

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: 30 Years and Counting

Rolling Hills provided a very enjoyable fellowship dinner and video memories for Linda and me on May 18. The food was wonderful and the time we spent with everyone was relaxing and fun. The video reflected the changes and friendships not only of Linda and me but also of our daughters. We thank you for honoring us in such a kind manner.

When our family arrived at Rolling Hills we encountered a congregation that in some respects was struggling to survive and other respects was full of vitality and heart for the Lord. The girls were all quite young: Amy was starting 3rd grade, April was starting Kindergarten, and Anna still had 2 years of freedom ahead of her.

All that has changed of course. Rolling Hills has gone through some very prosperous years as well as some very trying years. We have changed in membership and have changed in leadership. Changes like that can be unsettling, but those changes are also productive. Similarly, our family dynamic has changed during those 30 years. All of our daughters are now in their 30's (I won't say exactly where, but if you do the math, you can probably guess pretty close!). Amy and husband Greg have four kids of their own, from ages 11 to 4. April and husband Kurtis have two from ages 10 to almost 1 with another arriving late this year. Anna is prepared to begin foster care in the near future. Since we have arrived at Rolling Hills both of Linda's parents have passed away as have my oldest brother and dad. Some family changes are cause for great joy, some prove difficult.

The video presentation of our last 30 years at times brought smiles and at other times brought tears. It is always sad to see the faces of dear friends who have gone on to be with the Lord. The friendships that we have made over the years are significant to all of our family members, not just to Linda and me. So when a death occurs it impacts not only Linda and me, but also our daughters, for they are deeply invested into our congregation, as well. Many folks realize, but some may not, that a minister's family is often far removed from its own extended family not only through distance but also

through availability (a minister's schedule simply does not permit the access to family as one would like). Thus, our church family, in every real sense of the term, becomes a true second family. Linda and I have brothers and sisters and parents, our children have cousins and aunts and uncles, who are blood kin through faith as opposed to flesh. While nothing can supplant the affection and importance of the fleshly family nor ever will, the faith family has been essential to the nurturing of our family.

We have always cherished the friendships of dear friends of faith who have impacted our lives. Linda's faith experience and friendships began in her Missouri childhood. Mine began in my Iowa childhood. Together we have benefited from close life-long friendships from a college ministry in Dewey, Oklahoma, our first full-time nine year ministry in Wichita, Kansas, and the past 30 years here in Topeka.

Unlike many ministries, ours have been lengthy with very few moves. We have great memories of great friends that have developed with great joint experiences and continue to grow richer every day. We have laughed together and cried together. We have told jokes and deep secrets. We have been casual and intimate. And while all my dreams have not been realized, I wouldn't trade any of it for the world. For the world is not my goal, being God's man is. And all of these experiences together make me, make us, who we are today.

Thirty years and counting. I expect we will have a few more years together with you all, our friends. I expect for us all to grow with new ideas and new experiences during those years, whatever they may bring. But for now, in the words of the song the great entertainer Bob Hope made famous, "Thanks for the memories."

Steve

P.S.: Linda and I will be taking some vacation time beginning after worship on July 27 and returning home sometime on Sunday, August 10. Two good speakers will be here while we're gone, so be sure to be present and give them a warm RHCC welcome.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and fireworks, Friday, July 4, beginning at 7 p.m.! There is a collection container in the church foyer for contributions toward the fireworks show. Please let Bruce Maples (249-2750) know if you can help with the fireworks. We are also looking for volunteers to arrange for games and entertainment.

What to bring: A side or dessert for the picnic; A lawn chair, friends, family, and neighbors.

Be ready for a fun celebration with our church family!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, July 13

The Deacon and Elder Board Meeting will be held on July 13; \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.

Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, July 27, 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.



SERMON SERIES

A Summer With Dr. Seuss

We've been enjoying our summer with Dr. Seuss. Come to our summer services to hear more about how we can find messages from the Gospel in the stories of Dr. Seuss.

SERVING

Cleaning for July

Cleaning Crew 1 is cleaning for the month of July. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all they do!



Nursery Schedule

We have changed our nursery schedule to allow for 2 workers at each service, because we have so many little ones in the church. If you cannot be at the church on your Sunday, please arrange for a substitute and coordinate with the other nursery worker. Thank you for serving the families in the church this way. If you would like to serve or assist on the nursery rotation, please speak to Melissa Boutz.

