

# 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: What comes next?

Everyone probably takes a slightly different approach to traveling. I enjoy traveling and seeing new things. I also enjoy arriving at predetermined destinations. Sometimes when traveling I like to stop and see things, other times I prefer to forego the stops so I can get to the destination. But just about always, I like to have a map open so I can monitor the trip, check to see how I'm making progress and be aware of what town or landmark is next. For me, it helps to keep me alert and pass the time well while driving or riding along.

In a similar manner, different people take different approaches to their growth in faith. I enjoy hearing new ideas and new applications of Bible stories and passages that challenge my established views. On the other hand, it is also important to have established views that are biblically supported and time tested. In order to be sure the ideas and applications fit with established biblical views, we have to be reading the map. We have to have some dependable directions to follow. The directions, of course, are the words of the Bible, the Scriptures.

Every year I encourage us all to read the Bible through, cover to cover. We normally set out reading guides to be used to assist in that reading. This year we're doing something a little different. We've offered to make daily chronological Bibles available. A large number of folks have placed orders and they will have arrived by the time this newsletter hits the mailboxes.

I'm really looking forward to these readings. When reading the Bible through, a person will discover that some books cover the same material in slightly different ways. So when reading these different sections at different times, one

either needs to check the other passages or just read while not comparing to consider the other passages. With these specially coordinated Bibles, all of those different passages and parallel passages that cover the same time periods will be read together. Also, other passages, like the Psalms will be placed in the historical order and events (for example: during different events of David's life) when they were written.

In order to help us sort through and appreciate these readings a little bit better, those who would like to discuss the readings each week can meet together Wednesday evenings. We'll have informal discussions about the readings over the previous seven days. To enhance these Bible Reading Discussions (BRD's), I'd suggest that while reading each day to keep a notepad and pen or pencil handy. That way, when a question arises in one's mind regarding a particular passage, or about the differences in different writers' accounts, or a perhaps a surprise observation or new thought, those can be written down and voiced during the Wednesday BRD's.

The best way to know if we're on the right road to our destination when traveling in a car is to periodically check a map. The best way to know if we're on the right road when developing a godly worldview is to periodically check the Bible road map. I'm hoping we'll have a group of folks interested in doing just that. I'm guessing some weeks we'll have more than we'll be to cover in our time allotment. In fact, I hope that's the case every week. If so, that means we're discovering new things and stretching ourselves in our faith concepts. When we leave each evening I expect that we'll be wondering what comes next.

Steve

## NOTES OF THANKS

*Linda and I would like to thank you all for the gifts we received at Christmas, and also express our appreciation for the gift given us on behalf of the congregation. We look forward to a great New Year together.*

Steve & Linda Seehorn

*We want to thank our church family for the generous gifts this Christmas. Thank you!*

Melissa Boutz and Family

*Thanks for all of the prayers, calls, cards, and food shared with me and my family after I fell and broke my arm. My church family is very special to me and I praise God for all of you.*

Lynne Maples



### Church Offerings for December

Date	Offering
Dec. 7	\$4,225
Dec. 14	\$1,455
Dec. 21	\$1,745
Dec. 28	\$2,745

Avg. for December:

**\$2,542**

Weekly Budget

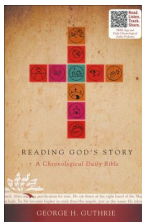
Requirement: **\$2,993**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## READ THE BIBLE IN 2015!

### Daily Reading Bible

For our Bible Reading Plan in 2015, we ordered copies of the HCSB's "Reading God's Story: A Chronological Daily Bible". If you requested a Bible but have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. The Bibles should be available in the foyer on Sunday, January 4. Because they were delayed, the first week of readings is printed here: Day 1: Genesis 1-2; Day 2: John 1:1-3, Psalms 8 & 104; Day 3: Genesis 3-5; Day 4: Genesis 6-7; Day 5: Genesis 8-9, Psalm 12; Day 6: Genesis 10-11.



### 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, January 25, 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.

## SERVING

### Cleaning Crews

The Jim Clark Cleaning Crew (Crew 2) is cleaning for the month of January. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all they do!

## ALL-CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

### All Church Annual Meeting, February 1, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

The All-Church Annual Meeting is coming up soon! Make plans to join us during the Sunday School hour as we vote on important church business such as Leadership, Budget, and Missions. Each year, our All-Church Annual Meeting is held the 1st Sunday in February.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Sisters in Service Leadership

We are in need of someone (or a group of people) to lead Sisters in Service for the coming year. This person helps lead meetings and coordinate activities for the women in the church.

### Ever After Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesday, Jan. 6

For those ladies involved in the study, *Ever After*, led by Anna Seehorn, our next study meeting is Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will discuss the first session study, and watch the video for session 2. The study will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

### Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m., Jan. 15

A weekly daytime Bible study for ladies meets at the church on Thursdays at 9 a.m. They have been on break over the holidays, but will resume on Thursday, January 15.

