

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: Facing Fall

A new season, a new experience. Okay, maybe not NEW as in not ever happened before, but how about NEW as in different from last time?

We're going to do some seasonal activities that have become customary and enjoyable for our RHCC family. The ladies will be having a women's retreat. We'll be going back out to Rees Fruit Farm for a hayrack ride and wiener roast for the whole church. We'll be hosting our Trunk N Treat that several hundred kids and family members come to and enjoy. You can read more about those events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, this month, a Sunday night meeting will begin for our junior high and senior high students. I'm going to be shifting from teaching the Sunday morning meeting (Sunday school class) to working with our teenagers on Sunday evenings, at least for now. We had a very active and effective youth program for many years, but due to a generation void in our congregation, we scaled back our youth ministry efforts for a while. We're starting to gear back up and this is one step. In the future we intend to engage an evening meeting opportunity for grade schoolers, also. But for now, we'll take step one. The board is also investigating the possibility of adding a part-time Student Ministries Leader, possibly a ministry student from a nearby Christian College. We'll see how all that works out.

I'm finishing up my summer sermon series using video clips from *The Wizard of Oz*. I've enjoyed it and hope you all have, as well. This series concludes on Sunday morning, September 4, with a message entitled: *Dreams Can Come True*. Beginning the following Sunday, September 11, I'll begin a new eight sermon series: **Some Real Characters with Hope**. Here are the individual messages for each Sunday through the end of October:

- 9/11/16 - Samson - Aren't I a cool dude?
- 9/18/16 - Jacob - My family is a real mess.
- 9/25/16 - Manoah's Wife - Nobody knows the trouble I've seen.
- 10/2/16 - Jonah - People really get under my skin.
- 10/9/16 - Martha - I'm driven, but where am I going?
- 10/16/16 - Thomas - You can't fool me!
- 10/23/16 - Peter - I really messed up this time!
- 10/30/16 - Nehemiah - My plans haven't worked exactly like I expected.

As you can see, each message will be based upon the real life experiences of a biblical character. Each individual struggled with some personal issue and moved through it because of the hope that his or her faith provided. The ideas for this series is derived from a book authored by J. I. Packer and Carolyn Nystrom entitled, *Never Beyond Hope*. J. I. Packer is a renowned Christian apologist and writer and has cooperated on several books with Carolyn Nystrom who is also an excellent Christian thinker and author. I am looking forward to being personally stimulated as I read their thoughts and write my messages. I hope you find these messages helpful, as well.

Make plans to join in with your church family here at Rolling Hills this fall. Enjoy the fun stuff. Volunteer to help with the community influence stuff. Devote yourself to the soul enriching stuff. I love the changing fall weather with the accompanying changing color of leaves. It reminds me that maybe I can change a few leaves of my own. Perhaps you can take a fresh look at your faith and join with me in turning a few leaves of your own.

Steve

Church Offerings for August

Date	Offering
8/7/16	\$4,430
8/14/16	\$1,813
8/21/16	\$2,559
8/28/16	\$2,710

Aug. Avg.: **\$2,878**

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,803

Raise the Roof: \$7,118, 129 bundles

LAWN BEAUTIFICATION

The Church Board has been working toward some plans for lawn beautification. A plan will be presented in September for planting new trees beginning this fall. Watch for details about how you can contribute to our tree purchases in our upcoming bulletins.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS

- Elders Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. – in the church library (*Empowered Church Leadership*, chap. 7)

SHORTS & SANDALS SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 4, is Shorts & Sandals Sunday. Come comfortably dressed for the final summer holiday weekend worship service.



SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 1 for September

The Bob Coffman Cleaning Crew (Crew 1) is cleaning for the month of September.



FITNESS OPPORTUNITY

There is a Senior Fit & Fun program at the church every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:30 p.m.

DIAPER DRIVE

Our own Anna Seehorn has had several little additions to her family in a short time. Let's help with a diaper drive to contribute to this foster family. We will collect packs of diapers through the month of September; sizes 2, 3, & 4 (especially 3) are needed. Please contact April Wells if you have any questions.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Ladies' Retreat, Sept. 30–Oct. 1

Our ladies' retreat will be here soon! Mark your calendars, and please let Terry Baker know if you would like to help in the planning and presentations. Watch your upcoming bulletins for registration information!

Ladies' Bible Study resumes September 8

The Ladies' Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. All ladies are welcome to participate in the new study beginning Thursday, September 8.

