**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.

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**Church Offerings for Dec/Jan**

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**Weekly Budget Requirement:**

$2,646

**Rolling Hills Christian Church**

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**A Walk Down the Path**

**On: Winter Weather**

We have been recently blessed with the wonderful variety of conditions presented by the Kansas winter. We went from mild weather, to freezing rain combined with sleet and snow, to sub-zero temperatures, to a nice snowfall in zero range temperatures, to 50-degree weather, and today’s rain and snow in mid-30’s temperatures.

Many folks bemoan winter’s blustery cold days, overcast skies, and blowing snow. One can find himself or herself quite uncomfortable when caught out in those conditions. Indeed, many times people will intentionally stay inside to avoid those conditions.

I was raised in snowy country in central Iowa. In those days, snow removal and winter clothing were not as technically convenient as they are now. On the other hand, we all found ways to enjoy the white wonderland that would surround us. We, as children, learned the arts of making snowmen, building snow forts, digging caves into tall snowdrifts, packing and throwing snowballs, riding sleds and toboggans. It was all great fun…most of the time.

The first time I sat behind the steering wheel of a car was in late January. I was taking driver’s education as a high school sophomore. My partner and I did our driving during a study hall. I drove first on that snowy winter morning. Our instructor directed me to leave the school parking lot, head out to Interstate 35, and turn south toward Des Moines. We ended up in the downtown regions of Des Moines at Roosevelt High School. I’m not going to say that I was a bit nervous, but I couldn’t spit for 3 weeks!

I enjoy the snow. Certainly, it can be inconvenient and difficult, but nothing is more peaceful, in my mind, than walking outside and seeing the beautiful white purity that blankets the earth with quiet. Viewing the snow-floaked branches of conifers hanging low with the weight of newly fallen snow brings to mind the purifying grace of our heavenly Father.

The Lord said in Isaiah 1:18,

*Though your sins are like scarlet,*

*they will be as white as snow;*

*though they are red as crimson,*

*they will be like wool.*

When I see the snow falling, I feel God’s purifying grace falling. The snow falls outside, His grace falls inside. And the verses of the song we sing come to mind: “White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet, Lord, I know, Lord, I know that I’m clean and forgiven.”

Snow…God’s wonder that brings new life…let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Steve

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**Guest Speakers February 4 & 11, April 8**

Pastor Steve will be traveling February 1-10, and we will be visited by guest preachers in his absence. On Sunday, February 4, we will hear from Jeff Mulpas, of Alpha Christian Children’s Home. Our guest speaker on Sunday, February 11, will be Chris Hedges, who is starting a new church in Winfield. We look forward to hearing from these guests.

If you are in need of pastoral assistance in Steve’s absence, please contact one of the church elders.

Looking ahead to April, we will hear from Randy Gariss, who will help guide the Deacon and Elder Leadership Retreat, and follow it by sharing the message during worship on Sunday morning, April 8.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEETINGS**

- **Board Meeting**, February 4: There is a brief board meeting for newly-elected elders and deacons, following the worship service on Sunday, Feb. 4.

- **Leadership Retreat** for Elders and Deacons, April 6-7, at Red Rock Ranch in Soldier, KS. Randy Gariss, retired pastor from College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, MO, and current Professor at Ozark Christian College, will lead us. Cost for the night is $45 per person, which includes Friday lodging, and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Randy will also speak to our congregation during worship on Sunday morning, April 8.

**SERVING AT RHCC**

**Cleaning Crew 3 for February**

Cleaning Crew 3 is cleaning for the month of February. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

**Treasurer Assistance Needed**

Kevin Wohletz is the church treasurer and needs some assistance with the job. Please contact Kevin to learn how you can help with this important church ministry.

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Thanks to those who have signed up to prepare communion this year:

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**TABLES:**

We have replaced our old 8-foot wooden tables with lightweight plastic tables. Anyone who would like to have the 8-foot wooden tables is more than welcome to take one or all. Any tables remaining after March 4 will be removed and will no longer be available.

**BABY SHOWER:**

A baby shower will be held for Kelli Denton on Sunday, February 11, at 2 p.m. Kelli and Baby Girl Denton are registered at Target and Babies R Us.

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**

**Ladies’ Bible Study, Thursdays, 9 a.m.**

The Ladies’ Bible Study meets every Thursday, at 9 a.m.

**Sisters in Service Leadership**

If you are interested in leading the Sisters in Service ministry, please contact Linda Seehorn, April Wells, or Anna Seehorn. These ladies will complete their year of serving as leaders at the end of January 2018.

