

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: Surprise Guests

During the month of November, we're going to have a couple of guest speakers address our congregation on successive Sunday mornings. The first will be Jeff Palmer who, with his family, will be moving from Shawnee, Kansas, to New Zealand to work with an organization to start new churches. The following Sunday morning will be our Harvest Weekend and we will host another guest, Matt Brock, who is the Executive Director of Good News Productions, Inc., whose home office is in Joplin, Missouri. Matt will update us regarding the worldwide media support provided to missionaries by GNPI. These are not surprise guests. We have planned for them and are looking forward to their arrivals.

This past Sunday (October 25) my family were all together for our annual fall pie-making weekend. We've been doing this for over 20 years now. It is hectic, fun, tiring, and productive. This year we made 50 apple pies, one cherry pie, and a big apple crisp. All of the family was with us in worship on Sunday, and that was no surprise.

After church was over, I learned we had some additional guests, unknown to me. Apparently the good folks of Westboro Baptist Church were standing on the sidewalk across 46th Street prominently displaying their message on pickets. That's not the first time they have visited us on a Sunday morning. Indeed, they seem to be making a regular appearance these days, perhaps because I'm a Topeka Police Department chaplain.

Now, a lot of folks in our community (and in others) make all sorts of disparaging remarks about them. While everything they do and say may not be or seem to be very sensitive or acceptable, their general message is relatively similar to Jonah's in the Old Testament. To paraphrase, their message basically is, "Turn or

burn." It worked for Ninevah. I'm not certain the United States is spiritually aware enough to catch the import, respond and repent.

I don't believe we have any real cause to belittle or besmirch that group of believers. The world has enough animosity toward Christianity in general that we Christians don't need to help them by throwing mud at each other. In Mark 9, coming down the mountain after the transfiguration, the disciples were complaining about someone not from their group casting out demons in Jesus' name. They wanted to stop them, but Jesus told them to permit their efforts "For whoever is not against us is for us."

In the past when someone posted Westboro's picketing of our congregation on Facebook, I've seen comments similar to, "Well, you must be doing something right!" While the intent of that comment is to be reassuring, actually, the Westboro-ists may also be doing something right. They have identified a social problem that is degrading our national morality and have decided to publicly take a stand. I admire their conviction, though perhaps not all of their aggressive techniques. In reality, they are our brothers in faith. I suspect, were we speaking to Jesus and pointing across the street at them, He might tell us to let them speak their message of repentance at socially re-engineered morality.

The next time our unexpected guests arrive, walk over to them, ask them if they'd like something to drink, and invite them to worship with us. Might they be unreceptive and say something hurtful? Perhaps. But perhaps they would be receptive and appreciative. Who knows? What we do know is that we determine how we act, and we determine how we feel, and our actions and thought should always reflect the quality of our faith to all of our visitors, expected or unexpected.

Steve

Church Offerings for October

Date	Offering
10/4/15	\$2,570
10/11/15	\$2,247
10/18/15	\$1,891
10/25/15	\$2,974

October Avg.: \$2,420

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,803

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for Trunks -N- Treats, Saturday,
October 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sunday, November 15: On Nov. 15, we will hear from Jeff Palmer, who will be participating in a church plant in New Zealand.

Harvest Sunday, November 22: On Harvest Sunday, November 22, we will hear from Matt Brock of Good News Productions. We had originally planned for Matt to be with us at both morning and evening services, but plans have needed to change so he will only be with us during the morning.

MEETINGS

Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.

The next Deacon and Elder Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6, at 6 p.m.

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 November. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all they do!

WITH SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Showalter family. Eric's father passed away on Wednesday, October 28.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sisters in Service Salad Sampler

Volunteers are needed to form a committee for this year's Christmas Salad Sampler. This special evening has been a tradition at our church for many years. It is a time when we can invite family and friends to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Please consider volunteering for this fun and festive event.

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, November 12). Small Bingo prizes are needed for males and females (items such as individual candy bars, juice boxes, jewelry, hats/



caps, word search books.) Please place donations in the designated box/basket in the foyer.

Ladies' Bible Study

The ladies' weekly Bible Study is held on Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m..

DON'T FORGET
TO FALL BACK,
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1!



50+ FELLOWSHIP

50+ Fellowship to the Elmont Opry, Saturday, November 14, 1 p.m.

