

Your Money Talks
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Pastor Nori Terashima

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.

June 9-10, 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.

Next Weekend's Scripture Emphasis
James 1:2-8, 12

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



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 Summer session begins June 26. 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* or our *Ministry Catalog*.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We are looking for fun-loving volunteers to join our VBS team the mornings of July 23-27. Volunteers receive 1 FREE child registration, along with free childcare for infants/toddlers. You can find more information or sign up at www.rhcc.events.

Join the Children's Ministries Team!

Be part of a dedicated team of volunteers helping our kids learn about Jesus. You can serve every weekend or just once a month. Summer and Fall opportunities are available. We especially need volunteers for our summer session (June 24-September 9). Come to the table on the patio following services for more information.

Missionary Needs

- Nancy Manoly is in need of a car June 19-27 and a car and housing July 12-23.
- The Dedrick family of five will be visiting August 17-31 and are in need of a car and housing.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Nandi at nroszhart@rhcc.net or 310.521.5274.

Children's Musical

Enjoy a night of family fun as our children choir presents "God's Country 4 Kids" on Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Jobs Available

- Information Technology Director (F/T)
 - Global Outreach Admin. Asst. (P/T)
 - Early Childhood Associate (P/T)
- Go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs for info.

Prayer Ministry

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 June 3)

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$7,930,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$121,982
Received YTD:	\$175,172
Over/Under YTD:	\$53,190
Needed last week:	\$121,982
Received last week:	\$175,172

Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.

"Yes, the Gospel sounds good, but I am going back to Japan next month", was the response from a lady who was in the South Bay for her husband's business. She had the experience of attending a church in another state in the US; therefore coming to worship on Sundays and Bible studies during a week at RHCC was not her first experience. She wanted to know more about Jesus, which is why she started coming to RHCC when her family relocated to the South Bay few years ago. And yet, after a year of coming to our worship services and Bible studies, when she was encouraged to make a decision to accept Jesus as her Savior and the Lord of her life, that was her response above. She said that if she was staying in the US for the rest of her life, she would certainly be interested in knowing Jesus and probably believe the Gospel. However, her reason for not pursuing the Gospel was because she was going to back to Japan. You might wonder what happens once she goes back to Japan. Will she give up her desire of knowing Jesus? In the nation of Japan, Shintoism and Buddhism are the two major religions. Both are deeply rooted into the society and woven into people's lives. Shintoism, meaning the "way of gods" is a nature worshiping religion that honors ancestors. It has traditionally had strong bonds with the Japanese state, emperor and culture.

The Asian culture as a whole, not just Japan, is about "showing honor and respect to other people." Self-centeredness and ego are considered extremely immature and detested. The difficulty for Japanese Christians is that Shintoism is so woven into the ethical code, that if you reject joining your family to worship your ancestors, because you believe Jesus is your Savior and Lord of your life, your family would look at you as eccentric and strange, or even worse, disrespectful to your ancestors. That is what she is afraid of. Upon returning

to Japan, she could easily calculate the cost at stake for her pursuit of Jesus. I pray and hope that she can find a good church where the Bible is taught and she can meet many people who love Christ as their Lord. This is the reality of people who are going back to Japan. Once they are back into the "normal" Japanese culture, it is so hard for them to follow Jesus and His Word on a daily basis.

This applies to all the Japanese people who come to know Jesus and surrender their lives to Him at RHCC and then go back to Japan. When they ask me what to do when they go back, one thing I usually tell them is that believing in Christ Jesus as your Savior and Lord is about your personal relationship with Him. I am not saying it is okay to be Christian and yet still continue practicing Shintoism or Buddhism. However, I believe it helps them to think again how they can explain their faith in Christ to their families who probably have no idea about the Gospel. When they tell their families that they will no longer be a part of ancestor worship rituals and practices, they can explain why. It is because they worship Christ Jesus alone and He is the most important in their lives. Only by knowing the Gospel deeper and knowing who Jesus is in their lives will help them to explain or even take that opportunity to share the Gospel with their families. I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support for us in the Japanese Ministry to be able to continue reaching out to Japanese people in the South Bay to equip and prepare them to go back to Japan with the eternal hope and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Nori Terashima
Pastor of Japanese Ministries

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.