

THE PATHWAY

Our Vision

We are 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 Oct/Nov

Date	Offering
Oct. 22	\$2,295
Oct. 29	\$2,821
Nov. 5	\$3,121
Nov. 12	\$3,076
Nov. 19	\$1,848

Oct. Avg:
\$2,301

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$2,803

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: Another Harvest Weekend Memory

Another Harvest weekend has come and gone. Once again, it was a highlight of our church year. The Prayer Chain is always enjoyable. Many participated by volunteering to pray. Every year I hope that new people will join the effort and learn for themselves what a joy it is and how quickly the individual prayer segments pass.

Sunday morning worship featured Amy Bringhurst, who spoke, showed us a skit they use on their Africa trips (utilizing volunteers from our audience), and showed us some slides of the African village culture and the HIV ministry. Our Harvest Offering was terrific, and once again we were all encouraged to make a special sacrifice for the mission of the church worldwide.

Sunday evening, we ate to the full during our seasonal Harvest Feast. Amy spoke more about her experience with the He Intends Victory (HIV) ministry in the African villages. I truly enjoyed hearing her stories and seeing her video images. Several others expressed to me how much they enjoyed her presentations.

It was a great weekend...but for our family it began on Saturday. Amy and her kids arrived on Saturday, so we had a hot dog roast in the backyard fire pit. It was dark by the time the fire was ready, so we gathered around the fire with dogs on roasting sticks and stayed warm while we cooked our suppers.

When supper was finished, the adults sat around the warm fire while eight of the grandkids (from ages 2 through 14) played hide and seek in the yard in the dark. Even the littlest of them ran and hid or looked for those who were hiding. (One two-year-old carried a flashlight and shined it at the other kids who were trying to hide. Not everyone thought that was as entertaining as we adults did!)

Four-year-old Korbin doesn't hide very well... he doesn't stay very quiet, so he gave away the hiding spot that he and older cousin, Katie, were

using. Korbin came over to his mom who told him, "Korbin, you have to be quiet when you're hiding." Korbin's response, "Zack keeps saying, 'Hello!'" (To which, Korbin would naturally respond.) April told him, "He's just trying to trick you." (He was successful...more than once.)

Trickery. That's an old and time-tested tactic. In fact, a master of trickery hovers with his minions around us all the time. The name of that trickster is the devil, Satan, Lucifer. 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 says, "For Satan himself is disguised as an angel of light. So it is no great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their destiny will be according to their works." Jesus called Satan "the father of lies."

While we engage in our regular routines and consider various life options that are presented to us, Satan is busy at work attempting to lure us to his agenda. His agenda is always self-serving. His agenda is always to our peril. Yet, he always presents his agenda in a manner that appeals to us. James 4:7-8 tells us to "resist the devil and he will flee from you." Our recourse, when we hear the alluring voice of God's adversary, is to resist him and yield to God's impulses within us.

Sunday morning, our Harvest Offering presented us with an opportunity to resist Satan's allure to accumulate and guard our wealth, and instead to reflect God's generosity by offering up our wealth for His Kingdom's use. Harvest Weekend provides us with another wonderful memory block in the walls of the temple of our faith. We've put Satan on the run. Let's see how far we can chase him away!

Steve

P.S. Linda and I wish to thank our RHCC family for the wonderful Pastor Appreciation gift that was presented to us in October. The faith, affection, and friendships we all share are cherished deeply in our hearts.

GUEST MUSICIANS

The Pic and Bow will be our guests during Sunday morning worship on December 3. Guitarist Charles David Smart has performed for Rolling Hills Christian Church many times and it is always a great musical experience. He is now joined by Michelle Gawith, and they will share their fun and inspirational music with the church during our 10 a.m. worship service. You won't want to miss this concert! A basket will be available to collect a free will love offering for *The Pic and Bow*.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 1 for December

The Bob Coffman Cleaning Crew (Crew 1) is cleaning for the month of December. Thanks to the volunteers on the cleaning crews for all of their hard work keeping the church neat and clean!

