Rolling Hills Christian Church

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THE PATHWAY

Our Vision

Becoming a beacon of faith drawing people to Jesus **Our Mission**

We will serve Jesus by touching people's lives and teaching them to have Kingdom-minded hearts.

Our Values

- Welcoming: We meet you at the door and receive you as one of our family.
- Family: We encourage families of all ages and stages, and those in need of families, to be a part of our church family.
- Christ-centered: We focus our worship, our teachings, and our lifestyle choices on Jesus.
- * Scripture: We encourage everyone to have an understanding of The Bible as God's inspired communication to all.
- Prayerful: We communicate to God in prayer to strengthen our relationship with Him.
- * Supportive: We support and uplift each other through our prayers, fellowship, and service to one another.
- Evangelism: We share the message of salvation both locally and globally.

Church Offerings for July

Date	Offering
7/5/15	\$5,268
7/12/15	\$1,326
7/19/15	\$1,972
7/26/15	\$2,679

July Avg: \$2,811

Weekly Budget Requirement: **\$2,803**

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: Am I complete? Am I finished? Or am I completely finished?

These questions didn't really occur to me until I read a clever email that I received several

days ago. I hope you enjoy it.

No dictionary has ever been able to define the difference between "complete" and "finished." However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London, England, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was asked to make that very distinction.

The question by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: "Some say there is no difference between 'complete' and 'finished.' Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand."(& include "completely finished")

Mr. Balgobin's response: "When you marry the right woman, you are 'complete.' If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'finished.' And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are "completely finished."

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

A person can't help but smile or chuckle at the cleverness of the answer. On the other hand, we can use these words in very positive ways to enhance our understanding and appreciation of our own faith experiences.

Complete:

Regular reading, study, and application of the Bible provide great benefit for us. While our sin flaws, introduced to us through Adam's bad choices, make us incomplete, God has given us instructions to direct us back to our designed completeness. 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 says, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." Scripture guides us in our goodness which is an indicator of becoming "complete" once again.

Finished:

At the end of his life, in Paul's final correspondence to Timothy, he reflects on his efforts for the Lord Jesus. Here are his words in 2 Timothy 4:6, 7, "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." The determination and devotion of faith carries through all aspects of our life adventures so we'll be able to say with confidence, "I was not a quitter. I was a finisher. I finished the course God laid out for me. I kept the faith."

Completely finished:

Once again, I turn to the apostle Paul for help. We will know we are completely finished when we enjoy the presence of Jesus in glory. Philippians 3:13, 14 remind us, "Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." We have no greater goal than to enjoy being completely finished by God's gracious work in us, through Jesus.

Indeed, for a Christian, being complete, being finished, and being completely finished are very good things. Steve

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHURCH SECRETARY:

Due to the unscheduled nature of delivery and new babies, there will be some temporary changes to office items for the months of August and September. I have been working ahead so that as much as possible is in place before the new baby arrives, and plan to prepare bulletins earlier in the week through August. Please consider having announcements for the weekly bulletin turned into the office by Wednesdays instead of the usual Fridays. Any announcements that do not get in the bulletins will need to be given to Steve to share during service. Additionally, I need news and announcements for the September newsletter in office by Wednesday, August 19, so that I can make sure to have it prepared and ready to send out before September. Thank you for your assistance in helping me see things continue to run smoothly for the church services and communications!

Baby and I are doing well, and our family looks forward to an arrival at the end of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST SPEAKERS KIRBY & REBECCA ROGERS

We look forward to hearing from Kirby and Rebecca Rogers in service this Sunday, August 2! They will share about their ministry in Laos.

Following the service, we will have a carry-in fellowship lunch.

THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY

Thursday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Join Steve on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. for a casual study on our Chronological Bible readings.

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crews

The Joe White Cleaning Crew (Crew 3) is cleaning for the month of August. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all they do!

Lawn care for August

Trimming Bushes & Raking Pinecones: Todd Benortham

SOUND ASSISTANCE

The church has added sound assistance devices to our sound system. There are 4 devices available for those who might need some extra amplification in



order to more clearly hear what is said in service. Please ask the person running sound if you'd like to check out one of the devices.

CORRESPONDANCE

Happy Anniversary to Harold and Kathy Watson!

There is an invitation on the bulletin for Harold and Kathy's 50th anniversary reception, which will be held here at the church on Saturday, August 8, 2-4 p.m.

MEETINGS

Men's Breakfast Aug. 30

Instead of our usual men's breakfast on the last Sunday of the month, the Adult Sunday School class is a hosting a cinnamon roll fellowship time, Sunday, Aug. 30, 8-9 a.m.

Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, September 20

The next Board meeting will be held on September 20. Leaders, thank you for volunteering for the various items on our priority list. Please continue working toward those items before our next meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ozark "Team Leadership Conference" Saturday, Sept. 19

As discussed at the board meeting, the leadership are invited to attend the Ozark Christian College Team Leadership Conference on Saturday, Sept. 19. Let Steve know by August 30 if you plan to attend.

