

THE PATHWAY

Our Vision

We are 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 life-style 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 / August

Date	Offering
July 23	\$ 973
July 30	\$2,875
Aug. 6	\$3,109
Aug. 13	\$3,105
Aug. 20	\$9,585

July Avg:
\$2,477

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$2,803

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: Darkness in the Daytime

The oath of a great superhero, Green Lantern, goes like this:

*In brightest day, in blackest night,
No evil shall escape my sight.
Let those who worship evil's might,
Beware my power... Green Lantern's light!*

Man, oh, man. Just reciting that makes me want to put on Green Lantern ring, some green tights and go find a cool lantern...okay...maybe I should ditch the tights!

Today, Monday, August 21, is a day that sun hid behind the moon, so the brightest day became night (sort of). A few weeks ago, I purchased solar eclipse glasses for Linda and me so we could safely watch this unique celestial event. We both watched from different places and talked to each other on the phone. It was pretty fun until the clouds showed up and obscured the view. We did get to see it off and on and at 1:06 for about two minutes darkness covered us all, like post-dusk. Everything seemed to go quiet... except the cicadas.

In the days and weeks leading up to the eclipse we heard all sorts of information about it. We were told when it would occur, the best places for 100% eclipse, warnings about traffic jams in small towns, suggestions about how to get ready for the day, warnings about viewing it and the correct glasses, and so on. Quite a commotion for this unusual event.

I couldn't help but think about another unusual event when the day became night. On a mountainside near Jerusalem a man was executed for crimes he

did not commit. In fact, he was executed from crimes that everyone else did commit. Without warning, for three hours the earth grew dark. This wasn't a regional event, or a narrow band that crossed over several nations. It was a worldwide event. Of course, you know I'm referring to the crucifixion of Jesus.

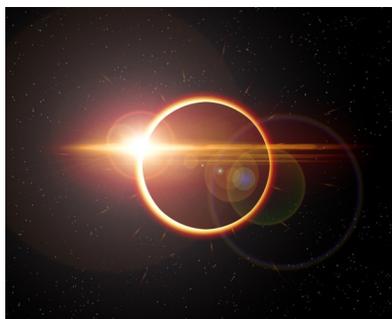
Everyone was stunned by the darkness, the quaking of the earth, the opening of tombs and dead people walking the earth, the tearing of the veil in the temple from top to bottom. The judgment of God had been declared and the grace of God had been extended. Jesus had died because of our sin, and we were offered life despite our sin. Whereas, following our eclipse of the sun, everything returned to normal, after Jesus' eclipse of sin everything would be rescued from normal. Humanity would have a new standard of behavior, and new motivation for holiness. Jesus' resurrection proved His persona and our moral drive was no longer for us to achieve heaven, but rather was a response to heaven being brought to us.

Darkness may temporarily screen our sight of the sun, but the sun will prevail. The darkness of sin, of our moral failures, our personal disappoints, our struggles against culture, our confusion with disasters may temporarily screen our sight of the Son, but He has proven to us that He, the Son, will prevail

We will always have some sort of darkness to address, but we also have the confidence that the light of the Son will always be available to take us through our dark valleys. The solar eclipse is a memorable event. The Savior's eclipse is a life-changing event.

Keep your eyes on Jesus. That doesn't require special glasses.

Steve



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

All-Church Birthday Party,
Sunday, September 10, 5:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to You! If you've had a birthday in the last year, this party is to celebrate you. Sign up in the foyer to bring a special birthday cake and decorate a table, so we can have a cake for each month of the year. Celebrate with us!

Fall Fellowship at Rees' Fruit Farm, Coming Soon!

Watch for information to come about our annual Fall Fellowship!



Happy Birthday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS

Elders Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting: Sunday, September 17, 6:00 p.m.

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 1 for September

The Bob Coffman Cleaning Crew (Crew 1) is cleaning for the month of September. Thanks to the volunteers on the cleaning crews for all of their hard work keeping the church neat and clean!

Cleaning Help Needed!

Many hands make light work! One of our cleaning crews needs more hands; please contact the church office or Jim Clark if you can help out.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, Sept. 24, 7:30 a.m.