Cleaning Help Needed!

Many hands make light work! One of our crews needs more hands; please contact the church office if you can help out. Church cleaning typically involves about 1 to 2 hours per week during the assigned month.

Treasurer Assistance Needed

Kevin Wohletz serves as the church treasurer and needs some assistance with the job. Paul Brackey has served in this role for many years, but needs to step down. Please contact the church office, or speak to Kevin about the volunteer opportunity.



MEN'S MINISTRIES:

Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, December 31, 7:30 a.m.

Many of the men in our church meet for breakfast fellowship on the last Sunday of each month at the Hunter's Ridge McDonald's. All men are invited to participate.

MISSION MINISTRIES

Gifts for Alpha Christian Children's Home



This year the church is once again sponsoring Alpha Christian Children's Home for Christmas. A list of children and their wants and needs is posted in the church foyer for people to sign up. Please bring your gifts to the church by Sunday morning, December 10, as they will be delivered to Alpha that week.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week, Nov. 13-20

Thank you for giving Christmas gifts to children in need around the world. The people of Rolling Hills gave 76 gifts to Operation Christmas Child, which is more than double the amount of boxes given last year!

Harvest Total \$13,109.35!

The church has once again gone above and beyond in their generosity! Our Harvest Goal was to raise \$10,444 for the missions and ministries we support, and we far exceeded that goal with a Harvest gift of \$13,109.35! What a wonderful example of God's provision and blessings! The Missions Ministry Team will be meeting soon to disburse the funds and will report on it at the annual meeting on the first Sunday in February.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Sisters in Service Salad Sampler, Sunday, Dec. 3, 5:00 p.m.

All ladies are welcome to attend the Sisters in Service Salad Sampler. As part of the tradition, ladies are invited to host a table for decorations. If you would like to decorate tables for the Salad Sampler, please contact Terry Baker or Kathy Flesher. This will be a lovely evening of fellowship, so we hope to see all ladies here. Invite your friends and neighbors, and bring a salad to share for our meal!

Treats for Tanglewood, December 10, 2:00 p.m.

Ladies, We will meet at 2:00 on December 10 at the church to decorate Christmas cookies for Tanglewood residents. You may bring sprinkles to help with the decorating.

Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays, 9 a.m.

The Ladies' Bible Study is studying Lysa Terkeurst's book, *The Best Yes: Making wise decisions in the midst of endless demands*. They meet at the church on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

MEETINGS

- There is a weekly Bible study available on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., led by Steve Seehorn.
- Elder Meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Decorating for Christmas, November 27, 6:30 p.m.

We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Monday evening, November 27, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to help is more than welcome to join us.

Christmas Caroling and Fellowship, Sunday, Dec. 17, 5:30 pm..

We will enjoy our annual Christmas Caroling and Fellowship on Sunday evening, December 17. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. to carpool to our caroling sites, and everyone can bring holiday snacks to enjoy at the Seehorn home, 3821 NW Morley Ct., for our time of fellowship after the caroling.

Carols and Candlelight Christmas Eve, December 24, 5:30 p.m.

Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the newborn King! Celebrate the birth of Jesus with a candlelight service where we will sing carols and have communion together with our church family. Christmas Eve, Sunday evening, 5:30 p.m.



Memorial Poinsettias

Would you like to share a poinsettia plant with the church through the Christmas season? You may dedicate a plant in memory of loved one, and we will print a list of dedication names in the bulletins December 17 and 24. You may bring your own preferred poinsettia, and then take it home with you following the Christmas Eve service. Please have your poinsettia in place for worship by December 10. Contact the church office with questions or dedications.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Hey everybody! I hope you are all doing well. I am incredibly glad to be serving here with y'all. This congregation has been a blessing to me in more way than I can count and the gift I received for pastor appreciation was humbling and greatly appreciated. I hope to continue to be a blessing to Rolling Hills as God works through the church and myself to build His Kingdom.