Tanglewood Care Home Ministries

We are still collecting small prizes for Bingo at Tanglewood. Please place prize donations in the basket in the foyer. Sisters in Service helps with Bingo on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Engaging the Encore Generation, Ozark Christian College, 9/26

A conference designed for active senior adults and leaders of senior ministry. Early-bird registration of \$20 is due by Sept. 20.

Woman's Retreat at King Solomon Christian Camp, 9/16-18

For all ages of women, Friday, 9/16 through Sunday 9/18. There are registration forms on the table in the foyer.

Momentum Conference at Manhattan Christian College, 10/18-19

For active men and women who are looking for a time of spiritual renewal and inspiration.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

All-Church Fall Hayride & Picnic, Sunday, October 9, 4:30 p.m.

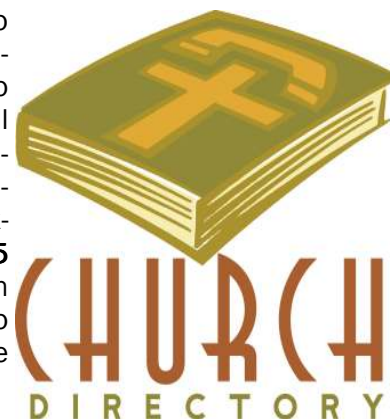
Come join in the fun! Beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Rees' Fruit Farm on Sunday, October 9, we will have an evening of fun and fellowship. We start with a hayride out to the bonfire. Hotdogs and drinks are provided; please bring sides and desserts to share. There will be games and great food and fellowship, so come out to farm and be a part of the fun!

LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



CHURCH DIRECTORY, 2016

We are preparing to create a new church directory, and want YOU to be in it! More details will be given in upcoming bulletins, but mark your calendar now for the weekend of **October 14 & 15** for photo sessions. Sign up information for photo sessions will be available in mid-September.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

New Youth Sunday School Teachers

Welcome to David Maples and Dustin Mengarelli, who will lead the Jr. /Sr. High School Sunday School class starting this month.

Student Ministries Fellowship, Sundays starting Sept. 25



We will begin a Sunday evening meeting for junior and senior high youth beginning September 25. These will be casual in-home meetings, with refreshments and meeting locations provided by the families of the youth involved. Watch for more information to come, as we'll soon be asking parents to open their home to host a meeting.

Oasis Youth Conference, Manhattan Christian College

Watch for information about the **Oasis Youth Conferences** hosted by Manhattan Christian College, to be held November 18-19 in Manhattan. Register by October 1 for the early rate of \$35.

Oasis is a weekend youth conference hosted by Manhattan Christian College for high school and middle school students. The affordable conference utilizes the campuses of Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State University. Oasis features dynamic worship, engaging speakers, classes and fellowship activities that will help teens develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. These unique classes and events are planned specifically to meet the needs for each age group. If you want your students to grow in their walk with the Lord, Oasis is the way to go.

Trunks & Treats, October 31

Trunks & Treats will be here before we know it! Hundreds of children from the community attend this event at our church, and we can't do it without your help! We will need candy for our visitors, people to decorate trunks in the parking lot and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters, we'll need runners to take candy around to trunks, hosts to serve cookies, game leaders, and dozens and dozens of cookies. Watch for details and sign up lists to come soon!



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER — Joe White

SONG LEADERS — Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Lynne Maples

SOUND - Bryan Boutz

COMPUTER - Bruce Maples

CHURCH CLEANERS - Bob Coffman

COMMUNION PREPARATION - Christenberry

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

4	11	18	25
* Bob Coffman # Kurtis Wells Harold Watson	* Bob Coffman # Kurtis Wells Harold Watson	* Eric Showalter # Jim Clark Walt Baker Joe White	* Eric Showalter # Jim Clark Walt Baker Joe White
BENEDICTION			
Kurtis Wells	Kurtis Wells	Jim Clark	Jim Clark
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
GREETERS			
McElroy / L Seehorn	Wells / A Seehorn	Huntsman / White	Showalter / Smith
NURSERY WORKERS			
K Snyder / B Watson	L Seehorn / C Wohletz	K Flesher / Baker	T Briggs / I Boutz
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
Renee Wohletz	Renee Wohletz	Renee Wohletz	Renee Wohletz

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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., Sept. 4** Shorts & Sandals Sunday
- Tues., Sept. 6** Elder Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 8:** Ladies' Thursday Bible Study Resumes, 9 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 25** Jr./Sr. High Fellowship Meeting
News due to Melissa for the October newsletter

Thursdays Beginning 9/8: Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.

Coming Soon:

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Family Fellowship at Rees Fruit Farm, Oct. 9, 4:30 p.m.
Church Directory pictures, October 14-15
Trunks & Treats, October 31

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