

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: Life lessons from the Golf Course

As most of you know, I enjoy golf. It is a challenging sport which requires great discipline in order to play it well. Certainly, casual golfers can also enjoy the sport. In fact, I was sent some golf quotes which describe the pleasure the sport offers to all.

I was three over today: One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool...

~ George Brett

The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie.

~ Mickey Mantle

After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye.

~ Chi Chi Rodriguez

The ball retriever is not long enough to get my putter out of the tree.

~ Brian Weis

The uglier a man's legs are, the better he plays golf. It's almost a law.

~ H. G. Wells

I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced.

~ Lee Trevino

I couldn't help but chuckle at these quotes. While they may seem silly and exaggerated, in most cases they are closer to the truth than most of us golfers would like to admit.

I have never seen a definitive explanation for how the game got its name. While some say it received its name because it is "flog" spelled backward, the more likely explanation is that it is an ancient Scottish abbreviation for "Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden."

Golf is a game that is built around the golfer's character. Casual golfers follow the same rules as

professional golfers, though most casual golfers are not real tight with the rules so they can keep the game moving and keep it more fun.

However, when a golfer is in a golf tournament, the rules become precise so that everyone is judged by the same standards. In addition, each golfer is responsible for playing the ball where it lies and calls penalties on himself for rules violations. On the occasion when the golfer is uncertain about the rule, he or she will ask another person to help determine what the rule says. That maintains the integrity of the game.

God has given all of us rules to follow. Our integrity determines how we will follow those rules. He has given us a book (the Bible) to give us guidance in obeying those rules. The better we know the rule book, the better we can follow the rules, the better we will play our game of life.

Our integrity comes into play when we know what the rules are, but think we can skip some or change some or apply some to someone else but not ourselves. Our integrity comes into question when we don't count all of our strokes or take our penalties while expecting someone else to do so.

Billy Graham said, "I never pray on a golf course. Actually, the Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the course."

God is always paying attention to us...to our game plan as well as our petition to Him while we are playing in our life tournament. Keep His rule book close by. Refer to it often. Ask Him when you aren't sure about the rules. While Billy Graham may be correct that God didn't answer his prayers on the golf course, he would also be correct that God answered his prayers while he was on his life course. God will answer yours, too. So...play on and play well.

Steve



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We were recently selected by Samaritan's Purse as a good location to have an Operation Christmas Child Relay Center. As Relay Center, we will be a collection site, take boxes, record counts, pack boxes into cartons, and transport boxes to the main drop off site for the city of Topeka.

We will need help and will have sign up for times as we get closer to Collection Week. Consider giving your time during one or more of our collection times:

Mon., Nov. 18 & Wed., Nov. 20: 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Tues., Nov. 19 & Thurs., Nov. 21: 6-8 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 22: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 23: 9 a.m.- 12 Noon

Sun., Nov. 24: 1-3 p.m.; *Mon., Nov. 25: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

*We will also need help loading cartons and with delivery Monday.

Keep in mind that Harvest Prayer Chain will be happening during a couple of the collection times, which means we will hold our prayer chain at the south end of the church so our Prayer Warriors will not be disturbed by people coming and going with Christmas boxes.

Contact Melissa Boutz, melboutz@gmail.com, 246-6432, if you have any questions or would like to help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND FELLOWSHIP:

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. 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 Christmas season. It's not too late to join the choir— Join us for this time of worship and Christmas celebration!

Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, October 27, 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 October

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

FOCUS ON MISSIONS:

Missionary Guest Speakers

Look forward to hearing from Steve McFarland on October 13. We plan to have a carry-in dinner after service on 10/13 to welcome Mr. McFarland. Steve might need housing Saturday night, so if you are able to host him for the night, please inform the church office.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

50+ Fellowship Activities:

Sign up in the foyer if you'd like to attend the following activities with the 50+ Fellowship group:



***Forbes Field, Saturday, October 12:** We will meet at 9 a.m. for a tour of the Combat Air Museum, followed by lunch at Subway at 11 a.m.. Cost of the tour is \$6, or \$5.50 for a group rate for 10 or more. After lunch, we will go to the National Guard Museum, which has free admission.



***Maple Leaf Festival, Sunday, October 20:** We would like to attend the Maple Leaf Festival in Baldwin City, after church on Sunday, October 20. Admission is free.

Josh Whisler in *Four Star Country Boy*, Tuesday, November 12

College of the Ozarks is putting on the play *Four Star Country Boy*, and we plan to take a group to see Josh Whisler perform there on Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 p.m. on November 12. See the poster in the foyer for more information on the play, and sign up if you'd like to attend with the group. There are no tickets or cost for the show, so an early arrival time is recommended. A block of rooms will be reserved for those who wish to go on November 11 and spend the night in Branson, and Terry Baker needs lodging requests by October 20. Transportation options can be discussed when we determine how many are attending and if people are going there on Monday or Tuesday.



