

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: We're on vacation!

Whoopee! Linda and I are on vacation.

Depending upon when you receive this newsletter, we are either in or around Glacier National Park near the border of Montana and Canada, or we are back in Powell, Wyoming at the home of our very dear friends, Skip and Diana Helton who we've known since our days of ministry in Wichita and again in Topeka. We've been friends for about 40 years...yes, that's right...they are getting old.

After we leave the cooler climes of the mountain states we'll be heading to the warmer climate of the plains in Derby, Kansas, to visit the family of oldest daughter Amy. Eventually, we plan to wind up back home in Topeka. We'll be getting back to our regular routine on Monday, August 11.

Linda and I really haven't taken many vacations. When our kids were young, most of our family trips were centered around conventions, friend homes or family get-togethers. I'm really looking forward to these two weeks with Linda, although I suspect she may have other thoughts about riding 3500 miles in a car with me.

We've got audio books, movies, real books, snacks, drinks, maps, travel books and all kinds of clothes for everything from rodeos and mountain trail hikes to swimming pools. We should have everything we need to relax and enjoy some new sights and experiences.

Vacations...these are the breaks from routines that we all look forward to. Webster defines vacation this way:

1: a respite of a time of respite from something

2a: a scheduled period during which activity (as of a court or school) is suspended
b: a period of exception from work granted to an employee for rest and relaxation

3: a period spent away from home or business in travel or recreation

4: an act or an instance of vacating

One of the great fears that ministers have (whether they admit it or not) is that church members will vacate during the summer to the detriment of their home congregation. It's pretty common for church members to spend the time and

the cash on long trips or weekend outings or recreation at the lake or ball diamonds or wherever and not give much thought to the effect their vacating may have on their Lord who is stay-cating. Get it? While we are wandering around new places or enjoying old places in new ways, our Lord is still hanging around with us.

Our heavenly Father isn't just living in heaven because He is transcendent, He is also living in each one of us because He is immanent. That is basic theological "churchology" language which means God is way out there in "eternal" land, yet He is also way in here in my heart. What I'm trying to get to (in my rather lengthy manner) is to remind us that going to church and volunteering in various church opportunities and praying for our brothers & sisters and giving our offerings to the Lord are not the kinds of things we should vacate. These are things we can do all the time with joy because we are part of a great family of faith that love to have big family get-togethers ever Sunday.

Be sure to get to your family of faith get-together this Sunday and make plans for the gigantic family get-together for the Wedding Feast at the Lord's invitation. You want to go on a great vacation? When the Lord takes us across Jordan River and takes us into His wonderful land He will give us the Rest that we will all thrill in. Until then, enjoy His stay-cation.

Linda and I will see you all soon.

Steve



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, August 31, 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.

WITH THANKS:

On behalf of the Missions Committee, we would like to thank Richard and Betty Johnson for extending hospitality to Rod Ramsell from Alpha Christian Children's Home.

SERVING

Cleaning Crews

Cleaning Crew 2 is cleaning for the month of August. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all they do!

The church is cleaned weekly by volunteer cleaning crews. Many hands make lighter work, and we would love to add more hands to our cleaning crews! Contact the church office if you can serve on a crew or would be willing to lead a crew every 2-3 months.



GUEST SPEAKERS:

Steve is on vacation through Sunday, Aug. 10. If you are in need of pastoral assistance in his absence, please contact one of the church elders, Mel Christenberry, Bill Hollingshead, Eric Showalter, or Kevin Wohletz. Mel Christenberry is the lead elder for the month of August.

For the Sundays that Steve is gone, we will hear from the following guest speakers: August 3, Ben Saathoff of Tonganoxie; Aug 10, Doug Reed from Literature and Teaching Ministries out of Joplin, Missouri. Doug will also share during Sunday School.

Church Offerings for July

Date	Offering
June 29	\$2,216
July 6	\$4,489
July 13	\$2,030
July 20	\$1,605
July 27	\$2,282

Avg. for June: \$2,613
Avg. for July: \$2,601

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,993

ITEMS IN KITCHEN

Some items have been left in the church kitchen. Please check to see if any belong to you!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Sisters in Service Bake Sale, Sunday, 8/3

The Sisters in Service are holding a Bake Sale Sunday, Aug. 3, to help with the costs of the Fall Retreat. Please support the ladies by purchasing some delicious baked goods!

Sisters in Service Craft Day, Saturday, Aug. 16, 1-3 p.m.

Ladies, join us for an afternoon of crafts and fellowship! There are several craft options, including service shawls, garden sculptures, pillows, and greeting cards. All ladies are welcome to join in the fun! Sign up in the foyer and see the list for more information.

