

# 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: How'd we get to where we are today?

A little over a year ago, the leader of the women's Thursday morning Bible study asked me if I would teach a course for them for about six weeks about how the Christian Church movement came about. I said I would, thinking I could get it all done in about four weeks. The plan was to begin the study in mid-September and continue through October.

During the summer I began thinking about how I wanted to approach the study. I told myself, "Self, to understand the Christian Church today (the Restoration Movement), you need to teach about how it got started. Then you can talk about where we are today." Good plan.

Then I said to myself, "Self, to understand how the Restoration Movement got started, you need to explain why the early preachers of the movement felt a need for something different from their denominations of origin." Good plan.

Then I said to myself, "Self, to understand why the Restoration Movement's originating preachers thought something ought to change, you need to explain what they were changing from. That means you have to do some teaching about the Reformation Movement in Europe." Good plan.

Then I said to myself, "Self, to appreciate the Reformation Movement in Europe, you need to teach about how the church had progressed to that point from its 1<sup>st</sup> century origins to the Roman Catholic church from which the Reformation Movement emerged." Good plan.

Then I said to myself, "Self, to truly appreciate the origins of the church itself, you need to refresh everyone's memories about the history of God's redemptive work with Israel in the Old

Testament. That way, the ideas that are presented for the church can be better understood and applied." Good plan.

Then I said to myself, "Self, to really get a good grasp of how and why God worked with and through Israel as He did, you really need to demonstrate through Scripture why He is Sovereign which takes us back to creation." Good plan.

So I began putting together an outline and ideas. We began the "six week course" in mid-September and finished the "six week course" about six MONTHS later. I really enjoyed it and believe the ladies did as well...at least they said they did. Some suggested that it would be good to offer this study for the whole church.

So, that's what I'm going to do. On Wednesday evenings for about an hour, beginning September 18 at 6:30 p.m., I'll be using that material (probably with a few additions) to give an overview of how we got from the beginning of creation to Rolling Hills Christian Church in 2013. We'll call it, "An Overview of Our History of Faith." Everyone is invited. All questions are encouraged and will be answered to best of my memory and or ability. We'll take a break for seasonal events and will conclude when we progress to today.

I hope you find this to be an interesting and helpful opportunity to better understand the development of God's kingdom on earth throughout history, undergird your own faith and give you more confidence in our history as a congregation and as a part of the Kingdom of God.

Steve

## SISTERS IN SERVICE

### Help Needed!

Ladies, we are in need of a leader for the Sisters in Service Women's Ministry! Sisters in Service takes care of many items in the church, including funeral dinners, baby and bridal showers, and Sunshine Baskets (care packages) for college students. They also guide the women's ministry in the church, with activities such as Secret Sisters and the Christmas Salad sampler. The leader (or leaders, if a cou-

ple of people would like to share the job!) would oversee these items, and also facilitate regular meetings and activities for the ladies in the church.

Sharlene has done a great job in this role, but she needs to step down from leadership at the end of September. Please consider taking over and keeping Sisters in Service active serving the church and beyond!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEETINGS AND FELLOWSHIP:

### Summer All-Church Royals Trip, Friday, September 20:

Sept. 20, Friday night – Texas Rangers. There will be a meeting after church Sunday, Sept. 1, to pay for tickets and discuss details.



### History of Faith Wednesday Study to Begin Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.

A new Wednesday night study, “An Overview of Our History of Faith,” will begin on Wed., Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. There will be no cost for the study, but we would like people to sign up in the foyer so we can know how many to expect. See Steve’s article for a fuller explanation of the study.

### Deacon & Elder Board Meeting, Sunday, Sept. 22, 6:00 p.m.

The next Deacon and Elder Board Meeting is on Sunday, 9/22, beginning at 6 p.m. Bring \$6 for pizza and sandwiches!

### Unstoppable, September 24

The movie *Unstoppable* will be shown only on 9/24, and we would like to take a group. Please talk to Arlene Marshall if you have any questions, and sign up in the foyer if you’d like to join us!

### Men’s Breakfast, McDonald’s, Sept. 29, 7:30 a.m.

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 NEWS:

### Cleaning Crew 1 for September

Cleaning Crew 1 will clean for September. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

### Church Directory Update

The updated directory list is now available in the church foyer. Please take one to supplement your 2011 photo directory.

### Just Lead Leadership Conference, OCC, Sept. 21

Ozark Christian College has 1-day leadership conference for church elders/deacons, staff, and all volunteers, on Saturday, Sept. 21. Registration is \$25; there is a poster in the foyer with more information, and Steve would like to encourage all to attend.

### Ladies’ Bible Study Summer Break

The Ladies’ Bible Study has been on break for the summer. We resume on Thursday, September 12, at 9 a.m.

## FOCUS ON MISSIONS:

### Missionary Guest Speakers

Look forward to hearing from guest missionary speakers on October 13 (Steve McFarland) and November 10 (Jair Castillo, ICOM).

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

The ICOM is coming to Kansas City Nov. 14-17. Church registration is paid for, 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 Offerings for September

Date	Offering
Aug. 4	\$3,490
Aug. 11	\$2,490
Aug. 18	\$2,653
Aug. 25	\$1,604

Aug. Avg. \$2,559

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

## FALL FELLOWSHIP

### Fall Fellowship, Rees Fruit Farm, Sunday, September 29, 4 p.m.

Join us for a fun time at the farm with an all-church picnic at Rees Fruit Farm (2476 K4 Hwy, near the intersection of K4 and Hwy 24)! We’ll play games and eat around the campfire. Hot dogs and drinks will be furnished. Bring side dishes, desserts, lawn chairs, and an expectation for an enjoyable and relaxing evening together.