MCC Leadership Conferences

There is also a leadership conference coming up at Manhattan Christian College. We will share more as information becomes available.

Manhattan Christian College Senior Adult Conference

MCC is hosting a conference for the spiritual renewal and inspiration of senior adults, October 6-7, 2015. If you are interested in attending, please take a flier from the church foyer.

FELLOWSHIP

Carry-In Fellowship Lunch, August 2

To allow more time to visit with Kirby and Rebecca Rogers this Sunday, we are having a Potluck Carry-In lunch after our morning worship service. Bring some food to share, and we will look forward to visiting more with Kirby & Rebecca and family about their ministry!

5th Sunday Family Fellowship, Sunday, Aug. 30

Watch your bulletins for more info to come!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sisters In Service at Tanglewood Care Home

Sisters in Service is helping out with Bingo at Tanglewood Care Home on the 2nd Thursday of each month (Thursday, Aug. 13). Contact Terry Baker if you have questions or would like to help.

Ladies' Bible Study

The ladies' weekly Bible Study is on break for the rest of the Summer. Watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for information about a new study to begin around mid-September.

Attention Secret Sisters

If you have not done so already, please reveal yourself to your Secret Sister. A signup sheet will soon be placed in the foyer for those interested in participating in this program. This is a fun way to recognize and to keep a Sister in your prayers throughout the year.



Family Swim, Sunday, August 2, 5-7 p.m.

Ready for some fun in the sun? Meet us at Shawnee North Family Aquatic Center on Sunday afternoon, August 2, 5-7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children age 2-12, and free for children under 2.

If you don't want to swim, meet us afterwards for ice cream at Dairy Queen (2026 NW Topeka Blvd.), around 7:30 p.m.!

Minions Movie, Sunday Afternoon,

Aug. 9

Join us for a Sunday mid-afternoon matinee at Regal 14 on August 9, as we watch the final and newest installment of the *Despicable Me* series: *Minions!* Check future bulletins for specific time, which will be posted when available from the theater.



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT RHCC:

We have many opportunities for Bible studies on Sunday mornings! Come check out one of these classes:

Sunday Morning Studies, 9 a.m.:

Room 104: Adult study led by Tracy Briggs Room 111: Older Adult study, led by Dave Marshall and others.

Room 112: Grade School, led by Kevin & Renee Wohletz

Room 101: Jr. High / High School, led by Steve Seehorn

Children's Church and Nursery during 10 a.m. Service:

Room 112: Grade School Children's Church (No grade school Children's Church on 5th Sundays) Room 205: Preschool Children's Church Room 204: Nursery available for infants and toddlers

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR AUGUST

 WORSHIP ELDER – Eric Showalter
 Song Leaders – Melissa Boutz;
 Steve Seehorn 8/23, 30
 Planist – Tari Metzler

 Sound – Bob Coffman
 Computer – Jim Clark
 Church Cleaners – Joe White, Crew 3

COMMUNION PREPARATION - Maples

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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 David Maples # Bill Hollingshead Randy James Shawn Perry 	 * David Maples # Bill Hollingshead Randy James Shawn Perry 	 * Ken Lehew # Mel Christenberry Richard Johnson Walt Baker 	 * Ken Lehew # Mel Christenberry Richard Johnson Walt Baker 	 * Ken Lehew # Mel Christenberry Richard Johnson Walt Baker
BENEDICTION		• •	• •	
Bill Hollingshead	Bill Hollingshead	Mel Christenberry	Mel Christenberry	Mel Christenberry
MISSIONS UPDATE	•			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS				
Brackey / Briggs	Christenberry / Clark	Coffman / Douglass	Flesher / Ford	Hodges / Lehew
NURSERY WORKERS				
W. Desch / K. Snyder	B. Watson / S. Showalter (I. Boutz)	L. Seehorn / C. Wohletz	K. Flesher / T. Baker	M. James / M. Perry
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf	April Wells
April Wells	April Wells	April Wells	April Wells	5 th Family Sunday

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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

Sun. Aug. 2:	Kirby & Rebecca Rogers to share during service
	Potluck lunch following worship service
	Family Swim at SNFAC, 5-7 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 8:	Watson anniversary reception, 2-4 p.m.
Sun. Aug. 9:	Minions Movie, afternoon matinee
Thurs., Aug. 13:	Sisters in Service to Tanglewood Care Home for Bingo
Wed., Aug. 19:	News due early to Melissa for the September newsletter
Sun., Aug. 30:	Cinnamon Roll Fellowship, 8-9 a.m. at the church
	5th Sunday Fellowship Family Fun Night

Weekly: Chronological Reading Bible Study, Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Coming Soon:

OCC Leadership Conference, Saturday, Sept. 19 Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, Sunday, September 20 Watch for information on the next Ladies Bible Study, coming mid-September.

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.