Ladies' Retreat, September 26-27

Ladies, make plans to join us for our fall retreat! It will be held at the Red Rock Ranch September 26-27. To help with costs, we will hold a bake sale today.

Sign up if you would prefer to make smaller payments rather than paying the full amount at once. Scholarships will be available if needed. Speak to Terry Baker or Arlene Marshall for more information.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

50+ Fellowship Gospel Night, Saturday, Aug. 9

There will be a meeting Sunday, August 3, for those attending the Opry Gospel program at Elmont United Methodist Church. We will discuss any final details before the program on Saturday. Contact Shirley Christenberry with questions - 235-6064.



Family Fun Day: Sandals & Shorts Sunday, September 7

We have a Casual Sunday Family Fun Day coming up in September! For all who would like to, we will have a casual morning worship service in sandals and shorts (dressing down is optional), followed by a carry-in picnic after service. Picnic will be held outdoors if the weather allows. Cookout meats and drinks are provided, so you are welcome to bring sides and desserts.

After lunch, all who want to attend are welcome to join us for a trip to Gage Park, where we will ride the train together and go to the Topeka Zoo. Zoo admission is \$5.75 for adults, \$4.75 seniors, \$4.25 children age 3-12, and free admission for children age 2 and under and also for members of the zoo.



RACE AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Joe and Amy White have a team for the Race Against Breast Cancer 5K, which will be held on September 13. Registration is now open, and their team is called *Sole Mates*. Anyone interested can register online, currently at \$20. Details on the race can be found at www.rabctopeka.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Family Fun Nights in July

Thanks to all who took part in our July Family Fun Nights!

Volunteers Are Needed!



Nursery Schedule

We have changed our nursery schedule to allow for 2 workers at each service, because we have so many little ones in the church. If you cannot be at the church on your Sunday, please arrange for a substitute and coordinate with the other nursery worker. Thank you for serving the families in the church this way!

If you would like to serve or assist on the nursery rotation, please contact the church office.

Youth Ministry Thanks!

We would like to thank all of those who regularly serve in our Children and Youth Ministries:

- ◆ **Thanks** to our youth Sunday School teachers Steve Seehorn, Kevin & Renee Wohletz, Kelli Warden, and Karen Seel!
- ◆ **Thanks** to Children's Church leaders Tracy Briggs, Marcia & Cassidy James, Karla & Lauryn Morstorf, Kristy Nei, Megan Perry, Karen Seel, Anna Seehorn, April Wells, Kevin & Renee Wohletz, and Bryan & Melissa Boutz!
- ◆ **Thanks** to those who serve in the nursery: Terry Baker, Joan Barnes, Whitney Desch, Marcia & Cassidy James, Megan Perry, Linda & Anna Seehorn, Kay Snyder, Sharlene Showalter, and Brenda Watson!
- ◆ **Thanks** to our youth assistants and those who fill in occasionally, and thanks to anyone else we may have mistakenly overlooked. You are all appreciated!



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR AUGUST

WORSHIP ELDER Mel Christenberry **SONG LEADERS** Anna Seehorn & Betty Johnson, 8/3,10; Melissa Boutz 8/17,31; Steve Seehorn 8/24

SOUND – Bob Coffman

COMPUTER – Bruce Maples

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Walt and Terry Baker

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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BENEDICTION				
Bill Hollingshead	Bill Hollingshead	David Maples	David Maples	David Maples
MISSIONS UPDATE				
Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
GREETERS				
James / Lehw	Ford / Ford	Hollingshead/Howard	Johnson / Boutz	B. Maples /L. Maples
NURSERY WORKERS				
M. Perry / W. Desch	K. Snyder/S. Showalter	T. Baker / B. Watson	M. James / J. Barnes	L. Seehorn/A. Seehorn
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf	April Wells
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP				
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Anna Seehorn / April Wells	Bryan & Melissa Boutz	5 th Sunday 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., Aug. 3:** Sisters in Service Bake Sale
Guest Speaker Ben Saathoff
Meeting after service for 50+ Fellowship Gospel Program trip
- Sat., Aug. 9:** 50+ Fellowship to the Opry Gospel
- Sun., Aug. 10:** Guest Speaker Doug Reed, from LATM, during Sunday School and Service
- Sat., Aug. 16:** Sisters in Service Craft Day, 1-3 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 31:** Men's Breakfast, Hunters' Ridge McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.
News due to Melissa for September issue of *The Pathway*

Coming Soon:

Shorts & Sandals Service, Picnic, and Trip to Gage Park, 9/7
Deacon Elder Board Meeting for September
Ladies' Retreat, September 26-27

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