Many of the men in our church meet for breakfast fellowship on the last Sunday of each month at the Hunter's Ridge McDonald's. All men are invited to participate.

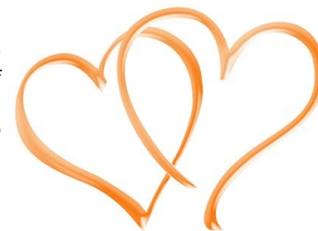
STUDY THE WORD

There is a weekly Bible study available on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., led by Steve Seehorn. Read the Bible in 2017 with *Reading God's Story*. Join in at any time.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Randy James request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Cassidy Sue James to Eric Jay Roberson, September 30, 2017, 5:00 in the evening.

Location and reception information can be found on the bulletin board in the church foyer.



CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you for letting me use the church for my bridal shower. Also thank you to everyone that came. Truly blessed with such a great church family.

Love, Cassidy (James) and Eric

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Ladies' Fall Retreat, Saturday, Oct. 7, Red Rock Ranch, Soldier, KS

Exciting plans are being made by the ladies at Soldier Christian Church, who are hosting our retreat on Saturday, October 7. They are also planning a Mexican-theme carry-in picnic on Friday evening, October 6, followed by a time for games and snacks. Please sign up in the foyer as soon as possible if you plan

to attend the picnic and stay overnight on Friday, and/or attend the retreat on Saturday, so we can make overnight reservations and provide a count for meals on Saturday (Breakfast and lunch will be provided.) Cost for the retreat will follow as information becomes available.

We encourage ladies of all ages to attend, as this will be a wonderful time of fellowship!

- **Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays, 9 a.m., Resuming Sept. 7**

The ladies' Bible Study resumes on Thursday, 9/7, at 9 a.m.

- **Tanglewood Care Home Ministries**

Sisters in Service helps with Bingo the 2nd Thursday of each month (Sept. 14) at 2:15 p.m. They need small items for prize donations.

- **Topeka Rescue Mission, 4th Tuesday, September 26, 9 a.m.**

We have a volunteer opportunity at the Topeka Rescue Mission on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.

King Solomon Christian Camp Women's Retreat, Sept. 15-17

There are brochures and registration forms available on the table in the foyer with information about the King Solomon Christian Camp Women's Retreat, to be held September 15-17. The theme is "It's All About Change," with featured speaker Beth Irvin, and comedian Lizzy Lou.

BUILDING AND LANDSCAPE

Tree Planting Plan

Trees have been removed and the stumps have been ground down in preparation for the planting of trees which will be more ornamental and attractive with the seasons. In consultation with a local nursery, we have been advised to plant a variety of three or four types of deciduous trees in the frontage along Hiawatha Place and along NW 46th Street.

We are looking at a variety of red leaf maple, purple leaf plum, and ivory silk lilac trees, with perhaps a fourth type also to be considered. These will likely be planted alternately and staggered for enhanced appearance. In addition, a couple of yet-to-be determined shade trees may also be planted to the east of the building as well.

A property plan showing the location of the trees will be placed in the front lobby by the first Sunday of September. As the trees are paid for the plan will show our progress.

A few individuals have already made contributions toward the purchase of trees. We hope that all the trees will be funded by the end of September, at which time the plantings will take place. Due to the cooperation of the nursery, each tree will cost approximately \$100. If you would like to purchase a tree for planting, please write your check to Rolling Hills Christian Church and designate it for the Tree Project. Please give your contribution to Kurtis Wells, Kevin Wohetz, or the church office.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Student Ministries Intern to Begin September 10

Dylan Meyer, sophomore student at Manhattan Christian College, will begin his ministry with us Sunday, September 10. Initially, Dylan will be with us on Sundays only, but we anticipate expanding that to include Saturdays once we get settled in and begin expanding his role.

We anticipated introducing Dylan to our congregation this past Sunday (August 20), but he was quite ill and was unable to be with us. When he does begin in September, individuals and families will be able to host Dylan for Sunday lunches. We will place a calendar in the foyer so host days can be reserved.