We will meet at the store parking lot at 4, and they will take us out to the bonfire area by trailer. The trailer is elderly-friendly, low to the ground, easy to get on, and rides smoothly. When we are finished with our activities at the bonfire, they will return us to our vehicles.

If you would like to help with plans and preparations, please contact Bob Coffman at 246-2348.



## CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE

### Congratulations to Brett & Kristina Whisler

We would like to congratulate Brett and Kristina, who were married on August 24! We wish them the best as they begin their new life together!



### With Thanks from Ruth Barnes

Ruth would like to thank you all for respecting her wishes for no visitors as she recuperated in the hospital from knee replacement surgery and also thank you for prayers before and as she continues to recuperate at home.

### VBS Thanks

Melissa would like to thank everyone who helped with The Great Kidmission Vacation Bible School! The kids who attended learned a lot about missions here and around the world. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies and prayed for us, and especially thanks to the people who were here teaching and leading the children. Thanks to Abbie, Jenny, Courtney, Richard & Betty, Bryan, Steve, Arlene, and Jim.



Thank you!

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Topeka North Outreach Operation Backpack, 9/5, 6 p.m.



For our VBS mission, we collected food for the TNO Operation Backpack program, which helps provide easily-prepared food packs for children in need.

We have the opportunity to help pack snack sacks for this program, on Thursday, Sept. 5, starting at 6 p.m. at the Lyman Learning Center (at Lyman Rd. & Kansas Ave.) If you're interested in carpooling, sign up or talk to Melissa (246-6432) by this Sunday, 9/1. We hope to see you there!

### Trunk 'R Treat is Coming Soon!

It's not too soon to start stockpiling candy and treats for Trunk 'R Treat! Now's the time to begin thinking about how to decorate your vehicle or how you can volunteer. Trunk 'R Treat is a great opportunity for outreach in our community, as we have 250 to 300 children come through our parking lot and church! Consider how you can help, and watch for info and chances to sign up.



## MUSIC MINISTRIES

### Do you love to sing?!

**Are you looking for a fun way to worship the Lord while blessing His church? If so, you won't want to miss this!**

We would like to present a Christmas Cantata, and anyone Jr. High to Adult who enjoys singing is welcome to participate. Choir rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m.** (following the Wednesday study with Steve.)

Please sign up in the foyer to let us know if there's interest and what part you typically sing. If you don't know what part you sing, don't worry about that. Melissa is an easy-going choir director with 11 years of experience directing a small church choir, and she knows that music doesn't have to be perfect to be praise. Let's just worship together!

(What if you don't want to sing but want to be involved? There will be speaking parts and silent drama parts as well. Watch for more info to come or talk to Melissa:

246-6432; melboutz@gmail.com)



## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

**WORSHIP ELDER** Bill Hollingshead

**SONG LEADER** Melissa Boutz, Steve Seehorn 9/1, 22

**SOUND** – Bryan Boutz

**COMPUTER** – Scott Brackey

**CHURCH CLEANERS** – Crew 1

**COMMUNION PREPARATION** – The Lehew Family

\* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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<b>BENEDICTION</b>				
Bruce Maples	Bruce Maples	Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>				
Georgia Ford	Sharlene Showalter	Eric Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
<b>GREETERS</b>				
Coffman / Douglass	Eddy / Hodges	Howard / Lehew	James / L. Maples	D. Maples / B. Maples
<b>NURSERY WORKERS</b>				
Sharlene Showalter	Brenda Watson	Megan Perry	Linda Seehorn	Kay Norris
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf	April Wells
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP</b>				
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Claricia Gautier	Bryan & Melissa Boutz	Family Sunday

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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. 1:** Meeting after service for those going to Royals Game  
**Thurs., Sept. 5:** TNO Operation Backpack packing, 6 p.m. (Lyman Learning Center)  
**Sat., Sept. 14:** Beth Moore Simulcast at Northland Christian  
**Wed., Sept. 18:** Wednesday Night study begins, 6:30 p.m.  
**Fri., Sept. 20:** Royals vs. Texas Rangers  
**Sept. 20-22:** Women's Retreat, King Solomon Christian Camp  
**Sat., Sept. 21:** *Just Lead* Leadership Conference, Ozark Christian College  
**Sun., Sept. 22:** Deacon & Elder Board Meeting, \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.  
**Tues., Sept. 24:** Movie: *Unstoppable*  
**Wed., Sept. 25:** Choir Rehearsals Begin for Christmas Cantata, 7:30 p.m.  
**Sun., Sept. 29:** Fall Fellowship, Rees Fruit Farm, 4 p.m.

### Weekly:

Mondays at 7 p.m.: Boy Scouts  
Ladies' Thursday morning study resumes September 12.

### Coming this Fall:

Trunk 'R Treat, October 31  
Missionary Guest Speakers; International Conference on Missions  
Operation Christmas Child Relay Center, Nov. 18-25; Harvest Weekend

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SHINE BEFORE  
MEN, THAT THEY  
MAY SEE YOUR  
GOOD DEEDS  
AND GLORIFY  
YOUR FATHER IN  
HEAVEN.

*Matthew 5:16 NIV*