**Manhattan Christian College Woman’s World**

*In the Eye of the Storm*

The 41st Annual MCC’s Woman’s World, February 23-24, will be held at the Kansas State University Student Union. Keynote speaker is author/storyteller Robyn Dykstra. Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer. Registration cost is $80 if postmarked by Jan. 31, or $85 in February. Attendees are responsible for their own travel and lodging.

**Men’s Fellowship at McDonald’s, 1/28, 2/25, 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.

**ALL-CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**

Our All-Church Annual Meeting is held on the first Sunday in February, February 4, 2018. At the Annual Meeting, we will learn of the state of the church, vote on a budget for the coming year, vote on leadership for the year, and learn how the Mission Committee distributed our Harvest gifts. Make sure you mark your calendar to attend this important meeting.

For your consideration prior to the annual meeting, the nominated leaders for the next year are as follows:

**Elders:** Bill Hollingshead, Eric Showalter, Joe White, and Kevin Wohletz.

**Deacons:** Walt Baker, Jim Clark, Bruce Maples, David Maples, Dustin Mengarelli, and Kurtis Wells.
Hello everyone! Hope you are having a blessed month! The Youth Group has been meeting on Sunday nights and has been getting excited about some opportunities to get involved in God’s work hands-on.

Kid’s Church has been going well. There is a consistent number of kids each week and our volunteers have been doing a fantastic job of leading them. I pray that the youngest chapter of the Rolling Hills’ family continues to grow toward Christ.

Thank you very much!

God bless, Dylan

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 meets on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Sunday Lunch Hosting
Sign up in the foyer if your family would like to host Dylan for a Sunday lunch after the morning worship service. What a great opportunity to get to know him better!

**Youth Ministries**

**Fellowship Ministries**

3rd Annual Food Fight
March 4, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our 3rd Annual FOOD FIGHT, to be held on Sunday, March 4, starting at 5:00 p.m.! Competitors will sign up to bring food for one of 4 categories: Appetizers, Chili, Soup, or Dessert. Attendees will vote on their favorites, and the winner in each category gets bragging rights for having the BEST food in the Food Fight! Only one entry per family, please. Sign up in the church foyer beginning January 28.

Following the dinner and voting, we will enjoy a concert by And He Walks With Me, with Josh Whisler. The son of Barb Neer, Josh grew up at Rolling Hills, and we are excited to have him and his group visit us and share their music for the evening! A love offering will be received for them.

What a fun evening of fellowship we have in store for you! You won’t want to miss it on Sunday, March 4!

**Serving At Rolling Hills For February, 2018**

**Worship Elder** — Eric Showalter
**Song Leaders** — Melissa Boutz
**Sound** — Bryan Boutz
**Pianist** — Tari Metzler
**Computer** — Bruce Maples
**Church Cleaners** — Crew 3

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

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**Missions Update**

Eric Showalter    Sharlene Showalter    Arlene Marshall    Georgia Ford

**Greeters**

Wohletz / T Baker    B Maples / B Barnes    Briggs / Christenberry    Clark / Coffman

**Nursery Workers**

B Watson / K Snyder    B Johnson / I Boutz    L Seehorn / C Wohletz    K Flesher / T Baker

**Preschool Worship**

Karen Seel    Marcia James / Megan Perry    Amy White    Karla & Lauryn Morstorf

**Elementary Worship:**

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Coming Up at Rolling Hills

**Sun., Jan. 28:** Men’s Fellowship at McDonald’s, 7:30 a.m.

**Sun., Feb 4:** All-Church Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.
Guest Speaker Jeff Mulpas

**Thurs., Feb. 8:** Sisters in Service to Tanglewood, 2:15 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 11:** Denton Baby Shower, 2 p.m.
Guest Speaker Chris Hedges

**Sun., Feb. 18:** February 2018 Newsletter Information Due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)

**Sun., Feb. 25:** Men’s Fellowship at McDonald’s, 7:30 a.m.

**Tues., Feb. 27:** Sisters in Service to Topeka Rescue Mission, 8:45 a.m.

**Weekly:**
- 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:

- March 4: Food Fight & Concert
- March 11: Sisters in Service Meeting, 5 p.m.; Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 1: Easter Breakfast and Worship
- April 6-7: Leadership Retreat

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 February 8 at 2:15 p.m. Extra help is always appreciated! 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 February 27 at 8:45 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 (February 1) at 6 p.m. at 4303 NE Indian Creek Rd.