marked by community, authenticity and generosity. Our Winter session begins the week of January 16. Pick up a brochure in the seat backs or Welcome Center.

For more information about what else is going on at RHCC this month, pick up *What's Happening in the blue boxes* or a copy of our *Ministry Catalog*.

Estate Planning Seminar

The Stewardship Commission is offering an Estate Planning seminar this Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 301, North Campus.

The seminar is designed to help you look at your resources through God's eyes and to ask the right questions in planning your estate. Joining us will be Debra Caldin, longtime RHCC attendee and attorney specializing in estates and trusts. Refreshments will be provided.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

It takes hundreds of volunteers every weekend to help our children learn about Jesus. We are currently in need of the following volunteers:

- Saturday - 4/5th grade volunteer
- Sunday - K/1st grade volunteers (3 needed)

You can sign up for these or any other position in Children's Ministries by contacting Shannon Magaña at smagana@rhcc.net or 310.521.2540.

Jobs Available

- Special Needs Coordinator (P/T)
- Worship Arts Assistant (P/T)

For more information about these positions, go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs.

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.

Time Out for Parents

- *Mom's Day Out* is now offered every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon for children birth-5 years.
- *Parent's Night Out* is offered the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6 to 9 p.m. for children up to 12.

Get more information or reserve your "time out" by contacting Natalia Dover at ndover@rhcc.net or 310.521.2539.

Prayer Ministry

Homegoings:

- Please pray for the friends and family of Bill Fawell following his homegoing.
- Please pray for Jim and Kimberly Creasman on the homegoing of Jim's mother, Lynn.
- Please pray for Angelique Erickson, our Accounting Assistant, on the homegoing of her father, Michael Coleman.

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.

Weekly Giving Report (as of 1/14)

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$8,100,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$5,439,732
Received YTD:	\$5,191,545
Over/Under YTD:	(\$248,187)
Needed last week:	\$116,355
Received last week:	\$118,952

A sad part of our difficult times recently is what we have learned through the #metoo movement. This movement started with women in the entertainment industry sharing their stories of sexual abuse. It is appalling to think of how pervasive it has been for women and men to be subjected to systemic sexual harassment and abuse. The #metoo movement quickly went from the entertainment world to other places in our society. We must acknowledge that the mistreatment of women is not only in the world outside the church, it is too often a part of the church world as well. The #metoo movement quickly developed into #churchtoo, to tell the stories of those abused in marriage, children being sexually violated, and those spiritually abused in the name of God. The stories tell too often that the counsel of some pastors is to submit to the husband's abuse, and to blame the victims as if somehow they have invited the abuse.

I am aware that as we have dealt with the issues of male/female leadership in the church, that often in our church's past and present those principles have been used to reinforce abuse. It is our intent, as a preaching team, to address these issues in a coming teaching series. We want to have that important discussion as a church family as to what the Bible does and does not say on this topic. We want to have a church where women are valued, honored, safe, and freely contributing as new creations in Christ that God gave much to contribute.

As we saw in our study of Martha and Mary from Luke 10:38-42, Mary was at Jesus' feet as He was teaching. In Jesus' day, that was not a place a woman was to be. It was men who were to be taught. Yet, with Jesus, women were welcomed as His disciples. A group of women, of some wealth, supported Jesus in His ministry. It was a woman caught in adultery who found Jesus protecting her from the crowd and calling her to new choices in life. It was a woman who was the first witness of the resurrected Jesus and it was her that was the first messenger sent to tell

others that He is risen. It was two women that the Apostle Paul said labored side by side with him.

We also know that leadership positions in the home or church are not command and control positions, but rather men are called to act as servants and are accountable before God for their fulfillment of those roles. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church. We know Jesus died for the church, so the love of a husband is to be self-denying, which is rooted in the desire to love his wife and to help build her up to the fullness of who Jesus is making her to be. We know the elders are to tend and care for the sheep as gentle shepherds. Our authority is in making sure the Word is taught in truth and holding us accountable to the truth.

My counsel to women in abusive relationships is that God wants them safe, and the church must do all it can to protect her. We have helped women find safe housing rather than go back to marriages where they may be at risk. We have dealt in the strongest way possible when we learn of any instance of sexual abuse of children or youth. We act with immediacy when there are men who are predators among our women. We grieve over a world in which there are so many men acting outside of the will of God. We want to teach the Word of God so well that no man could ever cover his mistreatment of women behind any cover of Scripture.

We also are committed, as church leadership, to be sure that the wisdom and counsel of women is part of every decision. We think we can do much better in this. A true view of men and women in a complementary view is that each has strengths needed for the other. After all, the woman was created because it was the man who needed help. As I said, we will spend a fuller time teaching on this soon and we will have some forums where discussion will be invited. In the meantime, let's do all we can to make sure at RHCC there are no more stories added to #churchtoo.

Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald

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