

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 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: M & M's

I have a couple M & M dispensers in my office. One is a golfer M & M character while the other is a police officer M & M character. I had a third one, a car filled with M & M characters, but it broke (perhaps from overuse). All of them worked basically the same way. You pull down the arm of the M & M character so the delightful candy morsels can be dispensed into a receiving tray.

I reserve the use of these dispensers for human beings only, and they basically cannot be taller than the doorknob of my office. (While I do make exceptions from time to time, I'm pretty sure that real life characters like Dustin Mengarelli, David Maples, and some others are too big and too ornery to me to enjoy the exceptions!) It's not uncommon for me to have a parade of little people following me into the offices after Sunday worship to try their hand at pulling down the machines' hands. In fact, it is not unusual for some little people to come get me and take me to the office so they can get a special treat.

This past Sunday was not an exception. Among my customers were two of my grandchildren. As I was assisting one of them, the other two-year-old Kennon, climbed up in the glider chair. I asked him if he wanted some M & M's. He declined the offer while he spread out his small frame in the adult sized seat, arms and legs splayed out in a very relaxed reclining position. After serving up a lunchtime appetizer to little Mariah, Kennon's cousin, I heard a small voice in two-year-old grammar say something similar to, "Grandpa, I want some M & M's." I looked at him and asked to verify the statement, "You want some M & M's?" His reply, "Yep!" I said, "Come here and get some." He said very leisurely, "No, you get them for me." "You want me to get your M & M's for you?"

"Yep!"

Well, he ended up getting his own, but I got to thinking about that. Whose example was he following to so casually expect to be waited upon while reclining in his chair. Surely not me! (I suspect I know the correct answer, but that really isn't all that important.)

All of this leads to a much larger and more important question: How well do we give examples for our faith? How well do people we know and have influence over, copy our behavior, our character, our faith? How important is our "imitationalness" (yes, I did just make up that word)? Well...I think it's pretty important.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 4: 16, "*Be imitators of me.*" In 1 Corinthians 11:1 he states it this way, "*Be imitators of me, as I also am of Christ.*" He repeats that idea in Ephesians 5:1, Philippians 3:17, and again in 1 Thessalonians 3:7. This idea of having a life character that should be imitated runs counter to our cultural tendency. Public people (particularly professional athletes) tell people NOT to imitate them. Other adults tell us to learn from their mistakes or "do what I say, not what I do."

As believers, as people committed to the Lord Jesus, we ought to take Paul's approach. Our lives should be models to follow. We should unabashedly tell people to follow our examples. Will we err at times? Certainly. But our example is not for someone to learn from our mistakes, but rather to learn from our successes in our persistence in holiness and in our pursuit of God.

Be a good example. Influence people to join you in your imitation of Christ. Then, sit back and enjoy the M & M's.



Steve

Church Offerings for Sept/Oct

Date	Offering
Sept. 24	\$3,148
Oct. 1	\$2,502
Oct. 8	\$2,448
Oct. 15	\$1,440

Sept. Avg:
\$2,647
Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$2,803

PRAYER CHAIN

The Phone Prayer Chain has been updated and the list is posted in the church foyer. If you have a prayer request you would like to share through the prayer chain, please contact Ruth Barnes at 215-6164. You may also contact Melissa Boutz, 246-6432, melboutz@gmail.com, for an email to be sent to our email prayer group.

TRANSPORTATION

If anyone is in need of transportation assistance to attend Sunday School or Worship on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office in advance so we can make arrangements.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 3 for November

The Jim Clark Cleaning Crew (Crew 2) is cleaning for the month of October. 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 crews needs more hands; please contact the church office or Jim Clark if you can help out.

Serving Opportunities at Rolling Hills

2018 will be here soon! There are many opportunities to serve in the church, including children's ministries, technology, communion preparation, and serving in the worship services. If you would like to be added to any of our serving lists (or removed from), please contact Melissa. Watch for sign up lists to come for serving at RHCC in 2018.