## SERVING AND LEADERSHIP

### Communion Preparation

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



### Church Leadership Nominations

Watch the bulletin for the list of church leadership nominees, which will be available for your comments in early January.

### Elder and Deacon Board Meeting, Jan. 11, 6 p.m.

The Elder and Deacon Board Meeting is on Sunday, Jan. 11, with a \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many volunteer opportunities at Rolling Hills Christian Church. If you would like to help out in any way, please call 286-0601 for more information.

**Audio-Visual for Services:** We would like to add a couple more people to our Audio/Visual team. If that sounds interesting to you, let us know.

**Music for Worship:** The music for church services is led by volunteers. If you have a talent for singing or playing an instrument and would like to help out with leading the songs for worship, please let Melissa know.

**Greeting Sunday Mornings:** Greeters help hand out bulletins before church service and greet people as they come to the church. Anyone can be a greeter at any time, but

church members are assigned a week every few months to greet. If you have not been on the greeters list but would like to be, contact Melissa in the church office.

**Church Nursery:** There is nursery care available for little ones during Sunday morning services. Let us know if you would like to be added to our nursery rotation.

**Cleaning Crews:** The church is cleaned weekly by volunteers. Talk to Bob Coffman, Jim Clark, or Joe White if you'd like to help out with one of their cleaning crews.

There are other opportunities beyond what's listed here. If you can help in any way, please let us know! Thanks to all of our volunteers!



# CHRISTMAS GIVING

We want to thank everyone who gave so generously this holiday season! The season of giving began in November with our amazing Harvest offering of nearly \$12,000 for the missionaries and organizations we support. We also collected gifts for Operation Christmas Child. As a church, we raised 61 shoebox gifts for children in need, and as a Collection Center, we boxed up and transported over 600 gifts.

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you so much for my cozy fleece throw and pillows, which match my décor perfectly. I was not expecting a gift and was enjoying the excitement as my students opened their surprises, when suddenly a big bag was placed in my lap. To find the perfect finishing touches to my new home was such a blessing! A small thing to some, but a huge hug sent to me by my Father through you! May you be richly blessed for answering His call!*

*Pat Sims, ACCH Teacher*

In December, the Sisters in Service decided to have a service-theme for their Christmas Salad Sampler. They collected gifts for children in foster care with KVC, and wrapped those gifts during the Salad Sampler. One-hundred and six gifts were collected, wrapped, and shared with KVC. Thanks to all in the church for giving to this project, and to the ladies who helped prepare the gifts.

Sisters in Service also wanted to sponsor Alpha Christian Children's Home again this Christmas, so we had a list of gift needs and wants for both

the children and adults at ACCH. Most of the wish list was filled, and our Christmas tree was overflowing with gifts for these families. Again, thanks to all for helping make a special Christmas for the kids and adults at Alpha Christian Children's Home!

Thanks also to everyone who gave of their time to help with our caroling and fellowship! The residents at Presbyterian Manor very much enjoyed the caroling. After caroling there, we also visited some friends and neighbors to share Christmas joy with them.

God loved us so much that He gave His one and only Son. There's no better reason than that for us to GIVE at Christmas!



*Sisters in Service Salad Sampler gifts for KVC*

# SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JANUARY

**WORSHIP ELDER** Eric Showalter      **SONG LEADERS** Melissa Boutz; Steve Seehorn 1/25  
**SOUND** - David Maples      **COMPUTER** - Jim Clark      **CHURCH CLEANERS** - Jim Clark's Crew 2  
**COMMUNION PREPARATION** - Flesher

\* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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* Ken Lehew # Bob Coffman Richard Johnson Kurtis Wells	* Ken Lehew # Bob Coffman Richard Johnson Kurtis Wells	* Bruce Smith # Kevin Wohletz Paul Brackey Scott Brackey	* Bruce Smith # Kevin Wohletz Paul Brackey Scott Brackey
<b>BENEDICTION</b>			
Bob Coffman	Bob Coffman	Kevin Wohletz	Kevin Wohletz
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
<b>GREETERS</b>			
B. Maples / B. Neer	D. Maples / Marshall	Davies / Snyder	Seel / Showalter
<b>NURSERY WORKERS</b>			
K. Flesher / T. Baker	W. Desch / K. Snyder	B. Watson / S. Showalter	L. Seehorn / C. Wohletz
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristy Davies	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP</b>			
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., Jan. 6:** *Ever After Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.*
- Wed., Jan. 7:** Chronological Reading Bible Study
- Sun., Jan. 11:** Elder & Deacon Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 15:** Ladies' Bible Study resumes, 9 a.m.
- Sun., Jan. 25:** Men's Breakfast, Hunters' Ridge McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.  
News due to Melissa for February issue of *The Pathway*
- Weekly:** Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 a.m.
- Coming Soon:**  
All-Church Annual Meeting February 1, 2015, 9 a.m.

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Happy New Year

