

THE PATHWAY

Our Mission

To worship the Lord Jesus Christ, taking His message of salvation to all peoples and developing the body of believers to maturity in Him...

. . . by showing our commitment to one another by declaring fellowship with the Lord and members in this congregation and by encouraging each other through our social interactions in large and small group opportunities.

. . . by meeting together on Sunday as a group to express our praise and adoration to God for the resurrection of Jesus on the first day of the week

. . . by communicating by verbal statement and by personal example of the activity of grace on our behalf which entailed the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

. . . by providing opportunities that encourage each of our members to constantly review their faith and grow in their spiritual walk with God.



A WALK DOWN THE PATH

**On: Great November Gone,
Great December Come**

Our Harvest Weekend Celebration was terrific!

The Harvest Prayer Chain was terrific! Once again this year this prayer ministry was engaged for 18 hours. Even though we had some families unavailable that weekend, we still had a great participation. Some folks waded into this prayer venture for the first time. That's great to see. Spending 30 minutes in prayer is something that many people have not experienced and it can sound daunting. But when one avails himself or herself to the opportunity, one learns that the time is structured so that the prayer appointment flies by rather quickly. We may expand the hours some next year and challenge even more people to participate in the prayer effort.

The Harvest Offering totaled a terrific \$11,479! Last year we surpassed our goal just a little bit. We are never certain how the offering will turn out, above or below the goal. Regardless of the amount, the money will be used for Kingdom work in our various mission field interests. This year's goal was \$9,555 and as you can see our congregation gave well beyond that. It is gratifying to be a part of a generous body of believers. The Missions team will disperse these funds and inform us of their decisions at our annual meeting in February.

The Harvest Celebration was terrific, also! The food was splendid. Lots of seasonal Thanksgiving foods were enjoyed. (I didn't hear about anyone going home hungry, although I may have heard about a couple belts getting loosened during the evening!) David Smart helped us with our celebration day with some wonderful guitar music in the morning and an enjoyable concert following our evening supper. We are fortunate to be able to have someone with his exceptional talent and experience who is willing to assist us from time to time in such an affordable manner.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Beginning on Sunday, December 7, we will take nominations for church leadership. Nomination forms will be available in the bulletins December 7 and 14. From those nominations, a slate of nominated leaders will be recommended by the board to the congregation.

Our Advent and Christmas Preparations will be great!

Advent candle lighting will begin each worship service during December. Every Sunday morning one of our elders' families will begin our worship with a reminder of Christmas' purpose... the advent of Jesus. The concluding candle will be lit Christmas Eve.

Sisters-In-Service Christmas Salad Sampler will be December 14. Elsewhere in this newsletter are details regarding this enjoyable evening for women of the church. This is also an excellent opportunity to invite friends to attend with you who perhaps are not involved in a church themselves.

Christmas Caroling Family Fun Night will be December 21. Check out the information found within the newsletter for some details of this seasonal song-fest. Once again we plan to sing for the fine residents at Presbyterian Manor. The bigger the caroling group, the better we sound! All voices and all ages are welcome and encouraged to join in. We'll end up at the Boutz home for a relaxed fellowship of shared snacks. Be sure to get in on the fun.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion will be at 6:00. Begin your family Christmas observations by joining your faith family in a brief but meaningful worship. Our first thoughts as we celebrate the birth of Christ should be on the ministry of Christ for us and our ministry for Christ in our milieu.

Thanksgiving is an acknowledgment of God's generosity of provision for our physical needs as was begun by the Pilgrims a few centuries ago. Christmas is an acknowledgement of God's generosity of provision for our spiritual needs as was begun by the church many centuries ago. We've enjoyed the one. Now it's time to enjoy the other equally well. I look forward to seeing you in worship on Sunday.

Steve

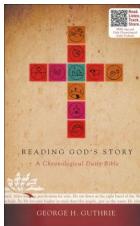
The Elders and Deacons will have a board meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2015, to discuss any business that will be brought before the church at the all-church meeting, which is held the first Sunday in February. Make plans to join us for that meeting at 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READ THE BIBLE IN 2015!

