

THE PATHWAY

Our Vision

Becoming a beacon of faith drawing people to Jesus

Our Mission

We will serve Jesus by touching people's lives and teaching them to have Kingdom-minded hearts.

Our Values

- * Welcoming: We meet you at the door and receive you as one of our family.
- * Family: We encourage families of all ages and stages, and those in need of families, to be a part of our church family.
- * Christ-centered: We focus our worship, our teachings, and our lifestyle choices on Jesus.
- * Scripture: We encourage everyone to have an understanding of The Bible as God's inspired communication to all.
- * Prayerful: We communicate to God in prayer to strengthen our relationship with Him.
- * Supportive: We support and uplift each other through our prayers, fellowship, and service to one another.
- * Evangelism: We share the message of salvation both locally and globally.

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: Early Winter Weather

One of the great seasonal winter songs is "Let It Snow." You know...the one that goes:

*Oh the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.*

I enjoy a nice soft snowfall. The quieted countryside and a seemingly slower pace for everyone. The tree boughs bending under the weight of new snow. Birds that stay for the winter seeming to have brighter colors. A shining sun that seems more brilliant in a bluer sky. Riding down a snow-covered hill on a sled with my kids or grandkids. The spontaneous snowball fight. Standing out in the crisp air feeling invigorated by the chill and the clouds of exhaled breath. I enjoy the snow and the Christmas celebrations that it brings with it.

Some folks don't like the snow. They don't like the slick roads, cleaning off driveways or sidewalks, shoes that get wet and dirty, the grime that builds up on cars, broken tree branches to clean up, snowballs that some hidden kid may toss their way without warning.... Well, I guess the good comes with the bad. I've been in my share of blizzards and scary driving conditions, but I still enjoy winter.

There are times in our lives that we experience the cold face of wintery truths. Life episodes when difficulties seem to blanket us and slow us down. Perhaps it's a health issue that stops us in our tracks, a death of someone we love that changes our life course somehow, a financial setback that redirects our plans, or some other event that leaves us in doubt regarding our present choices or future plans. All of those experiences can be seen by us as either a winter snow that reveals a new joy or a winter storm that leaves a mess. How might we learn to turn those wintery life disappointments into something we can appreciate a little bit

more? The apostle Paul gives us a suggestion in 2 Corinthians 1:13, 14:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

No one really enjoys personal struggles. But everyone can benefit from personal struggles to enlarge and improve their characters. Those same snows that we encounter may arrive in the life of a friend or loved one, and we can help that person see beyond the difficulty on the ground to the sun shining brightly in the sky. I have been comforted many times and I can stand with others to offer them whatever comfort I can.

So, I look forward to winter snows. I don't look forward to the anxieties they may cause, or discomforts that will cause me to adjust my plans, but joys can be found even in the midst of troubles. And although we haven't had any early snows yet, we have been experiencing several days of late fall rain and cold temperatures. We can use the moisture, so let's be thankful to God for what we get when we can get it. In fact, here are some different words for "Let It Snow" that could probably be titled, "Let It Rain":

The weather outside is dreary.

But I will still be cheery.

For complaining won't remove the pain.

Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain.



Isn't having weather just grand!

Steve

Church Offerings for November

Date	Offering
11/1/15	\$3,498
11/8/15	\$2,764
11/15/15	\$2,134
11/23/15	\$2,969
11/30/15	\$2,135

Nov. Avg.: \$2,700

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,803

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS

Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.

The next Deacon and Elder Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6, at 6 p.m.

Thursday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Join Steve on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. for a casual study on our Chronological Bible readings.

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crews: The Bob Coffman Cleaning Crew (Crew 1) is cleaning for the month of December.

NURSERY CARE

We've recently had several people need to step down from serving in our church nursery. If you would like to serve the church by caring for its youngest attendees, please contact the church office. Nursery attendants serve alongside another caregiver about once a month during the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service.



