

THE PATHWAY

Our Mission

To worship the Lord Jesus Christ, taking His message of salvation to all peoples and developing the body of believers to maturity in Him. . .

. . .by showing our commitment to one another by declaring fellowship with the Lord and members in this congregation and by encouraging each other through our social interactions in large and small group opportunities.

. . .by meeting together on Sunday as a group to express our praise and adoration to God for the resurrection of Jesus on the first day of the week

. . .by communicating by verbal statement and by personal example of the activity of grace on our behalf which entailed the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

. . .by providing opportunities that encourage each of our members to constantly review their faith and grow in their spiritual walk with God.

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: Another Christmas has arrived

I was just thinking the other day that Christmas has sure seemed to get here quickly this year. Maybe I've skipped a month or two someplace along the line. I don't remember skipping anything, but then, I suppose, if I skipped it I wouldn't remember that I didn't do it...(uh...never mind).

All sorts of things are going to be happening as part of the Christmas season celebration at RHCC. Let me think for a minute. We've got Operation Christmas Child collection and church decorating (which will both be concluded by the time you receive this newsletter), gift collection for Alpha Christian Children's Home, Sisters-In-Service Salad Sampler (December 8), Kansas Juvenile Correction Complex Holiday Dinner (December 7), Christmas Caroling (December 15), Christmas Musical (December 22 worship), Christmas Eve Service (December 24 - which by coincidence is the same date it was last year even though it's on a different day of the week this year...amazing!!!) and of course, Christmas Day itself.

Check the inside of the newsletter for details. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities to be together, to invite family and non-churched friends to come with you and to bring some seasonal cheer into the lives of folks who could use some cheering up.

Christmas is one of those yearly events that produces all sorts of memories. I have great memories of some childhood Christ-

mases and gifts that I received. I have great memories of Christmases with our family when our kids were young and the excitement they expressed when they received surprising gifts. I have great memories of my grandchildren and the enthusiasm they have when opening presents and throwing wrapping paper off to the side so they can get to the next gift. I have great memories of last Christmas when it was announced that another grandchild would be joining the tribe.

Lots of joy for all.

Time seems to fly by. When looking forward with anticipation of something, time moves slowly. But looking backward after the "somethings" have taken place, time seems to have raced past. Expectations and memories, though they move at relative speed, still have one thing in common...the joy they bring us.

Another Christmas has arrived. Another opportunity to make memories. Another cause for joy. Enjoy the events of Christmas with your family. Enjoy the events of Christmas with your church family. Be a cause for joy in a world that finds itself in despair.

The message of God for all of His creation is quite simple. He has arrived to rescue us and give us hope. He is our cause for joy. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good...forever.

Steve

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you wish to share a Christmas Card with the entire church family, you may send us your card to the church, or place it directly on the Communications bulletin board in the foyer.



From the staff at Rolling Hills Christian Church, Steve and Linda Seehorn, and Melissa Boutz and Family, we hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, and may you be blessed this Christmas Season!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND FELLOWSHIP:

Board Meeting and Server Training, December 1, 5:00 p.m.

The next Elder and Deacon Board meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 5 p.m. We will begin with training for all servers and meditators, and then have a chili and soup supper. Following the meal, we will have our regular board meeting.

History of Faith Wednesday Study, 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday nights, when Steve is leading "An Overview of Our History of Faith," at 6:30 p.m. (We will not meet on 12/18.) This study will continue through the winter.

Choir Rehearsals, Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m.

A Song Was Born at Christmas will be presented during the worship service on Sunday morning, December 22. It's not too late to join the choir— Join us for this time of worship and Christmas celebration on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.!

Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, December 29, 7:30 a.m.

All the men are welcome to come to the men's breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds on the last Sunday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS:

Cleaning Crew 2 for December

Cleaning Crew 2 will clean for December. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!



Sign up for Communion

Our communion is prepared by volunteers in the church, and there is a sign up sheet in the foyer for the 2014 communion preparation. If you would like to serve the church in this way, sign up for your preferred month to set up communion.



TNO Operation Backpack, 12/5

Topeka North Outreach packs food sacks for kids on the 1st Thursday of every month, at Lyman Learning Center.

Church Offerings for November

Date	Offering
Nov. 3	\$3,877
Nov. 10	\$1,909
Nov. 17	\$1,595
Nov. 24	\$2,460

Nov. Avg. \$2,460
Harvest: \$9,482

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,601

HARVEST FOLLOW-UP

Thank you so much to all who were involved in our Harvest Weekend events! For everyone who came for the prayer chain and gave to the Harvest Offering, thank you for supporting our Christian missionaries and organizations in this way. Thanks to those who prepared turkeys for our Harvest Celebration, and to everyone who brought food and came to enjoy fellowship and worship together. Thanks to Ron and Haven Howard for leading us in a time of worship and sharing a concert with us. We appreciate everyone's efforts toward a successful Harvest! If you would still like to give to Harvest, please let the office know. As of Sunday evening, we raised:



\$9,482.88!

Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

50+ Fellowship Lunch, After Service December 15

Our next 50+ Fellowship is scheduled for December 15th. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. We plan to share soup, chili, sandwiches, and desserts. Beverages and crackers are furnished. Come and eat, play games, and enjoy fellowship. Questions will gladly be answered by Shirley Christenberry, 235-6064 or Terry Baker, 246-2298.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling Shepherds and Angels

We need YOU! The choir would like to invite the youth to help us tell the Christmas Story during the cantata on Sunday, December 22. No speaking or line-memorization required! We would also like an adult or two to help with costumes and with guiding the kids on and off stage at the right times. Please speak with Melissa if you would like to help. Only 2 rehearsals should be needed:



- **Wednesday, December 11, 6:30-7:15 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-7:45 p.m.** (We will start on our own, and then have a full rehearsal with the choir.)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sisters In Service Salad Sampler, Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.

All ladies are invited to join us for the Sisters in Service Salad Sampler on Sunday evening, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. Bring food to share and a friend to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship!

WITH THANKS

Thanks to everyone who helped with the church work day! The new paint looks great, and the other jobs were appreciated as well. Thanks to David Maples, Richard Johnson, Joe White, Kurtis Wells, Eric Showalter, Steve Seehorn.

Thank you to all who helped with the Operation Christmas Child collection. As a relay center, we received **745 Christmas Boxes**, 66 of which were from our church!

- Melissa Boutz

I wish to thank everyone who came to my house for a genuine Mexican dinner with visiting missionaries Norma and Jair Castillo. What a fun evening and they both were so grateful to share with you... All the help was really appreciated and enjoyed! - Arliss Douglass

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

KJCC Holiday Dinner, Saturday, December 7

We have been invited to host a holiday dinner for a group at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. Please speak with Sharlene Showalter or sign up in the foyer if you wish to prepare food. Those attending the dinner were already required to submit security paperwork, but more help with food is welcome.

Christmas Gifts for Alpha Christian Children's Home

The church family is again adopting Alpha Christian Children's Home for Christmas. There are lists in the foyer with gift requests. Consider signing up to help bless one or more of these children this Christmas. Gifts are due to the church, wrapped and labeled, by December 15. If you have any questions, please contact Arlene Marshall at 246-0355.



Christmas Caroling and Fellowship, December 15, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of fellowship. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. to go caroling and look at Christmas lights, and then have refreshments at the home of Arliss Douglass

(4343 NW 53rd Terr.). Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and treats to share!

Sonshine Boxes for Students and Military

Sisters in Service are putting together Sonshine Christmas Care Packages for our college students and those in our church serving overseas with the military. We would like to have snacks, inspirational items, notes, etc., collected by Dec. 15. At this time, we are aware of the following students: Josh Whisler, Courtney and Scott Brackey, Ellen Boeding, and Jordan James. Please let us know if you are aware of anyone else we should include.

A Song Was Born at Christmas, Sunday, December 22

The choir will present the Christmas Cantata during our regular worship service on Sunday, December 22.

Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR DECEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER Bill Hollingshead

SONG LEADER Melissa Boutz; Steve Seehorn 12/29

SOUND – Bryan Boutz

COMPUTER – Scott Brackey

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Bob & Linda Coffman

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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* Bob Coffman # Ken Lehew Randy James Shawn Perry	* Bob Coffman # Ken Lehew Randy James Shawn Perry	* Bruce Maples # Bruce Smith Paul Brackey Scott Brackey	* Bruce Maples # Bruce Smith Paul Brackey Scott Brackey	* Bruce Maples # Bruce Smith Paul Brackey Scott Brackey
BENEDICTION				
Ken Lehew	Ken Lehew	Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith
MISSIONS UPDATE				
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS				
Boutz / Johnson	B. Barnes / Brackey	Briggs / Coffman	Douglass / Hodges	Ford / Ford
NURSERY WORKERS				
Cassidy James	Barb Neer	Terry Baker	Sharlene Showalter	Brenda Watson
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf	April Wells
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP				
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Family Sunday for Christmas	Bryan & Melissa Boutz

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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., Dec. 1:** Server Training and Elder/Deacon board Meeting, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 5: TNO Operation Backpack packing, 6 p.m. (Lyman Learning Center)
Sat., Dec. 7: KJCC Holiday Dinner
Sun., Dec. 8: Sisters in Service Salad Sampler, 6 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 11: Children's Rehearsal for Christmas play, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 15: Gifts due for Sonshine Baskets and Alpha Christian Children's Home
50+ Fellowship Lunch, after service
All-Church Christmas Caroling and Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 18: Children's Rehearsal for Christmas play, 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal
will begin at 7:00 p.m. this week.
Sun., Dec. 22: Christmas Choir Cantata: *A Song Was Born at Christmas*
Tues, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 29: Men's Breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds
News due to Melissa for the November issue of *The Pathway*

Weekly:

Wednesday Night Activities: Bible Study at 6:30 & Choir Rehearsal at 7:30
Thursdays at 9 a.m.: Ladies' Bible Study

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Oh Come,

**Let us
Adore Him!**

