

# 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.

## A WALK DOWN THE PATH

**On: 'Twas the Monday before Christmas**

(That is the date of this writing...)

'Twas the Monday before Christmas when all through church,

Not a child could be found, not even in a search.

The greenery was hung from the ceiling with care,

In hopes that no moth or mouse would dare show up there.

The chairs were all lined up properly in rows, Waiting for men to arrive and women with bows.

And some will arrive to sit in their places, While others would choose someone else's preferred spaces.

When back in our memories we recall the old story,

The birth that was so sweet, but the death that was glory.

Yet this time of year for our culture so tolerant, We sometimes forget to emphasize the most important.

We carry our packages and buy many gifts, And hope the weather holds so we don't plow through snow drifts.

With credit cards worn smooth and wallets emptied light,

We go home to wrap presents to be such a colorful sight.

After all is finally done, we sit in the evening's quiet,

And eat peanut brittle and cookies while we ruin our diet.

With wonder we think about the night long ago, When father and mother laid a baby just so.

With surprise they welcomed the shepherds with joy,

Who followed angelic direction to the newly born boy.

They ran through the town telling all they would meet, They'd found the king and had kneeled at his feet.

Many months later came wise men from afar, Who'd traversed the world watching the angelic star. They brought these gifts of frankincense, myrrh, and gold, Tributes for God, Savior, and King who would be humble yet bold.

Three decades later, the child became man, He chose to live as no one else can. The paradox of grace he applied so simply, you see, The sinless One suffered and died, for you and for me.

God became man to redeem His creation, Servant became Savior, an example for imitation. On a hill far away our King was placed on His throne, This child, this man, this event, is our Cornerstone.

Christmas is much more than presents, family, and seasonal cheer. It is a thoughtful reminder of something much more dear. The grave could not hold or defeat my King, His new life in me is why I sing...

How Great Is My God!

*To our Rolling Hills family, our church staff hopes your Christmas will be or has been a wonderful celebration of Jesus, our God, our Savior, and our King.*

*Melissa & Bryan Boutz and family, Dylan Meyer,*

*and Steve and Linda Seehorn*



### Church Offerings for Nov./Dec

Date	Offering
Nov. 26	\$2,710
Dec. 3	\$2,901
Dec. 10	\$2,186
Dec. 17	\$2,163

**Nov. Avg: \$2,688**  
**Harvest: \$13,109**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVING AT RHCC

### Cleaning Crew 2 for January

The Second Cleaning Crew is cleaning for the month of January. This cleaning crew needs more assistance. Please contact Bryan or Melissa Boutz if you can help with cleaning this month.

### Treasurer Assistance Needed

Kevin Wohletz serves as the church treasurer and needs some assistance with the job. Many thanks go to Paul Brackey, who 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.



### Communion Preparation in 2018

Communion for our worship services is prepared by volunteers in the church. If you are willing to prepare communion for a month in 2018, please sign up in the foyer. We still have most months available.

## MEETINGS

- **The Chronological Bible Study**, which meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., will not meet on December 27. The final study will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3.
- **Elder's Meeting**: Wednesday, January 10, 5:30 p.m.
- **Deacon and Elder Board Meeting**, Sunday, January 14
- **All-Church Annual Meeting**, Sunday, February 4, 9 a.m.
- **Leadership Retreat** for Elders and Deacons, April 6-7, 2018

## MISSION MINISTRIES

### Gifts for Alpha Christian Children's Home

The church has once again sponsored Alpha Christian Children's Home for Christmas. A list of children and their wants and needs was posted in the foyer, and all children received Christmas gifts given by people in the church. **Thank you** for supporting these children and this ministry.

## ALL-CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Our All-Church Annual Meeting is held on the first Sunday in February, February 4, 2018. At the Annual Meeting, we will learn of the state of the church, vote on a budget for the coming year, vote on leadership for the year, and learn how the Mission Committee distributed our **Harvest gifts of \$13,109.35**. Make sure you mark your calendar to attend this important meeting.

Prior to the annual meeting, we present a slate of Elders and Deacons for the church to vote on. We accept suggestions through December, a list of suggested leaders will be available for your comments on the first 2 weeks of January, and the final slate of leaders will be posted for your consideration during the last 2 weeks of January, giving church members plenty of time to review the leadership before the vote on February 4.