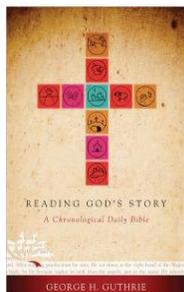
CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you so much for the plant sent for my Dad's funeral. It was greatly appreciated.
Thank you also for all your prayers and kindness.
- Eric and Sharlene Showalter

DAILY BIBLE READING

Daily Reading for 2016

We are once again following the HCSB Chronological Reading Bible for a daily reading plan in 2016. The Bibles are available for \$13; sign up in the foyer by next Sunday, Dec. 6 if you'd like to purchase one. An alternate (non-chronological) plan will be made available for anyone who doesn't want to buy a Bible. **The sign up list has disappeared; if you signed up previously, please contact the church office!**



Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶Always remember these commands I give you today. ⁷Teach them to your children, and talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. -Deuteronomy 6:5-7 ESV

MISSION UPDATES

Harvest Gifts Exceed Goal!

Thanks to all who were involved in our Harvest activities and gifts. We exceeded our goal with \$10,665 raised for the missions we support!



Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to everyone who packed shoe box gifts for children in need, and to those who helped with our Relay Center collection. As a church, we raised 35 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. As an OCC Relay Center, we collected and transported 643 boxes in 42 large cartons.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sisters in Service Salad Sampler, Sun. Dec. 13, 5 p.m.

Ladies, please mark your calendars for this year's Christmas Salad Sampler which will be held on Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.. The theme this year will be "An Old Fashion Christmas." Each lady is asked to bring a favorite salad or dessert. Please be sure to invite your lady friends and family to come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas. Sign up in the foyer to let us know how many to expect in attendance.

Volunteers are needed to form a committee to lead this year's Christmas Salad Sampler. This special evening has been a tradition at our church for many years. It is a time when we can invite family and friends to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Please consider volunteering for this fun and festive event.



Quilts for Tanglewood Seniors

On Sunday, December 6, Sisters in Service will have on display in the church the lap quilts to be given to Tanglewood Senior Care Center for Christmas. Come and see the beautiful work our ladies have achieved this year on this project.



Sisters In Service at Tanglewood Care Home

Sisters in Service helps out with Bingo at Tanglewood Care Home on the 2nd Thursday of each month (Thursday, December 10).

Ladies' Bible Study

The ladies' weekly Bible Study is held on Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m..

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Gifts for Alpha Christian Children's Home

As we've done in past years, we are once again supporting Alpha Christian Children's Home with gifts for Christmas. Please see the sign up list in the church foyer. Gifts should be wrapped, labeled with the child's name, and placed under the Christmas tree on the stage by Sun., Dec.13.



Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, December 24, 6 p.m.

Join us for this special communion and candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.



Christmas Caroling and Fellowship, Sunday, Dec. 20

Join us for a fun evening of caroling and fellowship on Sunday, December 20! We will begin the evening caroling, and end with a time of fellowship at someone's home. Bring snacks and goodies to share.



Christmas Caroling Party

We need someone to host our time of fellowship. Please contact

Bruce Maples, 785-249-2750, if you would like to open your home for church fellowship.

Christmas Bell Ringer Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers for bell ringers for the 2015 Christmas season. Please see the flier in the foyer, visit www.ringbells.org, or call 233-9648 for more information.



May you be blessed with joy through the Christmas season!

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR DECEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER — Eric Showalter

SONG LEADERS — Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

SOUND — Bryan Boutz

COMPUTER — Jim Clark

CHURCH CLEANERS — Bob Coffman Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION — Marshall

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

6	13	20	27
* Joe White # Bruce Maples Jim Eddy Harold Watson	* Joe White # Bruce Maples Jim Eddy Harold Watson	* John McElroy # Bob Coffman Randy James Shawn Perry	* John McElroy # Bob Coffman Randy James Shawn Perry
BENEDICTION			
Bruce Maples	Bruce Maples	Bob Coffman	Bob Coffman
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS			
Briggs / Christenberry	Douglass / Flesher	Ford / Hodges	James / Lehew
NURSERY WORKERS			
K. Snyder	B. Watson / I. Boutz	L. Seehorn / C. Wohletz	K. Flesher / T. Baker
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Anna Seehorn / April Wells	Bryan and 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. Dec. 6:** Sisters in Service Quilt Display
Sign up due for daily-reading Bible order
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Sun. Dec. 13:** Sisters in Service Salad Sampler, 5 p.m.
Gifts due for Alpha Christian Children's Home
- Sun., Dec. 20:** Christmas Caroling and Fellowship
- Thurs., Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 27:** Men's Breakfast, Hunter's Ridge McD's, 7:30 a.m.
News due to Melissa for the January 2016 newsletter
- Weekly:** Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 a.m.
Chronological Reading Bible Study, Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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