Church Offerings for September

Date	Offering
Sept. 1	\$4,253
Sept. 8	\$3,137
Sept. 15	\$1,835
Sept. 22	\$1,930
Sept. 29	\$1,600

Sept. Avg. \$2,551

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,601

We will also welcome Jair Castillo of the International Conference on Missions on November 10.

Harvest Weekend, 11/23-34

Mark your calendar for Harvest weekend November 23-24. We will have our prayer chain, collection for missions, and Harvest Celebration. The mission goal will be set soon.

International Conference on Missions Nov. 14-17, Kansas City

The ICOM is coming to Kansas City Nov. 14-17. Church registration is paid, so we only need to let them know who is attending. A sign up list is coming soon, and we hope you will attend!

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS:

◇ *The Christenberry's wish to express their gratitude for prayers regarding Mel's recent heart problems and hospitalization.*

"May our heavenly Father continue pouring out His love and power upon the Rolling Hills Church family." ~Mel & Shirley Christenberry

◇ *Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, and calls during this difficult time. Though her life on earth is over, she has reached the most desirable place, Heaven. The plant will help us remember Mom and also remind us how much love and support the church has given me. ~Mark & Tari Metzler*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' Retreat, Red Rock Ranch, October 18-19

We are hosting a Ladies' Retreat at the Red Rock Ranch in Soldier, KS, and we hope all RHCC ladies will be able to attend! It will be held Friday, October 18, through Saturday the 19th.

On Friday, we plan to arrive in time for a cookout at their fire pit and pavilion; carry in sides and desserts. We will conclude our retreat after lunch on Saturday. Specific times will be announced soon.

Cost for the event is \$55, which includes lodging Friday night and Saturday's breakfast and lunch, and general use of the facility. We plan to have devotions together, play games, make crafts, and have an enjoyable and relaxing time of fellowship. The location is handicapped accessible. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Sisters in Service Leadership

Thank you to Joan Barnes for agreeing to lead Sister's in Service!



Thanks to Bob Coffman and team for the Fall Fellowship. We had a fun time at Rees Fruit Farm, with hayrides, games, good food, and great fellowship!

YOUTH MINISTRIES







Trunk 'R Treat



It's that time of year again! The time when hundreds of children from our community come to Rolling Hills Christian Church to enjoy a safe place to participate in Halloween activities. (Last year, more than 250 children and their families visited us.) We need your help to make it happen! Please check out the sign up lists in the foyer, or speak to Bruce Maples if you would like to help with the leadership of the event. We still need dozens and dozens of cookies, many pounds of candy, trunks for kids to visit and receive treats, and people to help with games, cookies, and general help-where-needed.

As in years past, you can vote for your favorite college team (KU, K-State, or OU) with your candy donations. Just place your candy donation in the bin of your preference! Let's fill up those bins and have lots of goodies for our guests! This could be our biggest Trunk 'R Treat yet!!!

Ways you can help:

-  Bring cookies (we need 32-38 dozen!)
-  Donate candy
-  Decorate your vehicle / trunk and hand out candy
-  Help with games
-  Pass out cookies
-  Floaters to help out wherever needed



We wish to express our sympathy to Mark Metzler and family on the loss of his mother, Barbara Joyce Metzler. Also to Pam Boeding and family on the loss of her grandmother. We are sorry for your loss.

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR OCTOBER

WORSHIP ELDER Eric Showalter

SONG LEADER Melissa Boutz, Steve Seehorn 10/27

SOUND – David Maples

COMPUTER – Jim Clark

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION – The Watson Families

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

6	13	20	27
* John McElroy # Ken Lehew Jim Eddy Bryan Boutz	* John McElroy # Ken Lehew Jim Eddy Bryan Boutz	* Bruce Maples # Bob Coffman Scott Brackey Joe White	* Bruce Maples # Bob Coffman Scott Brackey Joe White
BENEDICTION			
Ken Lehew	Ken Lehew	Bob Coffman	Bob Coffman
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
GREETERS			
Seehorn / Wells	Marshall / McElroy	Neer / Perry	Nei / Norris
NURSERY WORKERS			
Cassidy James	Barb Neer	Terry Baker	Sharlene Showalter
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
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

- Thurs., Oct. 3:** TNO Operation Backpack packing, 6 p.m. (Lyman Learning Center)
Sat., Oct. 12: 50+ Fellowship trip to Forbes Field
Sun., Oct. 13: Missionary Guest Steve McFarland; Carry-In Lunch after service
Oct. 18-19: Ladies' Retreat, Red Rock Ranch
Sun., Oct. 20: Lodging Request due to Terry Baker for *Four Star Country Boy* Maple Leaf Festival, 50+ Fellowship
Sun., Oct. 27: Men's Breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds
News due to Melissa for the November issue of *The Pathway*
Thurs., Oct. 31 Trunk 'R Treat

Weekly:

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

Coming Soon:

Missionary Guest Speakers; International Conference on Missions
Operation Christmas Child Relay Center, Nov. 18-25;
Harvest Weekend and Celebration Nov. 23-24

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*Now faith is the
assurance of things
hoped for, the
conviction of things
not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