Child Dedication Sunday, October 1

On Sunday morning, October 1, Rolling Hills will devote the morning worship for families to have the opportunity to dedicate the raising and nurturing of their children to the Lord.



We would like to encourage any families who would like to participate in the dedications of their child(ren) to contact the church office by Sunday, September 10, to be included in the dedications. We would also encourage each family to provide three pictures: a baby picture, a current picture, and a family picture. In the case that a family may wish to have multiple children in their family to be dedicated, one family picture for all of the children will be appropriate.

If someone has questions, please contact the church office and we'll do our best to address those questions.

Getaway at Ozark Christian College, September 29-30

A youth event for middle school students (grades 6-8) will take place on the campus of Ozark Christian College on Friday and Saturday, September 29-30. There is a \$30 registration fee by September 15, and \$35 after September 15. Registration includes on campus housing in the dormitories as guests in the rooms of OCC students.



The weekend will include Friday evening main worship session, groups time, and late-night activities in the Student and Sports Complex. Saturday will offer main worship sessions in both morning and afternoon as well as group sessions, a service project, and some recreational time.

Please contact the church office with your interest so we can make necessary arrangements before the campus housing fills up. Each student will need to fill out a Teen Event Permission Form which will be available through the church office.

MISSION MINISTRIES

Guest Missionaries, Sunday, October 15

Mission to Russia will be with us during Sunday School and Worship on Sunday, October 15. A representative of the mission will be speaking and several Russian Christians will be traveling with him to visit us. We will have a carry in fellowship dinner following worship.

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER – Kevin Wohletz

SONG LEADERS – Melissa Boutz

PIANIST – Tari Metzler

SOUND – Isaiah Boutz

COMPUTER – Courtney Wohletz

CHURCH CLEANERS – Bob Coffman, Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Wells

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

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BENEDICTION			
Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith	Bruce Maples	Bruce Maples
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall
GREETERS			
Holthaus / Smith	Marshall / McElroy	Mengarelli / Neer	Nussbaum / Purcell
NURSERY WORKERS			
K Snyder / B Watson	K Flesher / T Baker	A Seehorn / JA Boutz	T Briggs / B Johnson
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: April Wells			

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Come Join Us!

Sundays:
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Thurs., Sept. 7:** Ladies' Bible Study resumes, Thursdays, 9 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 9: Elder's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 10 All-Church Birthday Party, 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 14 Sisters in Service to Tanglewood, 2:15 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 17 Deacon/Elder Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
October Newsletter Information Due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
Sun., Sept. 24: Men's Breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds
Tues., Sept. 26 Sisters in Service to Topeka Rescue Mission, 9 a.m.

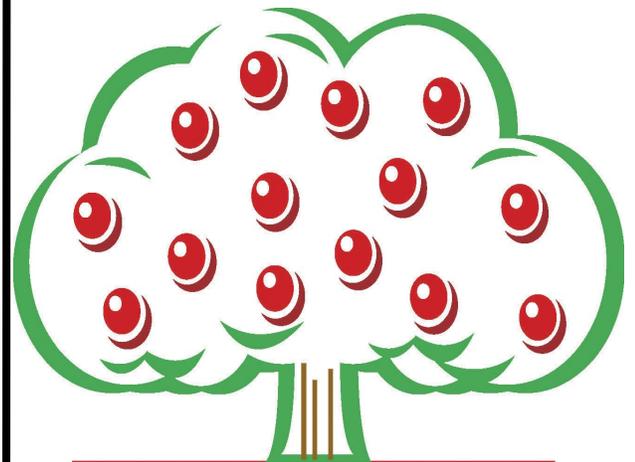
Weekly:

Tuesdays: Chronological Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.;

Coming Soon:

Child Dedication, October 1
Ladies' Fall Retreat at Red Rock Ranch, October 7
Fall Fellowship at Rees' Fruit Farm, early October
Trunk 'R Treat, October 31

**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.**



**And the Lord make
you to increase and
abound in love one
toward another...**

1 Thessalonians 3:12