

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: Gearing Up for the New Year at RHCC

As most of you know, I'm heading out in a couple of days for some R & R in Las Vegas. This is my annual golf vacation with my brother, one of his friends from Iowa, and one of my friends from California. Mom and one of her friends will ride with us from Iowa to Arizona where they will split up and both spend the week in different locations. The forecast for Topeka during that time is seasonally normal with highs in the 30's. The last time I checked, temperature and weather expectations in Las Vegas are for upper 60's to low 70's and sunny. (I may even take a pair of shorts to wear!)

While I'm gone, RHCC will have our annual congregational meeting during the Sunday school hour at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, February 2. Donuts will be provided for everyone in attendance. During worship, Ben Saathoff, distinguished and retired minister from Tonganoxie, will be preaching. I encourage you all to be present and participate in the congregational meeting and to hear Ben speak.

Sometimes people think these annual meetings aren't all that important. Actually, they are quite important and purposeful. All who are present receive an update on the general status of our congregation and how we function. Our Missions Ministry gives information regarding our support of our missions over the past year. The selection of our leadership also takes place, which determines who will conduct the business and give direction for our congregation.

Leadership of the church is crucially important. We, like most congregations I suspect, have gone through fluctuating periods of leadership. During some periods of time we have been led by strong leaders who were well-struck in their faith experience. During other periods we have been led by leaders who were more developmental in their faith experience. Each period provides its own challenges and opportunities.

A brand new church year dawns for us this Sunday, the first Sunday of February. We will have some new leadership men to add to our current leaders. We will have some changes, as well. I'm confident that this leadership group will be one of stronger groups we've had. I'm also confident that we are seeing the beginning of new leaders emerging at Rolling Hills over next several years.

Calvin Miller, a writer I quoted in Sunday's message, also wrote the following (*The Empowered Leader*, pp. 28-29):

How do we discover those spiritual forces that give maximum clout to our leadership? First, we make sure that we are a people of the disciplines – prayer, Bible study, and ministry.

Ministry to others may be the most important of the disciplines. Personal ministry is not a cure-all for discovering the heart of God, but administering the church without it leads to a spiritual sterility that blinds our hearts to who we are.

Leaders, whether volunteer or salaried, must always remember their first and foremost role is that of servanthood. Are leaders decision-makers? Most definitely, but the decisions are made on behalf of others and their well-beings. Leadership, appropriate biblical leadership, begins with a mind that models that of Jesus, our foot-washing Savior.

A new year. A new leadership group. The same mission. Come to the annual meeting and enjoy the fellowship of learning about the past year and forging into the new year.

Steve



Dear Friends at Rolling Hills C.C.,
Thank you so much for all you did at Christmas to help the families and children feel special & loved! What a wonderful blessing your gifts were to each one here as we celebrated our

Savior's birth.

With love from

Alpha Christian Children's Home

Dear RHCC, Thanks! That Sonshine Bag will come in handy! This is a great reminder of everything you do for me. I will let you know when my next show is playing.

-Josh Whisler

To my Family and Friends at Rolling Hills,
Thank you so much for the lovely vase of flowers that was sent to me at the hospital. Thank you also for the prayers.

-Kathy Watson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

All Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m.

The All-Church Annual Meeting is held on the 1st Sunday in February, during the Sunday School hour. For your consideration, nominations for church leadership have been posted for the 2 weeks prior to the meeting. As a church, we will vote on the leadership for the next year, and also vote on the church budget and have a report on missionary giving. Doughnuts and coffee will be available to everyone upon their arrival.

History of Faith Wednesday Study, 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday nights, when Steve is leading "An Overview of Our History of Faith," at 6:30 p.m. This study will continue through the winter. We will not meet Feb. 5 while Steve is away on vacation.

Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, February 23, 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.

CHURCH NEWS:

Cleaning Crew 2 for February

Cleaning Crew 2 will clean for February. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES:

Table Tennis Thursdays

Walt Baker is hosting Table Tennis for anyone who would like to join him, male or female. It is on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

All-Church Birthday Party

Thanks to Terry Baker for coordinating our Family Game Night All-Church Birthday Party! Thanks also to everyone else who helped with the event and brought cakes and games. It was a fun evening of fellowship!

Fellowship Meeting, February 23

There will be a Fellowship Committee meeting after service on February 23. Anyone who would like to help with fellowship events through the year is invited to participate.

BOY SCOUTS:

Court of Honor for Jesse Kern, February 15, 2 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 52 and Nick & Terri Kern cordially invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jesse Wyatt Kern, February 15, 2014, 2 p.m., at RHCC. Reception following ceremony; RSVP Terri Kern, 785-246-4204.