The 50+ Fellowship (as well as anyone else interested in attending) are invited to go to the Elmont Opry, held at Elmont United Methodist Church, on Saturday, November 14, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Sign up in the church foyer if you'd like to go, and Terry Baker will arrange for tickets. Please contact her if you have any questions: 246-2298.

To learn more about the Elmont Opry, check out elmontumc.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elder Eric Showalter, who was recognized by the Alumni Fellows program at the Washburn Institute of Technology. The Alumni Fellows program recognizes people who have distinguished themselves in their career.



MISSION MINISTRIES

Sock-It to the Rescue Mission!

We are going to “Sock-It to the Rescue Mission” this month! Let’s provide a great variety of sizes and packs of new socks for the Topeka Rescue Mission to use in their ministry. Sock donations can be placed in the bin in the foyer on Sunday, Nov. 1.



Operation Christmas Child Collection, Nov. 16-23:



We are once again partnering with Operation Christmas Child as a relay collection site. Volunteers are needed to help carry in boxes that are brought from churches and individuals. Volunteers will also help count and carton the boxes to prepare them for shipping. See the calendar on the back of your newsletter for the times we are open, and sign up in the church foyer to help with collection week!

To learn about how you can pack your own special shoe box Christmas gift for a child in need, take a brochure from the church foyer, or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ. Box-

es can be brought to the church stage on Sundays, Nov. 15 and 22.

Harvest Weekend, November 21-22:

The time for Harvest is here! Help us raise \$9,995 for the missions we support! Church members should watch for a letter in the mail detailing our Harvest festivities on the weekend of Nov. 21-22. We start with our prayer chain all day Saturday. Then on Sunday morning Nov. 22, we will hear from Matt Brock of Good News Productions, and also take a special offering for our missionaries.



On Sunday evening, we have our Harvest Feast and Celebration! Sign up in the foyer to volunteer to bring a turkey (provided by the church), dressing and gravy. All others can bring holiday sides/desserts, and we will feast together, worship together, and learn of our Harvest donation total.

Be sure to join in the festivities as we celebrate the Harvest together!

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR NOVEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER – Kevin Wohletz

SONG LEADERS – Melissa Boutz

PIANIST – Lynne Maples

SOUND – Bob Coffman

COMPUTER – Courtney Wohletz

CHURCH CLEANERS – Joe White Crew 3

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Johnson

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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BENEDICTION				
Ken Lehew	Ken Lehew	Jim Clark	Jim Clark	Jim Clark
MISSIONS UPDATE				
Melissa Boutz	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS				
Wells / White	Wright / W. Baker	B. Barnes / Brackey	Boutz / Johnson	Clark / Coffman
NURSERY WORKERS				
W. Desch / K. Snyder	B. Watson / I. Boutz	L. Seehorn / I. Boutz	K. Flesher / T. Baker	M. James / M. Perry
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf	April Wells
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP				
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Anna Seehorn / April Wells	Bryan & Melissa Boutz	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

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| Sat., Oct. 31 | Trunks -N- Treats, 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Sun., Nov. 1: | Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time ends.
Final day to Sock-It to the Rescue Mission |
| Sat., Nov. 14: | 50+ Fellowship to Elmont Opry, 1 p.m. |
| Sun. Nov. 15: | Guest Speaker Jeff Palmer |
| Nov. 16, 18: | OCC Collection, 9:30-11 a.m. |
| Nov. 17, 19: | OCC Collection, 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Fri. Nov. 20: | OCC Collection, 11 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Sat., Nov. 21: | Harvest Prayer Chain
OCC Collection, 9:30-11:30 a.m. |
| Sun., Nov. 22 | Guest Speaker Matt Brock; Harvest Offering in a.m.
OCC Collection, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Harvest Feast & Celebration, 5:30 p.m. |
| Mon., Nov. 23: | OCC Collection, 9:30—11:30 a.m. |
| Sun., Nov. 29 | Men's Breakfast, Hunter's Ridge McD's, 7:30 p.m.
News due to Melissa for the December newsletter |
| Weekly: | Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 a.m. (starts 9/10)
Chronological Reading Bible Study, Thursdays at 7 p.m. |

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God,
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BLESSES US.

PSALM 67:6