MEN'S MINISTRIES:

Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, November 26, 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.

BUILDING AND LANDSCAPE

Tree Planting

Thanks to all who have contributed to the tree-planting plan! As you can see, new trees have been added to the church property. If you can help with watering the new trees, please contact Kurtis Wells.



MISSION MINISTRIES

Harvest Weekend, November 18-19. Harvest Goal: \$10,444

Join us for a Harvest, Saturday and Sunday, November 18-19. Harvest is a time we focus on giving thanks for and serving the missionaries and organizations we support. We will collect extra financial gifts for those in the Mission Field. In the next couple of weeks, church members will receive a letter detailing our Harvest festivities, and it will include special collection envelopes for everyone.

We begin the weekend with prayer, as we have a prayer chain all day Saturday, November 18. Sign up in the church foyer for a time slot to pray at the church. On Sunday morning, we have a special guest to share a mission-focused message: Amy Bringhurst, the daughter of Steve and Linda Seehorn, will share about her recent experiences serving in Africa. Also on Sunday morning, we will collect the special offering envelopes for our Harvest Collection, expecting to raise at least \$10,444 for our missionaries.

The weekend concludes with a Thanksgiving Celebration and Feast on Sunday evening, where we will learn our total and hear once again from Amy. Turkeys will be provided by the church and prepared by volunteers, and we ask everyone else to bring Thanksgiving sides and desserts for the meal. Sign up in the church foyer if you will prepare a turkey, dressing, and gravy.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Sisters in Service Meeting, Sunday, November 12, 5 p.m.

All ladies, please join us for a Sisters in Service meeting on Sunday, November 12, starting at 5 p.m.

Sisters in Service Salad Sampler

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 p.m.

All ladies are welcome to enjoy a lovely evening of sisterhood and fellowship at our annual Salad Sampler on Sunday, December 3. Bring a favorite salad to share for the evening meal, and bring your friends as well!



Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays, 9 a.m.

The ladies' Bible Study is studying Lysa Terkeurst's new book, *The Best Yes: Making wise decisions in the midst of endless demands*. They meet at the church on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

MEETINGS

- There is a weekly Bible study available on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., led by Steve Seehorn. Read the Bible in 2017 with *Reading God's Story*. Join in at any time.
- Elder Meeting: Wednesday, Thursday, Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m.
- Deacon and Elder Board Meeting: Sunday, November 12, 6:00 p.m.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. Ephesians 5:1-2 NASB

Be watching upcoming bulletins and your mail for more details on our annual Harvest Weekend.



Operation Christmas Child Collection Week, Nov. 13-20

Operation Christmas Child provides Gospel Opportunities around the world through the form of small shoebox Christmas gifts. Our church has the unique opportunity to be a drop-off location for Christmas shoebox gifts, and we will need volunteers that week to help with the collection. If you would like to pack a shoe box, please take a brochure from the church foyer for information on how to do that, and bring your box to the church stage on Sundays, November 12 and 20. Watch for a sign up list for volunteers to help with Collection Week. The church is open for shoebox collection the following hours: Mon./Wed./Sat. 11/13, 15, 18, 20:

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday/Thursday 11/14, 16: 5:30-7:30p.m.;

Friday 11/17: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;

Sunday 11/19: 1:30-3:30 p.m.



YOUTH MINISTRIES



Hey everybody, the youth group has been in full swing for a while now and things are going very well. Youth group will continue on Sunday afternoons at 4pm. We have been having a blast and the more the merrier so do not be shy in coming or inviting others. We have been getting a foundation built and will likely be beginning a series of lessons soon that will be great so please come check it out.

Coming up soon is the Oasis Conference in Manhattan. Preregistration has passed, but this does not mean that the opportunity to come has passed. Please contact me with interest. It will be a great experience to grow closer to Christ and have a blast doing it. It will be Nov. 17th and 18th.

