

# 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.

## A WALK DOWN THE PATH

### On: Bargaining with God

As many of you know, I enjoy reading. Of course, some reading is more enjoyable than others, but in general terms, I enjoy it. Over the years, I've read a lot of ministry related books (professional or career related material), historical books, magazines (both career related as well as for personal interest), newspapers, internet news, and of course novels. My brother gives me lots of books to read. Daughter Amy has given me books. Church members give me books from time to time, as well.

I don't go anywhere without a book. Sometimes I'll carry multiple books, and at least one novel is among them because I read lots of novels. Usually the story plots are quite enjoyable. (Sometimes not so much, but even then it's hard for me to not finish the book...thinking it has to get better. Sometimes they just don't.) I have favorite authors, and favorite characters who appear in a series of books.

Once in a while, the story carries a thought or conversation that I find a little surprising. For example, a while back I was reading along and during the story, one of the characters had a sister involved in a car accident. The sister suffered a traumatic head injury and was left in a coma. Here is a paragraph that ensued:

*Gwen refused to leave Catelyn's bedside for forty-eight hours, until her dad told her if she didn't take a nap he would ask the docs to sedate her. All along she bargained silently with God - Let Catelyn live and I'll go to church every week/never speed again/stop fighting with my mom/be a better sister. She couldn't help herself, though she was certain that God didn't make deals like that. And of course she hadn't kept her promises, even though Catelyn came out of the coma four days after the accident and recovered completely.*

- God is willing to listen to our appeals with out us feeling a need to "buy Him off." In fact, I suspect He might find the idea of trying to buy Him off to be a little offensive.
- Why would anyone think that anything he/she has to offer is all that valuable or impressive to God?
- Typically, whatever we would offer to God He either already owns or we should have already committed to Him anyway.
- Most of the stuff we use to bargain with we aren't really interested in giving up...and don't give it up.

Since God is eternal and knows our futures, He already knows we're not going to keep our end of the bargain.

Hopefully, you get the idea. Bargaining is not only ineffective and proves in and of itself the foolishness of faulty human reasoning, it is completely unnecessary. The best way for us to be confident in God's willingness to hear us is to have frequent conversations with Him. Those conversations involve us listening to Him speak His nature and character to us through His Word, i.e. His speaking to us...AND His listening to our casual and common efforts of prayer, i.e. us speaking to Him.

Many Bible passages speak to us about the work and power of prayer. Probably the greatest power in prayer is not what God does in response to our requests, but our confidence that He hears us and watches over us regardless of our requests. Prayer is primarily about our faith trust in God's Sovereignty. James 5:16 reminds us, "The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful." Would you like your prayers to be effective? Bargaining isn't the answer. Rather, know the heart of God and speak to the heart of God through your own godly heart.

Steve

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### Church Offerings for February

Date	Offering
2/1/15	\$4,872
2/8/15	\$2,747
2/15/15	\$2,045
2/22/15	\$2,369

Avg. for February: **\$3,008**

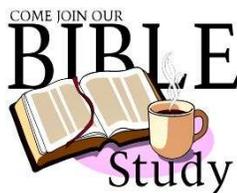
Weekly Budget Requirement: **\$2,993**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

#### Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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



### MEETINGS:

#### Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, March 15, 6:00 p.m.

There will be an Elder and Deacon Board Meeting on Sunday, March 15, with a \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.

#### Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, March 29, 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 Bob Coffman Cleaning Crew (Crew 1) is cleaning for the month of March. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all they do!

#### Song Leader Help

We need some help with the song leading for services. Please consider leading alternating months, or even filling in occasionally. Let Melissa know if you can help!

### WITH SYMPATHY



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of those who have lost loved ones recently. Ora Allen, member of the church, passed away on Monday, February 9. Richard Milner, brother of Marcia Milner, passed away on Sunday, February 15.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### Sisters in Service Leadership

We are still 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, March 3

For those ladies involved in the study, *Ever After*, led by Anna Seehorn, our next study meeting is Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss the second lesson, and watch the video for session 3. The study will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

#### 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.

#### Ladies' Book Group, Sunday, March 8, 5:30 p.m.

For those ladies involved in our book group, we will meet at the church on March 8 (before the Sisters in Service meeting).

#### Sisters in Service Meeting, Sunday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

All ladies are welcome to join in for the Sisters in Service meeting on Sunday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss future activities, such as the Spring Tea (coming in April!) and the Fall Retreat.

#### Sisters in Service Spring Tea, April

Watch future bulletins for more information on our Ladies' Spring Tea, coming up in April!



## 50+ ACTIVITIES

#### Public Library Tour

Do you visit the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library? Hopefully, you recognize what a "gem" we have right here in our fair city! Perhaps you would be interested in a free guided tour of the library? If so, please find the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. An exact date and time (in late March) will be announced soon. Call Shirley C. (235-6064) with questions.



