

# 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: Read, Read, Read

Every year we encourage everyone to read their Bibles through. This year is no exception.

The reading schedule that we made available this year is different from the schedule that we printed and promoted for many years. The One Year Bible Reading Plan that we are using is published by Good News Publishers out of Wheaton, Illinois. I am using this plan this year and am enjoying it very much. If you haven't started using it, you can pick one up and get started.

Several people have told me that they are reading through their Bible using this guide. During a conversation with one person, he said that this was the first time he's ever read the Bible through. He told me he didn't know why he'd never done it before, but he was enjoying finding things in the Bible that he'd didn't know were there. The fun of discovery only happens as we take advantage of our opportunity to look.

I've read the Bible through many times and never tire of the exercise. I'll grant you that some areas of Scripture are more interesting than others, and some areas are more laborious to wade through than others, but all of them are significant. Everything between the covers of that Book is there because God deemed it all to be important.

Perhaps when reading through all the ritual requirements in Leviticus, you get bogged down. Remember that all those rituals were to guide people to holiness and to a respectful response to Jehovah. A failure of keeping all those rituals highlighted the need for a Redeemer, which of course proved to be Jesus. Or perhaps reading all the names in the genealogies in Genesis or 1 Chronicles or other locations seems laborious, but each name represents a person who was important to God, so He included them. Sometimes we know who the person was or what the person did. Sometimes a statement is made about the person that gives that name significance. But our lack of knowledge of that person does not make the person insignificant; it only reminds me that I am also insignificant to God even though history will probably not remember me for anything of significance. Those names

*Take the helmet of salvation  
and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.*  
Ephesians 6:17

are important to read because God, not history, gives us our significance.

I always encourage people to read their Bibles with a pen in hand. Underline phrases or verses that strike you or stand

out to you for some reason. Circle names or key words that tie ideas together. Make notes in the margins. Jot cross references to other passages that have a similar idea or that you tie to another passage or biblical event so you can refer to it. All of this personalizes your text to you and helps you to digest it and remember it. The more times you read through that Bible, the more notes you will have and the better you will know the Word. Some hesitate to do this because they feel it is defacing the Word. I understand. Personally, I consider it to be sharpening my Sword, so I continue to do this year after year.

Linda & I aren't wealthy, and we don't really have much in the way of family heirlooms, but I do have something that I hope my kids and grandkids will find enjoyable. My Bibles.

I have 25 to 30 Bibles or more, including a Hebrew Old Testament and a Greek New Testament. Among my English Bibles are 10 or 11 that I have used from high school into college and throughout my 38 years of ministry. They are various translations and versions and are in various conditions. Some are in serious disrepair. For example, the Bible I started using in my high school years has been taped together since the early 1970's. All of those Bibles have notations, asterisks, underlining, cross references, circles, different colors of ink and so on. I started all over again last year with a new Bible. It will take me years for it to become an old friend like the others, but it'll get there. But someday, those who come after me will open those Bibles and hopefully see the character of the owner and know how much he loved the Writer.

The legacy of faith is something I inherited and plan to pass on. You can too. So start today. Use your Sword. Keep it sharp. Make it something that others will see as having great value.

Steve

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEETINGS:

### Annual Meeting February 3

The all-church annual meeting will be this Sunday, February 3, starting at 9 a.m. More information can be found here in your newsletter.

The newly-elected Elders and Deacons will have a short board meeting following service on Sunday, Feb. 3.

### Elder's Meeting Monday, Feb. 11 & 25

The Elders of the church meet on alternating Monday afternoons at 3:45 p.m. at Gambino's. Their next meeting will be Monday, February 11.

### Men's Breakfast at Hunter's Ridge

#### McDonald's February 24

All the men are welcome to join us for our men's breakfast on the last Sunday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY

Cleaning Crew 2 will clean for January.

Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

## CONFERENCES

### Woman's World, February 22-23, Manhattan Christian College,

The ladies are invited to participate in this woman's conference at the K-State Union in Manhattan, KS. Brochures are available in the church foyer, or you can register online at [mccks.edu](http://mccks.edu).

### Preaching-Teaching Convention, February 25-27, Ozark Christian College,

If you'd like to learn more about this convention, check out the posters and registration forms in the church foyer, or check it out on their website at [occ.edu/alumni](http://occ.edu/alumni).

