

# 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: The Definition

On Saturday evening, I watched the movie *Batman Begins* on T.V. At one point in the movie Bruce Wayne is publicly living the life of a carefree playboy to help deflect all attention away from his alter ego Batman. His childhood friend Rachel Dawes sees him. He tries to tell her that what she is seeing isn't really him. She tells him, "It's not who you are underneath, but what you do that defines you." Later in the film, as Batman is performing his acts of heroism, he is alone with Rachel Dawes who does not know that Batman is her childhood friend, Bruce Wayne. In a moment of truth Batman says to Rachel, "It's not what I am underneath, but what I do that defines me." Rachel learns the truth about both Bruce Wayne and Batman.

The truth of the matter is that we are defined by both who we are underneath and by what we do. James says as much in his letter when he says (2:18), "Someone will say, 'You have faith; I

***"Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."***

***James 2:18b (NIV)***

*have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."* His point of course, is that what we believe is

demonstrated by what we do. Both the "underneath" belief and the performance of "what I do" are necessary and paint the complete and accurate picture of who we are.

The appreciation my family has and the encouragement we received by our friends and family of faith, from Rolling Hills and elsewhere, cannot be properly expressed either on paper or through public acknowledgement. During the rapid decline of my father's health through his passing and funeral, and the days afterward you all stood by us and lifted us up during our grief.

But as you all know, our grief is tempered by the great confidence we have in Dad's eternal condition. He was a man of faith, a man of great

example to many people. A friend of our family's who was an elder of a church we attended during my childhood searched me out at the visitation to tell me that Dad was a mentor to him as he learned how to be a leader in the Lord's church. Men who worked with Dad told us of their admiration and appreciation of him. I could go on, of course, but suffice it to say that my most trusted counselor and confidant is now gone. It will leave a great hole, but we all make adjustments as our lives progress and our situations in life are altered.

Dad was a man whose "underneath" was matched by "what he did." He showed his faith. Just days before he left this life he called Mom, Dennis, Cathy, and me around his hospital bed and told us how proud he was of all of us. He expressed his love for his wife of nearly 66 years and how she was wonderful to him and cared so well for him. He talked to each of us children of his higher hopes and regard for our faith accomplishments than for our personal accomplishments. The whole event was astonishingly reminiscent of the biblical patriarchs gathering their offspring around them for a final patriarchal blessing. In every sense of the words I felt like I was watching an Abraham or a Jacob preparing to pass into the arms of his Father. Through my tears I struggled to tell my dad not only my love for him, but that he was my example for life.

The definition of a man is not that he was a great football coach, or a successful businessman or a monument of political presence. The definition of a man is the impact he has had on the Kingdom of Heaven. Dad and Mom have provided a legacy of faith for their descendants. Hundreds of people of all ages came to the visitation and the funeral of this 88 year old man. Not because of his fame, but because of his humility of faith. He is my definition of a man. A true man of God. While I will probably never measure up to the example that he has always been for me, I will never cease to try.

Steve

P.S. By the time you receive this newsletter, I will be on the road for my annual golf vacation with my brother. We'll be taking Mom with us to spend a week with her sister. I'll see you all on the 12<sup>th</sup> when I get back.

**Church Offerings****Date Offering**

<b>Jan. 1:</b>	<b>\$3,839</b>
<b>Jan. 8:</b>	<b>\$2,396</b>
<b>Jan. 15:</b>	<b>\$2,923</b>
<b>Jan. 22:</b>	<b>\$1,795</b>
<b>Jan. 29:</b>	<b>\$2,766</b>

**Jan. Avg. \$2,743**  
**Weekly Budget**  
**Requirement: \$2,601**

**ANNUAL MEETING****February 5, 2012**

The Rolling Hills Christian Church Annual Meeting will take place the 1st Sunday of February during the Sunday School hour. At that time we will have the selection of our elders & deacons, an update on missions support, and the approval of the budget. Doughnuts and beverages will be served.

The proposed leadership for 2012 is as follows:

**Elders:**

Gary Funke Bill Hollingshead  
Eric Showalter

**Deacons:**

Walt Baker	Steve Box
Paul Brackey	Jim Clark
Bob Coffman	Bruce Maples
David Maples	John McElroy
Bruce Smith	Kevin Wohletz

These will be voted on by the congregation during our annual meeting at **9:00** during the Sunday school hour on **February 5**.

Following the annual meeting and our church service, there will be a short meeting for the new board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Guest Speaker, Sunday, February 5****Michael O'Hanahan, Niños de Mexico**

On Sunday morning, February 5, we will be hearing from Michael O' Hanahan for the message.

"Mick O'Hanahan is the Development Director of Niños de Mexico. He has served with Niños de Mexico for 10 years. He and his family moved to Mexico in 2001, and worked at the children's home in Mexico for three years. In 2004, he became the Development Director, and moved to Carl Junction, Missouri. He travels around the country sharing and giving updates to supporting churches about the love, children and blessings of Niños de Mexico." You can learn more about Mick and the ministry of Niños de Mexico at [ninosdemexico.org](http://ninosdemexico.org).

