

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: The Super Bowl

Sunday is the Super Bowl. I've heard announcers proclaim that it is the greatest sporting event in America. In fact, the Super Bowl is such a big deal that the commercials and the half-time entertainment are as newsworthy as the game itself. People throw or attend Super Bowl parties just to be part of the celebration even if they don't have any interest in the game itself so that many times the party is the event, not the actual Super Bowl.

This year is Super Bowl 50 which the NFL has promoted since the preseason. The first Super Bowl featured the Green Bay Packers and our local Kansas City Chiefs. The story is told that the owners didn't really know what to call the first one until Lamar Hunt thought of the popular toy, superball, and suggested Super Bowl. It stuck.

Professional football's popularity is phenomenal. I saw a trailer for the movie "Concussion" (about the NFL's diagnosis and treatment of that injury among its players) in which a line goes something like this, "Churches used to own Sundays. Now the NFL does." That may sound surprising, astonishing, or arrogant but it's probably truer than we'd like to believe.

When the Kansas City Chiefs are at home, 78,000 people will give up their entire Sunday to attend the game. Thousands will tailgate for hours before the game. After the game is over a few hours will be spent leaving the stadium and getting home. From a few to several hundred dollars will be spent by every person or family there by the time they've bought their tickets, paid for parking, tailgated, and purchased food and drinks inside the stadium. That doesn't include all the Chiefs gear they buy so that everyone knows what a devoted fan they are.

And the weather. Rain, sleet, snow, cloudy, sunny, hot, sunburn, freezing wind chill, regardless of the elements the stands are full and people are loud. All schedules are arranged around the frenzy of the event's entertainment.

Then there's church. The contrast is almost comical. If it's snowy, cold, or rainy some

Christians stay home in their cozy beds. Or if it's really nice outside, sunny and warm, some Christians will head for the lake, the golf course, a sporting event, or stay home to work in the yard.

You know, I think the NFL may be right. The church, which used to own Sundays, has lost its dominance to a lot of other distractions. Are the distractions better? No, I don't think so. I think the problem is a tendency in our comfortable culture to have a lazy and undisciplined faith. Not all Christians fall into this malaise, of course, but the general atmosphere of Christianity has changed over the decades in our nation.

So what can we do? No need for despair, for many Christians have a healthy and committed faith. Many Christians have a great confidence in their community of believers and have a great enthusiasm to be together in worship.

When Elijah was caught up in self-pity thinking he alone stood for God against evil in Israel in 1 Kings 19, the Lord told him (v. 18), "I will leave 7,000 in Israel - every knee that has not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The church can take back Sundays, you know. We take it back one person at a time, one family at a time, one group of friends at a time who determine that being in worship with fellow believers is enjoyable, encouraging, and pleasing to God. After all, a really big Super Bowl is coming someday that will dwarf anything the NFL can think of. That Super Bowl will feature team Jesus arriving with all his players and fans when heaven is opened for all to see the glories of His grandeur. Regardless of who you cheer for this Sunday keep in mind it's just a game. Regardless of which team wins, the events of history will continue. On the other hand, we would be well served to remember the greater perspective of the "Super Bowl" when Jesus returns, for that is more than a game. And when He arrives, history will be over so be certain you're cheering for the right team in that game.

Steve

Church Offerings for January

Date	Offering
1/3/16	\$3,447
1/10/16	\$1,687
1/17/16	\$1,257
1/24/16	\$2,792
1/31/16	\$3,494

Jan. Avg.: **\$2,535**

Weekly Budget Requirement: **\$2,803**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS

All-Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 7, 9 a.m.

All are encouraged to attend the all-church annual business meeting on Sunday. Please be here to vote on church leadership, approve the budget for 2016, and to hear a report on mission giving for 2015.

Doughnuts, coffee, and juice will be served.



ANNUAL MEETING

Deacon & Elder Board Meeting, Feb. 7 After Worship

There will be a brief deacon and elder board meeting after the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 7, to elect a Board Chairman.

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 3 for February

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



OUT OF OFFICE

Steve will be out of the office Thursday, February 4 through Saturday, February 13. If you are in need of pastoral assistance in his absence, please contact one of the church elders, as Steve may not be easily accessible.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dave Fremstad, Deaf Missions, Sunday, February 7

On Sunday, February 7, we welcome Dave Fremstad of Deaf Missions. He will share about their ministry and share the message during the worship service.

Deaf Missions is a Christian mission dedicated to helping deaf people SEE Jesus Christ, so they may accept Him as their Savior and grow in Him. Deaf Missions was founded in 1970. People across the United States and Canada, and in more than 100 other countries, are served by Deaf Missions. Bible visuals produced by Deaf Missions are used by more than 60 different denominational groups. The work is supported by freewill offerings from individuals, churches and organizations.

Manhattan Christian College, Sunday, February 14

A team of student ambassadors from Manhattan Christian College will be with us on Sunday, February 14. They will participate in worship during our 10 a.m. worship service, take part in teaching some of our Sunday School classes, and one of the students will be sharing the message that morning. Many of our church members have attended MCC in Manhattan, KS. To learn more about the school and the Ambassadors, check out their website mccs.edu.



