Rolling Hills Christian Church

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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 Jan / Feb

Date	Offering
Jan. 28	$3,120
Feb. 4	$2,212
Feb. 11	$1,827
Feb. 18	$1,267

Jan. Avg: $2,619

Weekly Budget Requirement:
$2,803

A Walk Down the Path

On: A Modern Day Jonah

I recently returned from a golf trip to Las Vegas with my brother and one of his friends. We've done this for several years. This year we had five days of golfing in 76 degrees with sunny skies. One day none of us played well, but the rest of the days, we shot decently. A couple of days, I shot pretty well. Monday's game in particular was the best game I've ever shot out there and ranks among one of my best scoring days ever. Golf is the most difficult sport I've ever participated in, yet on that day it seemed so easy and natural. That was fun.

When I'm not golfing out there, I'm doing one of a couple other things: eating, hanging out in the hotel room, or walking around looking at the sights. (I don't gamble, but I'm one of the few visitors to Las Vegas who doesn't. Everyone I talk to assumes that I do. Frequently in the elevators, other people in the hotel ask me how I'm doing at the tables or slots. I confidently look them in the eye and tell them I've never lost a dime in Las Vegas or any other casinos. Some of them are amazed and probably don't believe me. Once in a while someone will pause and say with a wry smile, "You don't gamble do you?" I'll smile and answer, "Not at all." The person usually chuckles and nods or says, "Good choice." or something similar.)

On Tuesday I took a particularly long walk, a few miles up and down the strip. When a person does that, he (she) sees the extreme examples of life, ethics, and sometimes morality. I crossed Tropicana Boulevard on the overhead walkway headed south and was riding the escalator back down to the sidewalk. I could see, and hear, a street preacher and his wife. He was steadily speaking the gospel message non-stop. When I say non-stop, I mean I wasn't sure he ever took a breath. His message focused on the grace of Jesus, the need for salvation, the impact of Jesus' sacrifice, and so on. When he saw someone with children he slid his dialogue to the wonder of God's gift of children and the blessed responsibility parents have. When some other person caught his attention, his message diverted to that idea temporarily. I kept walking.

On my return trip back north some time later, I approached that corner again, and he was still going at it steadily, his wife holding up some placards with biblical ideas or Scriptures about the generosity of God's love for all of us. I couldn't help but be impressed by the uninterrupted message he presented and how smoothly he slid into and out of specific ideas relative to the people coming down the escalator toward him. I considered going over to him and visit with him briefly, but I didn't want to interrupt his rhythm. I'm telling you, this guy was good.

I couldn't help but wonder if Jonah was like that as he traversed the streets of Nineveh. For three days he walked across that great city of sin, preaching the message of holiness and God's desire for all of them to repent. Jonah succeeded better than he ever imagined. This street preacher in our sin city of Las Vegas poured out the message of Jesus for all to hear. I have no idea what the response was to his efforts, although I saw and heard some responses that could not be considered positive. Nevertheless, he persevered, and probably has done this for some time.

I wonder, how often have we done nothing, or said nothing because we feared no one would listen to us, or perhaps they would listen to us and ridicule us. Perhaps we should follow the example of this Las Vegas Jonah a bit better. Take courage in Jesus. Demonstrate our faith and speak our faith. Plant the seed of the gospel. We don't know what kind of soil that person may be, but perhaps that seed will take root and grow into a healthy plant at some later point in his or her life. One thing is for sure, if we don't plant the seed, it cannot begin to grow.

Well, here's my thought of encouragement for me and for you. Be a Jonah. Stand up for Jesus. Rescue the Nineveh where you live.

Steve

Walking the Road to Easter

In a series of Sunday messages, we are Walking the Road to Easter. Join us as we learn about the path that led to the Resurrection:

- 2/18: The Upper Room
- 2/25: The Garden of Gethsemane
- 3/4: Pilate, Jesus, and Truth
- 3/11 Jesus on His Messianic Road in Jerusalem
- 3/18: Simon Carrying the Cross
- 3/25: Crucifixion at Calvary
- 4/1: Easter— Resurrection Morning!

Announcements

Meetings

- **Elders' Meeting:** Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting,** March 11: The Deacons and Elders will meet to discuss church business on Sunday, March 11. Please bring $6 for Supper at 6 p.m.

- **Leadership Retreat** Our Elders and Deacons will be meeting together April 6 &7 (Friday evening and Saturday) at Red Rock Ranch in Soldier, KS. Randy Gariss, retired pastor of College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, MO, and current professor at Ozark Christian College, will be leading our retreat.

The cost for overnight accommodations, Saturday breakfast, and lunch will be $45 per person. Everyone should eat supper before Friday arrival. Additional information will be available as the date draws closer.

Easter Events

North Topeka EasterFest, March 31

The 5th Annual North Topeka EasterFest will be held on Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The event includes a parade, an Easter Egg hunt, games and activities, music, and more. Booths and floats are open to area churches and organizations.

If someone would like to organize a float or booth entry, please contact the church office. We will assist you any way we can and discuss the various possibilities.

Palm Sunday, March 25

As we've done in previous years, we invite the children of the church to help us start off the Passion Week with the waving of palm branches. If you would like to help coordinate the kids, please speak to Melissa Boutz.

Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 1, 8:30 a.m.

Enjoy breakfast with Rolling Hills for Easter Sunday, April 1. Our annual Easter breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thanks to Dustin and Ashleigh Mengarelli for preparing the meal! There will be no Sunday School classes, as we invite everyone to join together in fellowship during the breakfast.

Easter Worship, April 1, 10 a.m.

Invite friends and neighbors to be a part of our Easter worship service on Sunday, April 1, at 10 a.m.! It will be a great opportunity to spread the Word and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Serving at RHCC

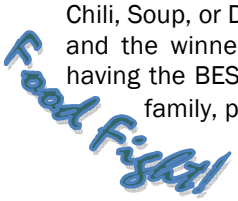
Cleaning Crew 1 for March

Cleaning Crew 1 is cleaning for the month of February. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

Fellowship Ministries

3rd Annual Food Fight, March 4, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Join in the fun! Our 3rd Annual FOOD FIGHT will be held on Sunday, March 4, starting at 5:00 p.m.! Competitors sign up to bring food for one of 4 categories: Appetizers, Chili, Soup, or Dessert. Attendees will vote on their favorites, and the winner in each category gets bragging rights for having the BEST food in the Food Fight! Only one entry per family, please. Sign up in the church foyer.



Following the dinner and voting, we will enjoy a concert by *And He Walks With Me*, with Josh Whisler. The son of Barb Neer, Josh grew up at Rolling Hills, and we are excited to have him and his group visit us and share their music for the evening! A love offering will be received for them.

What a fun evening of fellowship we have in store for you! You won't want to miss it on Sunday, March 4!

And He Walks With Me

Men's Ministries

Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 2/25, 3/25 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.

Women's Ministries

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

The Ladies' Bible Study meets every Thursday, at 9 a.m.

Sisters in Service Meeting

The next Sisters in Service Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 11, starting at 5 p.m. All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend!

Youth Ministries

Hey Y'all!

The youth have been taking steps toward God in ways that were not anticipated. The junior high and high school youth group has shifted into a small group setting where we have been diving deep into the issue of developing a Christ-centered identity in today's culture. It has been going very well and we hope to build upon that foundation as we move forward.

Children's Church has been going well and the volunteers have recently invested in some new curriculum to help develop structure and consistency between teachers along with a good basis to build on with the kids. Things have been going well with major thanks to the volunteers!

We hope to continue to invest and encourage the youth of this church as they find their own place in Christ. The youth have also been gathering items for Blessing Bags to deliver to homeless and spread the good news of Christ that we have been soaking in.

God Bless!
Dylan

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 meets on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Sunday Lunch Hosting – Many opportunities are available to host Dylan and Olivia for Sunday lunches. Be sure to sign up on the lunch chart in the front entry.

Blessing Bags for Homeless Individuals

The Youth Group is gathering items to make Blessing Bags. These are bags that we will put together and then deliver to homeless individuals during a youth group time. We are asking the congregation to help gather these items:

Toothbrushes; Snacks (protein bars, crackers, dried fruit, other healthy non-perishable items); Refillable water bottles; New Socks; Deodorant; Blankets; etc.

Other things of this nature are also welcome. Please have all items to the church by **Sunday, February 25**.

Card Shower: Cards and notes of encouragement can be sent to Marcia Milner at Tanglewood Care Home:

Marcia Milner
5015 SW 28th St.
Topeka, KS 66614

Serving At Rolling Hills for March, 2018

Worship Elder — Kevin Wohletz
Sound – Isaiah Boutz
Song Leader —
Computer – Courtney Wohletz
Communion Preparation – Christenberry
Pianist — Tari Metzler
Church Cleaners – Crew 1

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

4	11	18	25
* Kurtis Wells # Bruce Smith Richard Johnson Konner Wells	* Kurtis Wells # Bruce Smith Richard Johnson Konner Wells	* Dustin Mengarelli # Bruce Maples Paul Brackey Walt Baker	* Dustin Mengarelli # Bruce Maples Paul Brackey Walt Baker
Missions Update			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
Greeters			
Davies / Snyder	Denton / Flesher	Ford / Lehew	Holthaus / Smith
Nursery Workers			
T Briggs / JA Boutz	J Barnes / K Snyder	B Watson / B Johnson	L Seehorn / JA Boutz
Preschool Worship			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla Morstorf
Elementary Worship: 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

Wed., Feb. 28: Elder's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Sun., March 4: Food Fight & Concert, 5 p.m.
Sun., March 11: Sisters in Service Meeting, 5 p.m.
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Sun., Mar 18: March 2018 Newsletter Information Due
*(Newsletter information is due on the **3rd Sunday** of each month.)*
Sun., Mar. 25: Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday
Tues., Mar. 27: Sisters in Service to Topeka Rescue Mission, 8:45 a.m.

Weekly:

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

Coming Soon:

April 1: Easter Breakfast and Worship
April 6-7: Leadership Retreat

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 March 8 at 2:15 p.m. Extra help is always appreciated! 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 February and March 27 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 (March 1) at 6 p.m. at 4303 NE Indian Creek Rd.