Church Offerings for June

Date	Offering
June 1	\$4,640
June 8	\$2,852
June 15	\$1,885
June 22	\$1,475
June 29	Not available at time of printing

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$2,993

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Steve will be taking a vacation Sunday, July 27 through Sunday, Aug. 10. If you are in need of pastoral assistance in his absence, please contact one of the church elders, Mel Christenberry, Bill Hollingshead, Eric Showalter, or Kevin Wohletz.

For the Sundays that Steve is gone, we will hear from the following guest speakers: August 3, Ben Saathoff of Tonganoxie; Aug 10, Doug Reed from Literature and Teaching Ministries out of Joplin, Missouri.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' Bible Study,

The Thursday Ladies' Bible Study is on break for the summer. It will resume in September.

Young Women's Bible Study

Continue watching for more information on our upcoming young women's Bible study, and sign up in the foyer if you would like to participate!



Sisters in Service Meeting, July 6, 6:30 p.m.

The next Sisters in Service meeting will be on Sunday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be discussing service needs and upcoming activities. All ladies are invited to attend.

Ladies' Book Club Meeting, July 6, 5:30 p.m.



The Ladies Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the church library. We will review the book *The Lumby Lines* and select our next book to read. If you would like to attend and have not yet read the book, it's not too late. Contact Joan Barnes or Wanda Wright.

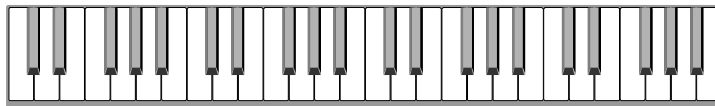
Ladies' Retreat in September

Ladies, mark your calendar now for our Ladies' Retreat at Red Rock Ranch, September 26-27!

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

50+ Fellowship

Plans are underway for July and August activities. Be alert to the following announcement: The Elmont Opry will present their annual GOSPEL PROGRAM the 2nd weekend in August; Friday, 8/8, OR Saturday, 8/9. Mark your calendar if this sounds good to you! More details will be forthcoming.



RACE AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Joe and Amy White are starting a team for the Race Against Breast Cancer 5K, which will be held on September 13. Anyone interested in joining the team can speak to them, 246-1937. They have offered their assistance if anyone needs advice, help with training, or has any questions.



Whether it is your first 5K or your 50th, they would love to have you participate. Details about the race can be found at www.rabcpeka.org.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Fun Nights in July

All are welcome to join us for Family Fun Nights in July:

***Thursday, July 10:** Fun Night at the Pool, Shawnee North Family Aquatic Center, 5-7 p.m. Cost of entry is only \$3 on weekdays after 4 p.m. For any one who wishes to join us, we will meet at the pool.

***Sunday, July 20:** Family Movie Night at the church

***Sunday, July 27:** Potluck Picnic, location to be announced



Volunteers Are Needed!

Children's Church

Do you love to guide children in learning The Word? We have openings for leaders in Grade School Worship and/or during Sunday School. Please contact the church office if you can help.

Nursery Help

We are looking for more caregivers and assistant caregivers to help with nursery care during worship service. Contact the church office if you can help or would like to be added to the nursery rotation.

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JULY

WORSHIP ELDER Kevin Wohletz

SONG LEADER Melissa Boutz; Steve Seehorn 7/27

SOUND – David Maples

COMPUTER – Jim Clark

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Mel & Shirley Christenberry

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

6	13	20	27
* Ken Lehew # Bruce Smith Paul Brackey Scott Brackey	* Ken Lehew # Bruce Smith Paul Brackey Scott Brackey	* Eric Showalter # Bob Coffman Joe White Bryan Boutz	* Eric Showalter # Bob Coffman Joe White Bryan Boutz
BENEDICTION			
Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith	Bob Coffman	Bob Coffman
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall
GREETERS			
Wright / W. Baker	B. Barnes / Brackey	Briggs / Coffman	Douglass / Hodges
NURSERY WORKERS			
K. Snyder/S. Showalter	T. Baker / B. Watson	M. James / J. Barnes	L. Seehorn/A. Seehorn
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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Come Join Us!

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

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Fri., July 4:** Independence Day Celebration
- Sun., July 6:** Ladies' Book Club, 5:30 p.m.
Sisters in Service Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., July 10:** Family Fun Night at SNFAC, 5-7 p.m.
- Sun., July 13:** Board Meeting, \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.
- Sun., July 20:** Family Fun Movie Night at the Church, 6 p.m.
- Sun., July 27:** Men's Breakfast, Hunters' Ridge McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.
Family Fun Night potluck picnic
News due to Melissa for August issue of *The Pathway*

Coming Soon:

Guest Speakers August 3, 10

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