Church Offerings for January

Date	Offering
Jan. 5	\$4,332
Jan. 12	\$3,785
Jan. 19	\$1,971
Jan. 26	\$1,447

Jan. Avg. \$2,883

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,601

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m. We started a new series, *Ordinary People, Extraordinary Faith*. All ladies are invited!

Woman's World at Manhattan Christian College, Feb. 21-22

Woman's World *Rise & Shine* will be held February 21-22, at the K-State Student Union in Manhattan. Early Bird registration through January is \$75. Brochures are available in the foyer.

Prayer Chain Update

We are re-making the Prayer Chain for 2014, and are also in need of someone who will be 1st on the list for the calling chain. Even if you've been on the list previously, sign up to let us know you wish to remain on the list! Please sign up for the phone prayer chain by Sunday, February 2.

If you want to receive an e-mail with prayer requests but don't wish to be on the calling chain, sign up with your e-mail address only. (If you've received Prayer Chain e-mails in the past, you are still on the list; no need to sign up again. Send Melissa a message if you wish to be taken off the list.)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the Wells Family, who became members of Rolling Hills Christian Church on Sunday, January 26, 2014. April transferred her membership to our church family, and Kurtis and Konner were baptized on Sunday.

April (birthday, April 30) is Steve and Linda Seehorn's daughter, who grew up in the church and recently moved back to Topeka. She works at WestSide Stamp & Awards and enjoys cooking. She and Kurtis Wells were married on July 21, 2012. Kurtis (birthday, November 12) works at WestSide Stamp & Awards and he likes to play basketball. Their son, Korbin, was born on July 9, 2013.

Konner (birthday, September 22) is currently a 4th grader at Wanamaker Elementary. He likes to play basketball, baseball, and build with Legos.

Take some time to welcome the Wells Family to our church and make sure to add them to your church directory:



The Wells Family

4001 NW Beecher,
Topeka, KS 66618

April's Phone: 913-220-9414;
Kurtis' Phone: 785-220-8449

ANNUAL MEETING AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Guest Speaker Ben Saathoff, February 2

Ben Saathoff will be here to share the message with us on Sunday. Steve will be out of the office from January 29 to February 9.

All-Church Annual Meeting, February 2, 9 a.m.

The All-Church Annual Meeting is held on the 1st Sunday in February. This Sunday, we will vote on church leadership, budget, and hear a report on missions giving. For your consideration, the final list of nominees for church leadership is printed here in this section. We will have doughnuts.

There will be a brief Board Meeting for all Deacons and Elders following the church service that day.

Nominees for Church Leadership for 2014

We will vote on this slate of elders and deacons at the annual meeting:

ELDERS

Mel Christenberry	Bill Hollingshead	Eric Showalter	Kevin Wohletz
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DEACONS

Walt Baker	Jim Clark	Bob Coffman	Bruce Maples
David Maples	John McElroy	Bruce Smith	Joe White

Men's Leadership Retreat, February 28- March 1

All Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend our leadership retreat on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1, at the Red Rock Ranch in Soldier, KS. Cost is \$45, which includes lodging and breakfast & lunch on Saturday. The Elder and Deacon Board Meeting for March will take place at the retreat.

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR FEBRUARY

WORSHIP ELDER Bill Hollingshead

SONG LEADER Melissa Boutz; Steve Seehorn 2/23

SOUND – Bob Coffman

COMPUTER – Bruce Maples

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Barb Neer

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

2	9	16	23
* Jim Clark # Eric Showalter Harold Watson Kurtis Wells	* Jim Clark # Eric Showalter Harold Watson Kurtis Wells	* David Maples # John McElroy Walt Baker Richard Johnson	* David Maples # John McElroy Walt Baker Richard Johnson
BENEDICTION			
Eric Showalter	Eric Showalter	John McElroy	John McElroy
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS			
McElroy / Neer	A. Seehorn / Wells	Nei / Norris	Purcell / Showalter
NURSERY WORKERS			
Barb Neer	Terry Baker	Marcia James	Brenda Watson
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Bryan and Melissa Boutz

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Melissa Boutz, Administrative Assistant

Come Join Us!

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

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

Sun., Feb. 2: All Church Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.
Guest Speaker Ben Saathoff; Board Meeting after service

Thurs., Feb. 6: TNO Operation Backpack packing, 6 p.m.
(Lyman Learning Center)

Sun., Feb. 15: Boy Scout Court of Honor for Jesse Kern, 2 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 23: Fellowship Committee Meeting after service
Men's Breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds
News due to Melissa for the March issue of *The Pathway*

Fri., Feb. 28-Mar. 1: Men's Retreat at Red Rock Ranch

Weekly:

Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. No meeting 2/5.
Thursdays at 9 a.m.: Ladies' Bible Study
9 a.m. Table Tennis

Coming Soon:

Leadership Retreat, Red Rock Ranch, Feb. 28-March 1

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