We hope you'll plan to be here for these special services, to learn more about these ministries our church supports!

LEADERSHIP FOR 2016

Board of Elders and Deacons, 2016

At the annual meeting on Sunday, February 7, we will elect the church leadership. The following have been nominated as church leaders for the next year:

Elders

Bill Hollingshead Eric Showalter
Joe White Kevin Wohletz

Deacons

Walt Baker Jim Clark
Bruce Maples David Maples
Dustin Mengarelli Kurtis Wells

Please prayerfully consider the leadership of the church.

Church Projects

Thanks to our Elders and Deacons, who have been working hard accomplishing some much-needed tasks around the church. At the annual meeting, a list will be provided so you can see all they've been working toward.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sisters in Service Cookie Decorating, February 6, 2 p.m.

Sisters in Service will be decorating Valentine's cookies for Tanglewood Care Home on Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Cookies will be baked and ready to decorate. Bring a tub of frosting and decorations if you wish. The cookies will be delivered on Thursday, February 11.

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, February 11). We continue to collect small gifts for prizes for men and women. Donations can be placed in the basket in the church foyer.

Quilt Work Day, Saturday, February 20, 2-4 p.m.

Arless Douglass is hosting a quilt work day on Saturday, February 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the church. Refreshments will be served. No special skills are required; anyone who can tie a knot, draw a square box, or use a pair of scissors is welcome.



FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

All-Church Birthday Party, Sunday, February 28, 6 p.m.

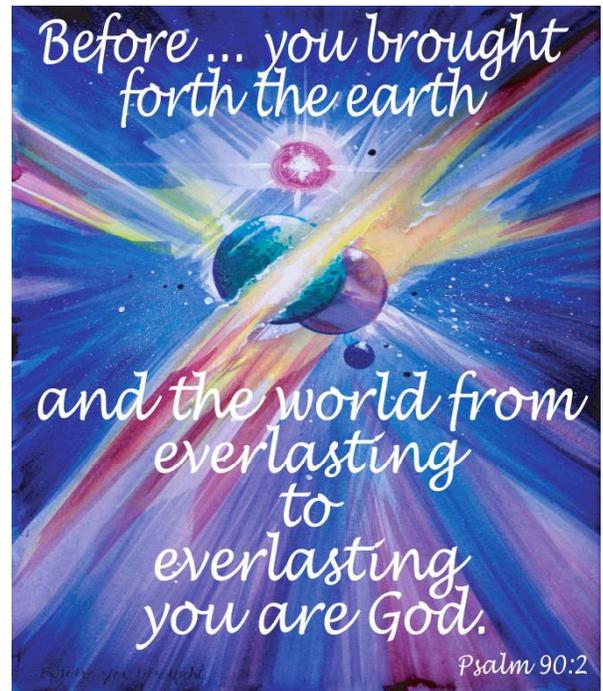
Happy birthday to all! On Sunday, February 28, we will celebrate everyone's birthday with our annual all-church birthday party, starting at 6 p.m.

A table will be set up for each birth month. We need volunteers to choose a month to decorate a table and birthday cake. Sign up in the church foyer for your preferred month, and you bring the cake and decorations of your choice for that month. Feel free to team up with another person for your month.

The evening's entertainment will include a time of worship and special music.



We hope you'll join us for this fun evening of fellowship! **Happy birthday to YOU!**



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR FEBRUARY

WORSHIP ELDER — Kevin Wohletz

SONG LEADERS — Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

SOUND — Bob Coffman

COMPUTER — Scott Brackey

CHURCH CLEANERS — Joe White Crew 3

COMMUNION PREPARATION — Wells

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

7	14	21	28
* David Maples # Dustin Mengarelli Jim Eddy Harold Watson	* David Maples # Dustin Mengarelli Jim Eddy Harold Watson	* Bruce Maples # Kurtis Wells Randy James Shawn Perry	* Bruce Maples # Kurtis Wells Randy James Shawn Perry
BENEDICTION			
Dustin Mengarelli	Dustin Mengarelli	Kurtis Wells	Kurtis Wells
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter
GREETERS			
Showalter / Smith	Snyder / Davies	Watson / Wells	White / Huntsman
NURSERY WORKERS			
K. Snyder / B. Watson	L. Seehorn / C. Wohletz	K. Flesher / T. Baker	T. Briggs / I. Boutz
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
April Wells	April Wells	April Wells	April Wells

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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

- Sat., Feb. 6:** Sisters in Service Cookie Decorating for Tanglewood
- Sun., Feb. 7** All Church Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.
Guest Speaker Dave Fremstad, Deaf Missions
- Thurs., Feb. 11:** Sisters in Service Cookie Delivery to Tanglewood
- Sun., Feb. 14:** Guest Speaker and Worship, Manhattan Christian College Ambassadors
- Sat., Feb. 20:** Quilt Work Day, 2-4 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 28:** All-Church Birthday Party, starting at 6:00 p.m.,
News due to Melissa for the March newsletter.

Coming Soon:

Easter Breakfast and Worship, Sunday, March 27

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*Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the LORD is to be praised!
Psalm 113:2-3 ESV*