The youth group recently took a trip to the Oasis Youth Conference in Manhattan. We attended sessions that included fantastic worship and incredible messages, but it was God that took the spotlight. I saw amazing growth in every student that went, and I am proud to say that God impacted the trip. There were over 1500 students in attendance. It was amazing to see God work in the masses, and it was just as amazing to see God work in the hearts and minds of the students individually.

The youth group has been showing growth. The students have been growing closer to Christ every time I see them, and I am beyond blessed to get to join them on that journey. I hope to continue to see God build His Kingdom here at Rolling Hills.

We will be continuing with youth group on Sundays and Sunday school. December should be great if we let God shine. Have a blessed day! -Dylan Meyer

If you need to get in touch with Dylan, he can be reached by phone or email: dylanmeyer2016@gmail.com; 620.490.0735.

Youth Group Sundays at 4 p.m.

The Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group is back in session, meeting on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Sunday Lunch Hosting

Sign up in the foyer if your family will host our youth leader, Dylan, for a Sunday lunch after the morning worship service.

Trunks & Treats, October 31

We had a fantastic turn out for Trunks & Treats! Thanks to everyone who braved the snow and cold to help, and to those who donated money and gift cards for door prizes!

Family Worship, December 24 and 31

Due to the holidays and a 5th Sunday in December, we will have family worship on both December 24 and 31. There will be no Grade School Children's Church on these days, and we invite all grade school children to worship with their families.



NEW CHURCH MEMBER

Welcome new member, Karen Foust! Karen has been a part of the Rolling Hills family for many months, and officially placed her membership with us on Sunday, November 19. If you would like to send a card of welcome to Karen, she can be reached at:

Karen Foust
4429 1/2 NE Indian Creek
Topeka, KS 66617



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR DECEMBER

WORSHIP ELDER — Kevin Wohletz

SONG LEADERS — Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

SOUND — Isaiah Boutz

COMPUTER — Courtney Wohletz

CHURCH CLEANERS — Bob Coffman, Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION — The Wells Family

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation **and** Benediction

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* Bruce Maples # Kurtis Wells Harold Watson Mike Denton	* Bruce Maples # Kurtis Wells Harold Watson Mike Denton	* Bob Coffman # John McElroy Bill Hollingshead Zander White	* Bob Coffman # John McElroy Bill Hollingshead Zander White	* Bob Coffman # John McElroy Bill Hollingshead Zander White

MISSIONS UPDATE

Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
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GREETERS

Denton / Flesher	Ford / Lehew	Holthaus / Smith	Marshall / McElroy	Mengarelli / Neer
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NURSERY WORKERS

K Flesher / T Baker	L Seehorn / J Barnes	A Seehorn / JA Boutz	B Johnson / K Snyder	B Watson / JA Boutz
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PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf	April Wohletz
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ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: _____ (No Elementary Children's Worship during family worship December 24. or 31)

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Come Join Us!

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Tues., Nov. 28:** Sisters in Service to Topeka Rescue Mission, 9 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 3: *The Pic and Bow* guest musicians, 10 a.m.
Sisters in Service Salad Sampler, 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 10 Cookie decorating for Tanglewood, 2 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 14 Sisters in Service to Tanglewood, 2:15 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 17 Christmas Caroling and Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
January 2018 Newsletter Information Due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
Tues., Dec. 19 Sisters in Service to Topeka Rescue Mission, 8:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 & 31: Family Sunday: No Grade School Children's Church
Sun., Dec. 31: Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.

Weekly:

Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Sundays: Youth Group, 4 p.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.;

Coming Soon:

2018!

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on December 14 at 2:15 p.m. Others are welcome to join them. They continue to need small items for prizes, and there is a collection basket in the foyer for donations.

Topeka Rescue Mission

Join in on December 19 at 8:45 a.m. for an ongoing volunteer opportunity currently served by the Sisters in Service.

Operation Backpack with Topeka North Outreach

Help pack food sacks for kids in need in our area. Operation Backpack prepares food sacks on the 1st Thursday of each month (December 7) at 6 p.m. at 4303 NE Indian Creek Rd.