Daily Reading Bible

For our Bible Reading Plan in 2015, we plan to purchase copies of the HCSB's **"Reading God's Story: Chronological Daily Bible."** This Bible is available for \$13, and orders must be placed by **Sunday, December 7.** Checks can be made to RHCC, with a note in the memo line that the money is for the daily reading Bible. If paying with cash, please place it in a clearly-marked envelope.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Steve plans to lead a casual Bible study, based on our Chronological Bible readings, on Wednesday nights starting January 7. If you have any questions or comments you'd like to discuss about what you're reading in the Bible, this is a great opportunity to learn more and dig deeper.

MEETINGS:

Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, Dec. 28, 7:30 a.m.

All the men are welcome to come to the men's breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds on the last Sunday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Christmas Salad Sampler, Sunday, Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m.

 Ladies, join us on Sunday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m., for our annual Christmas Salad Sampler! We will enjoy one another's company as we eat snacks together and wrap gifts for children in foster care. This year we are asking everyone to bring a toy or book for a child with KVC, our local foster care agency. Our goal is to have one gift per child, and there are nearly 100 children still needing gifts.

There is a Christmas tree in the church foyer with paper mitten gift suggestions. Choose one or many children and bring 1 gift for each mitten, from the list of suggested gifts printed there. Gifts should be labeled with the mitten, and not yet wrapped, since we will wrap gifts during the Salad Sampler. We'll have lots of fun—invite your friends!

Even if you cannot attend the event, please consider donating a toy or book from the mitten tree, and placing it in the bin next to the tree by Dec. 14.

Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

A weekly daytime Bible study for ladies meets at the church on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Ever After Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesday, Dec. 2

For those ladies involved in the study, Ever After, led by Anna Seehorn, our first study meeting is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., here at the church. We will watch the video for session 1, and will continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

SERVING

Cleaning Crews

The Bob Coffman Cleaning Crew (Crew 1) is cleaning for the month of December. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all they do!

Communion Preparation

Communion for worship services is prepared by volunteers. If you would like to prepare weekly communion for a month in 2015, please sign up in the foyer.



Serving Schedules

The Serving Schedule for the first quarter of 2015 will be available in the church foyer in mid-December. An announcement will be made in the bulletin when it is ready.

WITH THANKS:

Thanks for inviting me to share my music with Rolling Hills Church. As always, this was a very enriching opportunity. You are so blessed to be among such a caring and generous group of people. I'm looking forward to serving with you again. Let's do it soon!

Thanks again, David Smart

P.S. Special thanks to your family for their personal welcome, to Bryan (and team) for their pro tech support and to your fine chefs for sharing the Harvest Feast. This was a terrific event. God bless the work that you continue to do.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

50+ Fellowship Cedar Crest Tour, Mon., Dec. 8, 2 p.m.

If you would care to take a free, 45 minute guided tour of Cedar Crest, decorated for the Christmas season, please sign the list on the foyer table. Our tour will be Monday, December 8, at 2 p.m. We are allowed to take photos inside the home, and tours are only cancelled due to inclement weather if USD 501 is cancelled. For parking, follow the drive around to the west side of the building. There are 3-4 steps to enter the mansion; if that will be a problem, let Shirley know and a solution will be shared with you. Contact Shirley Christenberry with questions: 235-6064.

Family Fun Night: Christmas Caroling & Fellowship, Sun., Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m.

 Join us for a fun night of fellowship! After meeting at the church at 5:30 p.m., we will go Christmas caroling at Presbyterian Manor, and then enjoy snacks and a time of fellowship. The Boutz and Johnson families have offered to host our fellowship at the Boutz home, 3538 NW 45th Place, and everyone is welcome to bring snacks and treats to share.

Community Event at Overland Station, Sun., Dec. 7

Doors open at 1 p.m. for fun and games, and pictures with Santa after he arrives on the train!