Children's church is going well, but we hope to make some slight changes going forward to make it more efficient and more productive. We want to do this ministry as best we can to raise up the youngest part of the Rolling Hills Church Family into a good relationship with Christ. If you are willing to volunteer to help with Sunday School or Kid's Church or the Nursery, please contact me.

This is going to be a great month! Please contact me with questions or concerns. I am open to constructive criticism and ideas so please let me know what is on your mind. I am looking to lead our youth to Christ, and we had a great start so far. There is always room to grow, so I hope to continue to improve this ministry.

For His Glory, Dylan Meyer

If you need to get in touch with Dylan, he can be reached by phone or email: dylanmeyer2016@gmail.com; 620.490.0735.

Youth Group Sundays at 4 p.m.

The Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group is back in session, meeting on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Sonshine Boxes for Students, November 12

Let's encourage our college students with a special treat! Sonshine Boxes for 2 college students will be presented on November 12. Please bring snacks and notes of encouragement during the 1st two Sundays in November.

Oasis Youth Conference, November 17-18

Let the truth be known: Hosted by Manhattan Christian College, the Oasis Student Conference will be held at McCain Auditorium at Kansas State University. Jr. and Sr. High Students are invited to attend. Please let Dylan know as soon as possible if you would like to go, so we can arrange for transportation and lodging. The \$35 registration fee includes Saturday lunch, and we will share the cost of lodging based on who is attending.



Trunks & Treats, Tuesday, October 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Join us for a fun alternative to door-to-door trick or treating for kids in the area. Hundreds of children and families will visit Rolling Hills on Halloween. Will you be a part of the fun? We will need trunks and candy distributors, game helpers, cookie servers, lots of cookies, and many pounds of candy. Sign up in the church foyer to let us know how you can help.

We are collecting money for gift cards to use as door prizes for Trunks N Treats. Please contact Bruce Maples if you would like to contribute to this community outreach.

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR NOVEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER — Eric Showalter

SONG LEADERS — Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

SOUND — Bryan Boutz

COMPUTER — Bruce Maples

CHURCH CLEANERS — Joe White, Crew 3

COMMUNION PREPARATION — Walt and Terry Baker

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

5	12	19	26
* Dylan Meyer # Jim Clark Paul Brackey Zander White	* Dylan Meyer # Jim Clark Paul Brackey Zander White	* Bruce Smith # David Maples Walt Baker Konner Wells	* Bruce Smith # David Maples Walt Baker Konner Wells
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall
GREETERS			
Boutz / Brackey	T Briggs / Christenberry	Clark / Coffman	Davies / Snyder
NURSERY WORKERS			
A Seehorn / JA Boutz	J Barnes / I Boutz	T Briggs / K Snyder	B Watson / JA Boutz
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: Melissa Boutz			

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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

- Tues., Oct. 31:** Trunks N Treats, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 9 Sisters in Service to Tanglewood, 2:15 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 12 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week begins (see inside your newsletter for dates and times we are open for collection.)
Sonshine Boxes Distributed
Sisters in Service meeting, 5 p.m.
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 18: Harvest Prayer Chain
Sun., Nov. 19 Harvest Collection and Celebration
November Newsletter Information Due
(Newsletter information is due on the **3rd Sunday** of each month.)
Tues., Nov. 28: Sisters in Service to Topeka Rescue Mission, 9 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 26: Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.

Weekly:

Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Sundays: Youth Group, 4 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.;

Coming Soon:

Sisters In Service Salad Sampler, Dec. 3, 5 p.m.
Christmas Fellowship and Worship Opportunities

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on November 9 at 2:15 p.m. Others are welcome to join them. They continue to need small items for prizes, and there is a collection basket in the foyer for donations.

Topeka Rescue Mission

Join in on the 4th Tuesdays (November 28) at 9 a.m., for an ongoing volunteer opportunity currently served by the Sisters in Service.

Operation Backpack with Topeka North Outreach

Help pack food sacks for kids in need in our area. Operation Backpack prepares food sacks on the 1st Thursday of each month (November 2) at 6 p.m. at 4303 NE Indian Creek Rd.