**Elder's Breakfast****February 10 & 24**

The elders of the church meet for breakfast every other Friday at Steak & Shake at 7:30 a.m. The next meetings are February 10 and February 24.

**Church Cleaning for February**

We thank our cleaning crews who work so hard to keep the church neat and clean! Cleaning Crew 2 will clean for the month of February.

**Boy Scout Sunday****February 12**

Boy Scout Troop 52, which RHCC sponsors, will have a large part in our worship service on Sunday, February 12, so we want to encourage all to come and show our support for the boys and the leaders.

Rolling Hills sponsors the troop by allowing them to use our facility for their meetings. They have helped us with some grounds improvements over the years and helped with our Trunk N Treat this past Halloween.

**Prepared. For Life.™****Sonshine Boxes!**

Bring snacks, treats, and encouraging notes for our college students! Please bring your treats on February 12th and 17th, as packages will be distributed after church on February 17.

**Men's Breakfast**

The men of the church are invited to meet for breakfast at the Hunter's Ridge McDonalds on the last Sunday of each month. This month they will meet on February 26, at 7:30 a.m.

**Updates for Directory**

If you have updates or corrections for your contact information in the church directory, please give that information to Melissa in the church office by Sunday, February 26.

**NOTE OF GRATITUDE**

*Dear Rolling Hills Christian Church,*

*Thank you all so much for your prayers, thoughtfulness, and gifts during the illness and death of our husband and father.*

*We'd also like to thank you for the blessing you are to Steve and Linda. Your encouragement means so much.*

*The Merrill Seehorn Family*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### Ladies Seaside Escape Retreat April 27 & 28

The Seaside Escape ladies retreat is being planned for April 27-28. We hope you can join us! Money should have already been turned in at this time to reserve our space at the Woodward Inn. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Baker or Sharlene Showalter. We look forward to this time of refreshing and fellowship together!

### Woman's World at Manhattan Christian College "One Size Fits All"

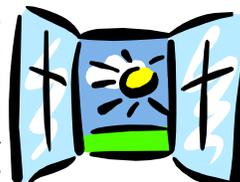
There are brochures and posters in the foyer about Woman's World on February 24-25 at the Kansas State Student Union. Keynote speaker will be Thelma Wells, who is a popular speaker from the Women of Faith conferences. Take a brochure for registration and seminar information, or register online at [www.mccks.edu](http://www.mccks.edu).



## SONSHINE BOXES

### Sonshine Boxes! February 12 & 17

Let's encourage and show love to our college students during the month of February! Bring snacks, treats, and encouraging notes on February 12th and 17th, and place on the back counter in the foyer. Packages will be handed out after church on February 17th.



If you know of any students who are church members who are in college this semester, please notify Linda Dandy at 286-2968. Notes may be written and treats brought for approximately six to seven students. At this time we are aware of the following: Brett Whisler, Jordan James, Scott Brackey, Brenda Watson, Claricia Gautier, and Kristy Nei.

## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR FEBRUARY

**WORSHIP ELDER** Bill Hollingshead

**SONG LEADER** Melissa Boutz

**SOUND** – David Maples

**COMPUTER** – Jim Clark

**CHURCH CLEANERS** – Crew 2

**COMMUNION PREPARATION** – The Barb Neer Family

* Communion Meditation # Offering Meditation			
5	12	19	26
* Bob Coffman # Gary Funke Randy James Harold Watson	* Bob Coffman # Gary Funke Randy James Harold Watson	* Bruce Maples # Eric Showalter Josh Whisler Kevin Wohletz	* Bruce Maples # Eric Showalter Josh Whisler Kevin Wohletz
<b>BENEDICTION</b>			
Gary Funke	Gary Funke	Eric Showalter	Eric Showalter
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>			
Arlene Marshall	Eric Showalter	Gary Funke	Linda Dandy
<b>GREETERS</b>			
B. Maples / D. Maples	B. Watson / H. Watson	Lehew / Brackey	Warden / Boeding
<b>NURSERY WORKERS – 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP</b>			
Shelby Randle	Linda Briles	Barb Neer	Amber Smith
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>			
Karen Seel	Karen Seel	Kristi Nei & Brandon Fuller	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP</b>			
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Kelli Warden	Bryan & Melissa Boutz

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*Come Join Us!*

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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## COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Sun., Feb.. 5:** Annual Congregational Meeting, 9 a.m.  
Guest Speaker Mick O'Hanahan, 10 a.m.
- Fri., Feb. 10 & 24:** Elder's Breakfast, Steak & Shake, 7:30 a.m.
- Sun., Feb. 12:** Boy Scout Sunday
- Sun., Feb. 17:** Items due for Sonshine Boxes
- Sun., Feb. 26:** Men's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.  
at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds
- Sun., Feb 26:** Information due for March Newsletter

### Weekly:

Mondays at 7 p.m.: Boy Scouts  
Thursdays at 9 a.m.: Women's Bible Study

### Coming Up in March and April:

- Watch for information to come about our All-Church Birthday Party on March 11!
- April 8 is Easter Sunday!

*<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails... <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*



*1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13 NIV*

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