MISSION MINISTRY



Harvest Results

Our Harvest weekend was held November 22-23. We had a full schedule for our prayer chain, and would like to thank everyone who kept up the prayers through the day. On Sunday morning, we enjoyed special music from guitarist C. David Smart, and also took up a special Harvest offering for our missionaries. The weekend concluded with a Harvest Feast and Celebration, as we had a Thanksgiving meal together, participated in great fellowship & a time of worship, and heard another great concert by Mr. Smart. Thanks to all involved in putting together a wonderful celebration!

Following the meal, service, and concert, the Harvest Offering total was announced. **We are so thankful for God's faithfulness, and for everyone who generously contributed to the Harvest offering total of \$11,479**, which exceeded our goal of \$9,555! Thank you all for your gifts and prayers! The money will be used to further God's Kingdom as it is distributed among the missionaries and Christian organizations we support.

Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child was held November 17-24. As a church, we raised 61 Christmas shoebox gifts for children in need. As an OCC Relay Center, we boxed up and transported 631 shoebox gifts in 42 large cartons! Thank you to all who packed gifts, and to everyone who helped with Collection Week!



Church Offerings for November

Date	Offering
Nov. 2	\$4,485
Nov. 9	\$1,950
Nov. 16	\$2,280
Nov. 23	\$1,952
Nov. 30	\$2,025
Avg. for November:	
	\$2,538

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$2,993

Christmas Gifts for Alpha Christian Children's Home

Sisters in Service has offered to sponsor Alpha Christian Children's Home once again this Christmas. Watch your upcoming bulletins for information about their gift wish list. Information will soon be available in the church foyer.

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR DECEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER Mel Christenberry

SOUND – Bryan Boutz

SONG LEADERS Melissa Boutz; Steve Seehorn 12/28

COMPUTER – Scott Brackey

CHURCH CLEANERS – Bob Coffman Team 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Coffman Family

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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* Bruce Smith # Bill Hollingshead Randy James Shawn Perry	* Bruce Smith # Bill Hollingshead Randy James Shawn Perry	* Bruce Maples # John McElroy Walt Baker Joe White	* Bruce Maples # John McElroy Walt Baker Joe White
BENEDICTION			
Bill Hollingshead	Bill Hollingshead	John McElroy	John McElroy
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
GREETERS			
Douglass / Hodges	Ford / Ford	Matthews / McElroy	James / Lehew
NURSERY WORKERS			
K. Snyder / W. Desch	B. Watson / S. Showalter	L. Seehorn / C. Wohletz	M. James / M. Perry
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Anna Seehorn / April Wells	Bryan and Melissa Boutz

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Come Join Us!

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Tues., Dec. 2:** Ever After Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 7:** Daily Reading Bible orders are due
- Mon., Dec. 8:** 50+ Fellowship Cedar Crest Tour, 2 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 14:** Nominations due for Church Leadership
Sisters in Service Salad Sampler, 5:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 21:** Christmas Caroling and Fellowship Family Fun Night, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 25:** Have a lovely Christmas Day!
- Sun., Dec. 28:** Men's Breakfast, Hunters' Ridge McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.
News due to Melissa for January issue of *The Pathway*
- Weekly:** Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Coming Soon:

- Wednesday night Bible Study meetings, starting January 7, 2015
Elder and Deacon Board Meeting, January 11, 2015
Leadership Nomination Slate in January
All-church annual meeting February 1, 2015

**The Pathway is available by e-mail, and is on our website!
Simply e-mail us to let us know if you prefer electronic over paper.**

CHRISTMAS AT ROLLING HILLS

Join us for some special Christmas
happenings in 2014:

Sisters in Service Salad Sampler,
Sunday, 12/14, 5:30 p.m.



**Family Fun Night
Caroling and Fellowship,**
Sunday, 12/ 21, 5:30 p.m.



**Christmas Eve Candlelight
and Communion Service,**
Wednesday, 12/ 24, 6 p.m.



Share your Christmas Card
with the entire church
family: post it in the spe-
cial "Christmas Cards"
section on the bulletin
board in the church foyer!