#### Great Overland Station Luncheon and Tour

The plans we made to enjoy a luncheon / tour at the Great Overland Station (November 14, 2014) will be rescheduled for sometime in April. Please watch for an announcement of the date and time.

## AVAILABLE EVENTS

#### Ozark Christian College Women's Conference *Life in a Word: Lessons from Ecclesiastes*

Ozark Christian College will hold their annual Women's Conference on Friday and Saturday, April 10-11. More information is coming soon, or check out [occ.edu/womensconference](http://occ.edu/womensconference).



#### An Evening with the Gaither Vocal Band, April 11

A Gaither Concert will be held at the First Baptist Raytown, Kansas City, MO, Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$30, with specials for senior, child, and groups of 15+. Check out the flier in the church foyer for more information.

## EASTER EVENTS



### Palm Sunday, March 29

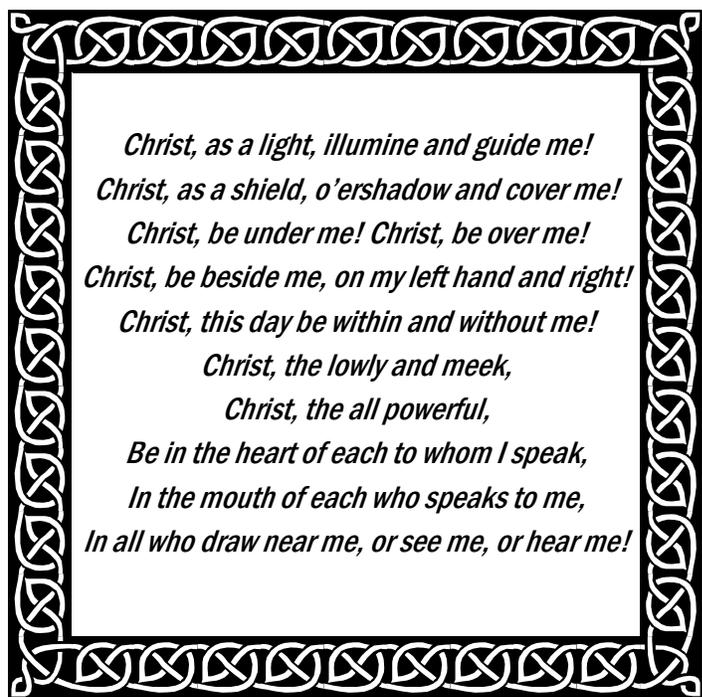
On Palm Sunday, March 29, all children are welcome to help start our worship service with the bringing in of palm branches to signify the beginning of Passion Week before Easter. For any families that wish to participate, please meet Melissa Boutz in the church foyer on March 29 at 9:55 a.m.

### Easter Breakfast, April 5, 8:30 a.m.



Our Easter Sunday tradition includes a special fellowship breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, 8:30-9:30 a.m. The Mengarelli's will be preparing the meal, but we will need volunteers to help set up tables, serve food, and help with clean up. Following the breakfast, we will also need help putting the tables away and setting chairs up for the worship service. If you can help in any way, or if you have any questions, please contact Bruce Maples at 785-249-2750.

## HYMN OF ST. PATRICK



## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR MARCH

**WORSHIP ELDER** Kevin Wohletz      **SONG LEADERS** Melissa Boutz; Steve Seehorn 3/15  
**SOUND** - Bryan Boutz      **COMPUTER** - Scott Brackey      **CHURCH CLEANERS** - Bob Coffman, Crew 1  
**COMMUNION PREPARATION** - Ford

\* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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<b>BENEDICTION</b>				
Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith	Eric Showalter	Eric Showalter	Eric Showalter
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>				
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
<b>GREETERS</b>				
Wright / James	W. Baker / Brackey	L. Seehorn / A. Seehorn	Briggs / Christenberry	Coffman / Douglass
<b>NURSERY WORKERS</b>				
L. Seehorn / C. Wohletz	K. Flesher / T. Baker	M. James / M. Perry	W. Desch / K. Snyder	B. Watson / S. Showalter
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Davies	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf	April Wells
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP</b>				
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Anna Seehorn / April Wells	Bryan & Melissa Boutz	5 <sup>th</sup> Family Sunday

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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

- Tues., March 3:** *Ever After Ladies' Bible Study*, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., March 8:** Ladies' Book Group, 5:30 p.m.  
Sisters in Service Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., March 15:** Elder and Deacon Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Sun., March 29:** Men's Breakfast, Hunters' Ridge McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.  
Palm Sunday  
News due to Melissa for April issue of *The Pathway*
- Weekly:** Chronological Reading Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 a.m.
- Coming Soon:**  
Easter Service and Breakfast, April 5  
Sisters in Service Spring Tea, coming in April.

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