## OUT OF OFFICE

Steve will be out of the office from January 30 through February 9. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact one of our elders.

## Church Offerings for January

Date	Offering
Jan. 6:	\$4,635
Jan. 13:	\$2,321
Jan. 20:	\$2,722
Jan. 27:	\$2,225

**Jan. Average: \$2,975**

**Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,601**

# ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9 A.M.

Our All-Church Annual Meeting takes place this Sunday, February 3, at 9:00 a.m. It will occur during the Sunday School hour. We hope you will take part in this meeting to find out what's going on with the church finances and to have a say in decisions for Rolling Hills in 2013. We will be voting on our Elders and Deacons for the year, hearing an update on the missions organizations that we support, and also voting on our budget for the next year. Donuts and coffee will be provided for all who attend the meeting, so we hope to see you on Sunday at 9 a.m.!

The following elders and deacons have been nominated for your consideration, and we will vote on this slate of leaders during our meeting:

### Elders

- Gary Funke
- Eric Showalter
- Bill Hollingshead

### Deacons

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

We thank them for their willingness to serve.

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:11-13, NIV

## BIBLE STUDIES

### The Creation Answers Book Wednesday Night Study

Our Wednesday night study will conclude with our final meetings this month, with studies on Wednesdays, February 13 and 20, at 7:00 p.m.

### Ladies' Bible Study, Thursday Mornings, 9:00 a.m.

The ladies will begin a new series by Rick Warren, *Everything is Possible With God*. It will be led by Tracy Briggs, and all are invited to participate!

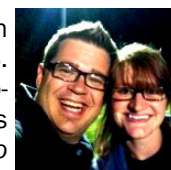
### New Adult Sunday Study

The Adult Sunday School Class that meets in room 111 will begin a new study on 1st and 2nd Timothy. The new study begins on February 10.

We have 2 adult Sunday School classes, and classes for children and youth of all ages. All are welcome!

## GUEST SPEAKERS

On Sunday, February 3, we will hear from Kent Wagner of Epic Church in Wichita, KS. You can learn more about Epic on their website ([www.epicchurch.us](http://www.epicchurch.us)), where Kent writes about himself, *"I am blessed to be married to the love of my life and the sweetest girl I know, Mrs. Jennifer Wagner. We have three children, Peter, Piper & Parker and they are the best part of my day! I am passionate about two things: God's love and people who are disconnected and far from Him!"*



### Boy Scout Sunday, February 10

Our church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 52, and they will be sharing with us during our service on Scout Sunday, February 10. We look forward to having them participate in our service and share some of the activities they've been doing this year.



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## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR FEBRUARY

**WORSHIP ELDER** Gary Funke

**SONG LEADER** Melissa Boutz, Steve Seehorn 2/24

**SOUND** – Bob Coffman

**COMPUTER** – Bruce Maples

**CHURCH CLEANERS** – Crew 2

**COMMUNION PREPARATION** – Barb Neer

\* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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<b>BENEDICTION</b>			
Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith	Bill Hollingshead	Bill Hollingshead
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>			
Gary Funke	Eric Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Sharlene Showalter
<b>GREETERS</b>			
McElroy / Smith	Milner / Stumbaugh	Nei / Norris	Seehorn / Wells
<b>NURSERY WORKERS</b>			
Kay Norris	Linda Briles	Marcia James	Barb Neer
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>			
Karen Seel	Marcia James & Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP</b>			
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Claricia Gautier	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., Feb. 3:** All-Church Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.  
A short board meeting will be held after service.  
Guest Speaker Kent Wagner
- Sun., Feb. 10:** Boy Scout Sunday. Welcome, Troop 52!
- Mon., Feb. 11, 25:** Elder's Meeting, Gambino's, 3:45 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 24** Men's Breakfast at McDonalds, 7:30 a.m.  
Information due for March newsletter

### Weekly:

Mondays at 7 p.m.: Boy Scouts  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.: Study on *The Creation Answers Book*  
Thursdays at 9 a.m.: Ladies' study

### Coming in March:

March 31: **Easter**. We will enjoy breakfast together before our Easter service! We hope you will join us, and invite your family and friends!

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Simply e-mail us to let us know if you prefer electronic over paper.**

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ples, and Jim Clark for get-  
ting it put back up for us!**

**THANK  
You!**