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 Sept. / Oct.

Date	Offering
Aug. 26	$3,571
Sept. 2	$2,689
Sept. 9	$2,966
Sept. 16	$3,372

Aug. Avg: $2,473

Weekly Budget Requirement:
$3,009

A Walk Down the Path

On: Job 13:15

Last week I enjoyed a couple days at King-Solomon Camp for the Kansas Ministers Retreat. I look forward to it every September. We have different numbers of ministers who show up for it, usually between 40 to 60, infrequently as high as 70 or 80. Many faces I recognize and have enjoyed their friendships for a few decades. Some are newer friends, having been in a Kansas ministry only in the recent years. Others I'm meeting for the first time and begin getting to know them.

Three purposes are accomplished at the retreat. First, we are able to visit, renew or make friendships, laugh together, fill in life gaps since seeing each other last, and escape the pressures and anxieties that infect us through our ministry responsibilities. Second, we have a guest speaker address us during our refreshing worship sessions who always stimulates our thoughts with new ideas, a fresh perspective, and empathetic encouragement. Third, we have enough free time to relax, visit, and just have fun doing some light, recreational activities of our choice.

(Anytime you, dear reader, have an opportunity to enjoy a retreat weekend with fellow believers, jump at the chance. It is an unmatchable platform for deepening your bonds with brothers or sisters of faith.)

Our guest speaker this year was Ralph Mehrens from Omaha, Nebraska. He became a professor at Ozark Christian College a couple years before Linda and I left Joplin following my graduation in 1975. He had come from previous ministries and was very popular among the students. He eventually returned to a fulfilling ministry located in Omaha, Nebraska. During the course of those years, he was married three different times with kids from a couple marriages. His first two wives died of different types of cancers after several years of marriage to each. He spoke about the difficulties of those experiences, and the joy of his wife to whom he has now been married for many years.

Through all his personal struggles and challenges of confidence in God, he continued steadfastly in his faith. He told of hearing a preacher speak on *Job 13:15*. While listening to that preacher, he said he realized that verse spoke his life theme. Here is what the verse says in the New International Version:

Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him.

I appreciate Ralph's thoughts, his emotions, his faith. He encountered struggles and personal assaults on his faith that I will probably, and hope I never, experience. Job was attacked personally by the full force of the Devil's influence… to his family, his wealth, he marriage, his health, and his friendships. He stood alone and stated that no matter what happened to him, no matter what God permitted to occur, or even performed Himself, that Job would unfailingly trust God.

I remember having some dark days, especially over the past 30 years. Emotionally scarring events that still rise up before me from time to time. Events that shrouded and clouded my self-confidence so much that I had difficulty functioning properly at times. Planning for the future without substantive evidence that the plans would actually work, or that might result in a potentially catastrophic failure. Through all of those experiences, I always placed my hope in God's faithfulness to me, and thus I steadfastly remained faithful to Him.

Ralph concluded this particular message by leading our group in singing the Andre Crouch song, "Through It All." This repeated line in the song reinforces the theme of the music:

"Through it all. Through it all.
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God."

We all experience great joys and celebrations of faith. But we all also experience great sorrows and struggles in life. Through it all, we pursue our upward calling in Christ Jesus because we have learned to faithfully trust in Jesus. Though life's turmoil or unexpected twists and turns may attempt to slay me, I will hope in our Sovereign God of the universe. I hope you have that same confident and demonstrative faith. Thank you, Ralph, for your reminder.

Steve

Announcements

Church Leadership

Church Leadership Contact Information

We have a great team of deacons and elders who take care of the church in many ways. If you need to reach one of the church leaders, give them a call:

- Bill Hollingshead, Elder: 785-319-6050
- Eric Showalter, Elder: 785-224-4994
- Joe White, Elder: 785-506-4715
- Kevin Wohletz, Elder: 785-250-3157
- Walt Baker (text only): 785-220-6721
- Jim Clark: 785-249-3461
- Bruce Maples: 785-249-2750
- David Maples: 785-249-0507
- Dustin Mengarelli: 620-724-2877
- Kurtis Wells: 785-220-8449

Intentional Churches Workshop

We will have a small group attending an Intentional Churches workshop on October 25. This group will be led in developing a clear vision and assemble an action plan that they can implement in the life of the congregation. Please lift up the attendees in prayer.

Serving at RHCC

Cleaning Crew 2 for October

Cleaning Crew 2 is cleaning for the month of October. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

Meetings

- **Elder's Meeting:** Thursday, Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting:** Sunday, Nov. 4, 6 p.m.

