

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.

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: Our Heavenly Memories

The other day I was at home, downstairs in my favorite chair. I was looking for something to watch on TV to while I also worked on my laptop computer that was on my lap top. Searching through the cable guide I found the movie *Hook* starring Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, and Julia Roberts had just come on.

The "Rotten Tomatoes" movie critic doesn't think as highly of that film as I do. I've seen the film a couple of times and enjoyed the character portrayals as well as the actors and the story line. So...I watched it again...and enjoyed it again.

At the conclusion of the movie, after Peter Pan's last adventure in Never Neverland, Tinkerbell is telling him goodbye. They are back at Wendy's residence and Peter Pan has returned to being Peter Panning, but with a different life perspective. Tinkerbell is saddened, knowing that a change has taken place that she cannot undo with her fairy dust. This is what Tinkerbell says to Peter,

"You know that place between sleep and awake? That place where you still remember dreaming? That's where I'll always love you, Peter Pan. That's where I'll be waiting."



We read in the Bible of accounts by the great prophets of visions of heaven. Elisha saw the army of heaven surrounding the enemy, Isaiah saw the heavenly temple filled with God's glory, John saw the victorious redemption of God and the heavenly city for all the saints. Other accounts can also be recounted as well... Daniel's great visions among others.

I have often stated that those of us saved by our obedience to God's grace and covered by the blood of Jesus do not do goodness so we can go to heaven, but do goodness because we already have heaven in us. God abides in us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Since God abides in heaven as well, my conclusion is that we have heaven abiding in us. I have often wondered if there are times when we have a sense of that subtle place where heaven touches our souls. Is

it possible that at times we may have an awareness of our eternity without really being aware of that particular gift.

Over the years I have buried, or witnessed the burials, of many friends and family. While I have conducted funerals for many people to whose faith I could not personally attest, many others I certainly could. Grandma, Dad, Jim, Janice, Lee, Mike, Don, Ronnie, Brent, Lowell, Ron...the list goes on and on. Family and friends over the many decades of my life. Too many to name them all. Too many at times, to endure the heartbreak of the separation.

There have been times that I've had dreams about some of these, and other dear saints who have influenced me in different ways. I'm sure that you, dear reader, share that same experience. I'll awaken and remember glimpses of the dream, confused by its clarity and fogginess all at the same time.

I wonder. In that place between sleep and awake, is it possible that at times we receive a glimpse of heaven or touch the heaven that is in us? I realize this is not very theological. I also realize it is not biblical. It's not even a belief. It is only a question of emotional faith. Hebrews 12:1 tells us that we have a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. I wonder if now and then some of those witnesses touch us in that place between sleep and awake to remind us to lay aside the weights of our burdens and run with endurance our race to Jesus. I'd like to think so.

In truth, it doesn't really matter whether it is truly the case. What matters, I suppose, is that our heavenly memories are honored and treasured. What matters is that we press on toward the goal of our heavenly call in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14). Someday, that heavenly call will be the only reality we know. But until then, I'll see you in my dreams.

Steve

Church Offerings for July / August

Date	Offering
July 22	\$4,779
July 29	\$2,331
Aug. 5	\$3,093
Aug. 12	\$1,474
Aug. 19	\$1,757

July Avg: \$2,668

Weekly Budget Requirement: **\$3,009**

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS

- **Elder's Meeting:** Sunday, Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.
- **Deacon and Elder Board Meeting:** Sept. 16, \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 1 for September

Cleaning Crew 1 is cleaning for the month of September. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Mission Trip Opportunity with Mission to Russia

We were recently visited by a group from Mission to Russia, and now have an opportunity to serve with them in a 2-week mission trip, which is being arranged by Dan Stoll. The trip to Russia will take place next July, 2019. Anticipated cost is \$2,800, which will include all expenses except passport fees and stateside meals. More infor-



mation is coming soon. If you think you might be interested in this opportunity, please let Steve know so we can be sure to keep you informed of future details.

Tanglewood Bingo Prizes

The Sisters in Service is seeking prizes for Bingo for the Tanglewood Care Home residents. Suggestions include small stuffed animals, individual-wrapped snacks like chips and cookies, costume jewelry, adjustable ball caps, and small decorative items to brighten their rooms. Sisters in Service helps with Bingo on the 2nd Thursday of each month.



INTENTIONAL CHURCHES WORKSHOP

We will have a small group attending an intentional churches workshop on October 25. This group will be led in developing a clear vision and assemble an action plan that they can implement in the life of the congregation.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

Weenie Roast and Hayrack Ride will be held on **October 7**, starting at 4:30 p.m. It will be held at the same location as last year, at 1339 NW 82nd St. Hot Dogs, buns, drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts to share, as well as lawn chairs.

LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



Faith & Family Night

Topeka Pilots October 27



There's a new era of hockey in Topeka. The Pilots will be having a Faith & Family Night on Saturday, October 27th. Let's get a group together to go! Tickets will be \$11 or less, depending on the size of group. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer.

MEN AND WOMEN MINISTRIES

Ladies' Retreat, September 28-29

Ladies', join us at the *Cozy Mountain Lodge* Friday and Saturday, September 28-29, at Red Rock Ranch in Soldier! Sign up in the church foyer by Sunday, Sept. 9th, if you plan to be a part of this refreshing getaway. Contact Joan Barnes with any questions.



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

The Ladies' Bible Study meets every Thursday, at 9 a.m. All ladies are welcome!

Men's Fellowship at McD's, 8/26; 9/30, 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.

Where women find shelter in God.

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. -Psalm 46:1

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Youth Group Resumes!

Youth Group classes for Jr. and Sr. High students will resume on **September 9 at 4 p.m.** This fall, we will cover two Bible study series, starting with *God's Not Dead 2*, answering the question "Who do you say I am?" This 4-week study is based on the movie and will challenge participants to discover what they believe and give them a firm foundation on which to defend their faith even in the midst of opposition. We will begin with watching the movie, *God's Not Dead* and then watch *God's Not Dead 2* after the series is over.



Once that is complete we will start the study *The Way I'm Wired*, to help students discover how they are wired and how they can cooperate with God to live the life they were meant to live. I am very excited to have the opportunity to help our youth grow in their faith through fun activities and events! — *Chelsea Huston*

Youth Room Updates

Make sure to stop in and see our progress! Some new furniture has been added to the youth room, and a fresh coat of paint is coming soon. Thanks to the volunteers who are coordinating the youth room update!

Child Dedication Sunday, October 7

On Sunday morning, October 7, RHCC will devote the morning worship for families to have the opportunity to dedicate the raising and nurturing of their children to the Lord.



Last year, several families participated in our child dedication. If you were not available to participate or have a new child you would like to dedicate, please contact the church office by Sunday, September 16, to be included in the dedications. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Trunk R Treat, October 31

Trunk R Treat is coming on Halloween. It's not too early to start thinking about how to decorate your car or to buy candy! We will have two bikes that we plan to give away, and will accept donations to offset the cost of the bikes. Watch for sign up lists to come later in September, as we will need trunks, cookies, game leaders, and parking guides, as well as lots of candy for our guests. Questions can be directed to Bruce Maples, Kelli Denton, or Chelsea Huston.



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2018

WORSHIP ELDER — Joe White

SONG LEADER — Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

SOUND — Isaiah Boutz

COMPUTER — April Wohletz

CHURCH CLEANERS — Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION — Walt Baker

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation **and** Benediction

2	9	16	23	30
* Bruce Maples # Kurtis Wells Zander White Joe White	* Bruce Maples # Kurtis Wells Zander White Joe White	* Jim Clark # David Maples Walt Baker Mike Denton	* Jim Clark # David Maples Walt Baker Mike Denton	* Jim Clark # David Maples Walt Baker Mike Denton
MISSIONS UPDATE				
Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall
GREETERS				
L Seehorn / Wells	White / Huntsman	B Barnes / Clark	Boutz / Johnson	Briggs / Christenberry
NURSERY WORKERS				
J Barnes / B Watson	B Johnson / JA Boutz	L Seehorn / JA Boutz	K Flesher / T Baker	T Briggs / K Snyder
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla Morstorf	April Wells
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: 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. 9: Elder's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Sign-up due for Ladies' Retreat
Youth Group resumes, 4 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 16: Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 16: October Newsletter Information Due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)

Fri/Sat, Sept 28-29: Ladies' Retreat at Red Rock Ranch

Weekly:

Thursdays: Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.;
Sundays, Youth Group, 4 p.m.

Coming Soon:

- Child Dedication Sunday; Hayride and hotdog roast, October 7
- Topeka Pilots game, October 27
- Trunk R Treat, October 31
- Operation Christmas Child Collection, and Harvest, 3rd week in November.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on September 13 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 Sept. 25 at 8:45 a.m. for an ongoing volunteer opportunity currently served by the Sisters in Service at the Topeka Rescue Mission.

Operation Backpack with Topeka North Outreach

Operation Backpack packs food sacks on the 1st Thursday of each month, at Indian Creek Elementary. The next food sack-packing is September 6.

As each part does its own special work,
it helps the other parts grow,
so that the whole body is healthy and growing
and full of love.

EPHESIANS 4:16, NLT