## ANNUAL MEETING

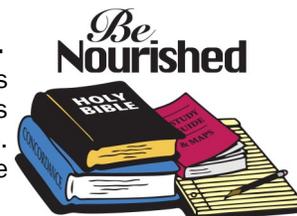
## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### Sisters in Service Meeting, January 14, 5 p.m.

All ladies are encouraged to attend our Sisters in Service meeting on Sunday, January 14, beginning at 5 p.m., as we discuss upcoming service opportunities and other important items.

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

The Ladies' Bible Study is has completed their previous study and is on break until Thursday, January 18. Stay tuned for information about the next study!



### Sisters in Service Leadership

If you are interested in leading the Sisters in Service ministry, please contact Linda Seehorn, April Wells, or Anna Seehorn. These ladies will complete their year of serving as leaders at the end of January 2018.

## MEN'S MINISTRIES:

### Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 12/31 & 1/28 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.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

### Carols and Candlelight Christmas Eve, Dec. 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.



# YOUTH MINISTRIES



Hey everybody! We have been having a blast in Youth Group and have been growing for sure. We have been going through various lessons on Sunday evenings looking to build a good foundation of faith and will be making a transition to a format that focuses on a small group aspect here fairly soon. If anyone is interested in volunteering with the Jr. and Sr. High ministry, please contact me.

Children's Church has been more of a focus as of late as well, and our volunteers are doing a fantastic job with that!

We will be looking to involve these ministries more and more moving forward. I am looking into events and plans for the coming months to get this ministry growing and moving. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-Dylan

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

### Youth Group Sundays at 4 p.m.

The Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group meets on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m., with a brief break for the holidays Dec. 24 & 31.

### Sunday Lunch Hosting

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



### 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.

*We thank everyone who has volunteered in the church in various ways! Teachers serve in the Nursery, Preschool and Children's Church, and Sunday School Classes. People lead Bible studies, and small groups such as the Sisters in Service. Many people serve in worship in the technology booth, passing communion and offering trays, and preparing communion. More behind the scenes, there are those who faithfully clean the church and care for maintenance and church finances. We want you all to know that **you are appreciated!***

## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JANUARY, 2018

**WORSHIP ELDER** — Joe White

**SOUND** – David Maples

**SONG LEADERS** — Melissa Boutz

**COMPUTER** – Jim Clark

**PIANIST** — Tari Metzler

**CHURCH CLEANERS** – Crew 2

**COMMUNION PREPARATION** – Flesher

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

7	14	21	28
* Bruce Smith # Dustin Mengarelli Paul Brackey Richard Johnson	* Bruce Smith # Dustin Mengarelli Paul Brackey Richard Johnson	* Dylan Meyer # Bruce Maples Walt Baker Zander White	* Dylan Meyer # Bruce Maples Walt Baker Zander White
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
<b>GREETERS</b>			
Nussbaum / Purcell	Boutz / Johnson	Watson/ Wells	White / Huntsman
<b>NURSERY WORKERS</b>			
L Seehorn / C Wohletz	K Flesher / T Baker	T Briggs / A Seehorn	J Barnes / JA Boutz
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP:</b> _____			

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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. 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 24 & 31:** Family Sunday: No Grade School Children's Church  
**Wed., Dec. 27:** No Chronological Bible Study; Final Meeting Jan. 3  
**Sun., Dec. 31:** Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.  
**Wed., Jan. 10:** Elder's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
**Thurs., Jan. 11** Sisters in Service to Tanglewood, 2:15 p.m.  
**Sun., Jan. 14** Sisters In Service Meeting, 5 p.m.  
Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, 6 p.m.  
**Sun., Jan. 21** January 2018 Newsletter Information Due  
(Newsletter information is due on the **3rd Sunday** of each month.)  
**Tues., Jan. 25** Sisters in Service to Topeka Rescue Mission, 8:45 a.m.

### Weekly:

Thursday: Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m., resuming January 18;  
Sundays: Youth Group, 4 p.m.  
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.;

### Coming Soon:

Feb. 4: All-Church Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.  
Feb. 4: Guest Speaker Chris Hedges, Church plant in Winfield, KS  
April 6-7: Leadership Retreat

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on January 11 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 January 25 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 (January 4) at 6 p.m. at 4303 NE Indian Creek Rd.