Missions and Outreach

Tanglewood Bingo Prizes

The Sisters in Service continue to need prizes for Bingo for the Tanglewood Care Home residents. Please leave donations in the basket in the foyer. Sisters-in-Service helps with Bingo on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The Pathway

Though it is typically due on the 3rd Sunday of each month, please note that November news will be due early, by Wednesday, October 17.

Fellowship Ministries

Weenie Roast and Hayrack Ride:

Our Fall Fellowship will be held on **Sunday, October 7**, starting at 4:30 p.m. It is the same location as last year, at 1339 NW 82nd St. Hot Dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts to share, as well as lawn chairs, and join in the fun!

Faith & Family Night, Topeka Pilots, October 27

There's a new era of hockey in Topeka. The Pilots will be having a Faith & Family Night on Saturday, October 27th. Let's get a group together to go! Tickets will be $11 or less, depending on the size of group. Please sign up in the foyer by October 7, so we can reserve tickets.

Men and Women Ministries

Men's Fellowship at McD's, 9/30, 10/28, 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.

Ladies' Retreat Cancelled

We are sorry to say that the Cozy Mountain Lodge Ladies' Retreat has had to be cancelled. There was not enough interest to retain our reservation at the Red Rock Ranch, and we are exploring ideas to try again later.

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

The Ladies' Bible Study meets at the church on Thursdays at 9 a.m. All ladies are welcome!

Women of Royalty Conference, October 20

The ladies of Town & Country Christian Church have invited us to a *Women of Royalty* conference on Saturday, October 20, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cost is $20, and registration/payment is due to Town & Country by Sunday, Oct. 14. Light breakfast, lunch, and childcare are provided (with reservation). Please take a registration form from the table in the foyer if you are interested in attending or for more information.

Youth and Children's Ministries

Youth Group

Youth Group for Jr. and Sr. High students meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

Youth Room Updates

Make sure to stop in and see our progress! Some new furniture has been added to the youth room, as well as a fresh coat of paint and wall decor. Thanks to the volunteers who are coordinating the youth room update!

Child Dedication Sunday, October 7

On Sunday morning, October 7, RHCC will devote the morning worship for families to have the opportunity to dedicate the raising and nurturing of their children to the Lord.

Trunks & Treats,

Wednesday, October 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun alternative to door-to-door trick or treating for kids in the area. Hundreds of children and families will visit Rolling Hills on Halloween. Will you be a part of the fun? We will need trunks and candy distributers, game helpers, cookie servers, dozens of cookies, and many pounds of candy. Sign up in the church foyer starting September 30.

We are still accepting donations to offset the cost of the bikes we will have as door prizes. Thank you to those who have already contributed! Questions can be directed to Bruce Maples, Kelli Denton, or Chelsea Huston.

Serving At Rolling Hills for October, 2018

Worship Elder — Eric Showalter
Sound – David Maples
Song Leaders — Boutz / Seehorn
Computer – Jim Clark
Communion Preparation – Jim Clark
Pianist — Tari Metzler
Church Cleaners – Crew 2

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

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* Dustin Mengarelli # John McElroy Konner Wells Harold Watson	* Dustin Mengarelli # John McElroy Konner Wells Harold Watson	* Bruce Maples # Bill Hollingshead Zander White Joe White	* Bruce Maples # Bill Hollingshead Zander White Joe White
Missions Update			
OCC– Melissa Boutz	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter
Greeters			
Clark / Coffman	Georgia Ford / B Maples	Marshall / McElroy	Mengarelli / Metzler
Nursery Workers			
J Barnes / B Watson	B Johnson / JA Boutz	L Seehorn / T Baker	T Briggs / K Snyder
Preschool Worship			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla Morstorf
Elementary Worship: Bryan & Melissa Boutz (Family Sunday for Child Dedication, 10/7)			

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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

Thurs, Oct. 4: Elder's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 7: Child Dedication and Family Sunday, 10 a.m.
Fall Fellowship, 4:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 17: November Newsletter Information Due
Sat., Oct. 27: Topeka Pilots Hockey Game
Sun., Oct. 28: Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 7:30 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 31: Trunks & Treats, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Weekly:

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

Coming Soon:

- ***Operation Christmas Child Collection***, Nov. 12-19
- ***Harvest Weekend*** (prayer chain, mission offering, and Thanksgiving celebration), Nov. 17-18. Guest speakers will include Barry Feaker of the Topeka Rescue Mission, and Jeff Mulpas of Alpha Christian Children's Home!

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 October 11 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 October 22 at 8:45 a.m. for an ongoing volunteer opportunity currently served by the Sisters in Service at the Topeka Rescue Mission.

Operation Backpack with Topeka North Outreach

Operation Backpack packs food sacks on the 1st Thursday of each month, at Indian Creek Elementary. The next food sack-packing is October 4.