Rolling Hills Christian Church

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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.

Church Offerings for July

Date	Offering
7/3/16	$3,865
7/10/16	$2,694
7/17/16	$2,197
7/24/16	$3,062
7/31/16	$1,952
July Avg.:	$2,754

Weekly Budget Requirement:
$2,803
Raise the Roof:
$7,928,
144 bundles

A Walk Down the Path

On: Star Trek Friendships

I enjoy some science fiction movies. Among that genre that I look forward to watching are the Star Wars compilations as well as the Star Trek series. While I am not a Trekkie per se, I did watch the TV series, the movies with the TV cast, and now the new Star Trek releases. I look forward to seeing the newest release that is now in the theatres.

While I usually enjoy the stories for the most part and the imaginative technology, I suppose what I enjoy the most is the conversations that take place among the characters whom I have followed for so many years.

The friendships formed among the crew members of the Starship Enterprise enable them to interact with each other in very personal, animated, and humorous manners. The better one knows the attributes and character of each crew member, the more enjoyable is the observation of the interaction and dialogue.

Sunday evening Linda and I watched *Star Trek: Into Darkness* broadcast on TV. One of my favorite scenes occurs when Captain Kirk saves the Enterprise but in the process suffers from severe radiation. He is inside the radiation containment barrier in great jeopardy, while Spock is on the outside of the containment glass. Kirk, in fatal suffering, looks at Spock and asks him, "Do you know why I saved you?" (referencing an earlier scene in the movie). Spock tearfully answered him, "Because you are my friend." Few words. Great impact. (I know it's kind of sappy, but I get a little emotional just thinking about that scene…quit laughing, Dennis.)

Friendship. It impacts all of us. I have a lot of friends, as do we all. Some are somewhat casual. Some carry similar interests and thus are more significant. Some friendships involve substantial time together so we know and are familiar with one another's personalities and quirks. A few are deep and imbedded friendships in which we can discuss deeper issues of the soul and even counsel with one another. Some friends are nearby and easily seen. Other friends are far away and seldom seen. But friends are friends, and friends matter.

In my most recent Sunday morning sermon I referenced John 15:13. Let's expand that and include verses 12 through 14.

> *This is My command: love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you.*

Kirk demonstrated his friendship with Spock (and sense of responsibility for his crew) through his self-sacrificing actions.

Jesus demonstrated for us His friendship for us and His sense of responsibility for His creation through His self-sacrificing actions. Why did Jesus willingly sacrifice Himself to cover our sins? In a nutshell, because He is our Friend. And that example of friendship forms a model of why we extend ourselves to intentionally touch and influence the lives of other people. We…are…their…friends.

So then, friends, know Jesus, live Jesus, speak Jesus. And…live long and prosper.

Steve

Lawn Beautification

The Church Board has been working toward some plans for lawn beautification. We hope to plant some new trees in the future; watch for details about how you can contribute to our tree purchases in our September newsletter.

Announcements

Meetings

- Elders Meeting: Tuesday, August 2 7:00 p.m. – in the church library (*Empowered Church Leadership*, chap. 5)
- Student Ministries Planning Meeting for Fall, Sunday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.
- *Remembered Church Directories* Coordinator Meeting, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Sunday Studies

The War Room Movie Night, August 7, 7 p.m.

The Younger Adult Sunday School Class has been doing a study based on the movie *The War Room.* They would like to invite everyone to join them in watching the movie on Sunday evening, in the church auditorium, starting at 7 p.m.

Serving at RHCC

Cleaning Crew 3 for August

The Joe White Cleaning Crew (Crew 3) is cleaning for the month of August.

Yard Maintenance

We still need volunteers for yard work this growing season! Volunteers are needed to pick up pinecones, trim bushes, and trim back weeds. Please sign up in the church foyer.

Fitness Opportunity

There is a Senior Fit & Fun program at the church every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Women's Ministries

Tanglewood Care Home Ministries

We are still collecting small prizes for Bingo at Tanglewood. Please place prize donations in the basket in the foyer. Sisters in Service helps with Bingo on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Save the Date!

We are planning a ladies' retreat for 9/30—10/1. Please let Sharlene or Terry know if you would like to help in the planning and presentations.

Ladies' Bible Study on break

The Ladies' Bible Study is on break for the summer. Keep watching for information on future studies.

Church Directory, 2016

We are preparing to create a new church directory, and want YOU to be in it! More details will be given later, but mark your calendar for the weekend of **October 14 & 15** for photo sessions.

We still need 1-2 volunteers to be on a planning team, with an organizational meeting on **Thursday, August 25 at 7 p.m.**. Contact the church office if you can help with the planning and preparations.

Independence Day Celebration!

On July 4, Rolling Hills Christian Church and friends came together to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. We enjoyed a picnic, games, homemade ice cream, and a fantastic fireworks display. Thanks to Bruce Maples and the Fellowship Team for coordinating a great meal, and also to the fireworks team for their spectacular display!

Photo by Jim Clark

Youth Ministries

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who were involved in Vacation Bible School Friday and Saturday! We had a Fin-tastic time learning about how Jesus cares for each of us, and it wouldn't have been possible without the help and donations of people in the church!

On Sunday, July 31, a presentation was shared during the worship service, letting the congregation know about all of the fun times the children had learning together about how *Jesus cares for us! Thank Him!*

Pool Party and Picnic at Garfield Pool, July 31, 5:45 p.m.

Thanks to Bruce Maples and Team for coordinating our fun fellowship at the pool! We had 50 people enjoy a picnic and swimming at Garfield Pool. What a great time!

Student Ministries Meeting August 14, 6:30 p.m.

The Student Ministries Team is having a planning meeting for Fall on Sunday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Serving At Rolling Hills for August

Worship Elder — Bill Hollingshead
Song Leaders — Anna Seehorn
Pianist — Tari Metzler
Sound – Bob Coffman
Computer – Jim Clark
Church Cleaners – White, Team 3
Communion Preparation – Marshall

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

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Benediction			
David Maples	David Maples	Kevin Wohletz	Kevin Wohletz
Missions Update			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
Greeters			
Boutz / Johnson	Flesher / Ford	Hodges / Marshall	B Maples / L Maples
Nursery Workers			
L Seehorn / C Wohletz	K Flesher / Baker	T Briggs / I Boutz	Anna Seehorn
Preschool Worship			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
Elementary Worship			
Bryan & Melissa Boutz	Bryan & Melissa Boutz	Bryan & Melissa Boutz	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

Tues., Aug. 2 Elder Meeting, 7 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 7 ***The War Room*** Movie Night, 7 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 14 Student Ministries Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 25 Church Directory Planning Meeting

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.

Coming Soon:

Sisters in Service Ladies' Retreat, Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Family Fellowship at Rees Fruit Farm
Church Directory pictures, October 14-15

The Pathway is available by e-mail, and is on our website!
Simply e-mail us to let us know if you prefer electronic over paper.

Lessons from OZ

Steve's Summer Sermon Series has included some lessons from the land of OZ as we travel with Dorothy down the yellow brick road somewhere over the rainbow. Be here for these special messages from a classic story:

6/5/16 – Everybody's Different
6/12/16 – Hope
6/19/16 – Coping with Life
6/26/16 – Becoming a Dreamer
7/3/16 – Evil's Threat
7/17/16 – Yellow Brick Road
7/24/16 – Thoughtfulness
7/31/16 – Sensitivity
8/7/16 – Courage
8/14/16 – Persist with Help
8/21/16 – Emerald City
8/28/16 – Temptation
9/4/16 – Dreams Can Come True