

# 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 life-style 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 Nov. / Dec.

Date	Offering
Nov. 25	\$1,795
Dec. 2	\$7,637
Dec. 9	\$1,666
Dec. 16	\$1,801

Nov. Avg: \$2,308

Harvest Total:  
\$14,213.52

Weekly Budget  
Requirement:  
\$3,009

## A WALK DOWN THE PATH

### On: A New Year, A New Plan

January 1, 2019, ushers in a fresh look at life plans and life routines. Everyone can put a fresh coat of paint on all those well-worn patterns of everyday living. All of those, "I wish I had done that..." can now become, "Here's what I'm going to do...."

Perhaps that "to do" list will include diet. I have always struggled with diet. And when I say struggle, I mean...vegetables wrestle me to the ground attempting to become my friends, but thus far I have successfully been able to fight them off! On the other hand, it probably wouldn't hurt (and my doctor would encourage) me to expand my culinary tastes to include some edible vegetables (this does not include broccoli, cauliflower, asparagus, etc.) and salads occasionally.

Perhaps that "to do" list will include exercise. My thumbs have become much stronger since the manufacture and availability of remote-control devices. On the other hand, other parts of my body are not as strong as they should be. In fact, I've noticed a tendency for my muscles to reconfigure themselves in the middle area of my physique. I believe my body's strategy is to reduce wind drag when running the bases in softball by becoming more aerodynamically rounded...you know like cars have become. It probably wouldn't hurt to pump some iron and do some cardio regularly. (Actually, it might hurt a little bit, but it would probably be a good hurt.)

Perhaps that "to do" list will include spiritual sensitivity enhancement. I've been pretty good at reading and studying my Bible on an annual reading plan most years. But a person never becomes completely proficient unless he or she continues to sharpen the blade of their Word by continually learning more, reading more, and self-evaluating more. That self-evaluating by the Word's influence affects our moral and ethical conscience awareness, our discipline of meeting with fellow believers, our trusting in God and limiting of our greed by giving regularly and generously, our engagement in volunteering to make the Kingdom more productive and effective,

and generally improving our character. Sounds like a lot, and it sounds difficult or complex, but like any worthwhile journey, it all begins by taking one step and following that with another, and so on. Progress, whether methodical or frantic, is always better than standing still.

Perhaps that "to do" list will include some comfort flexibility. No doubt, this will be a big issue in my coming year, as well as for our congregation. I'm going to be retiring come May. While I don't really want that to be a big deal, it probably will be a big deal. I expect it to be challenging for me to emotionally alter what I've been doing for the past 44 years. I'll be developing new routines, new daily plans. I have some things I enjoy that I look to enjoy even more and will have some new and different opportunities that I'll be able to try.

This flexibility will not only affect me. It will also affect our congregation. I will see if my teaching and preaching has been effective all these years through the acceptance of our church leadership in performing new roles in guiding the congregation in the search of a new preaching pastor. I will see how church members rally in support of the efforts of the church leadership and in support of the visionary and expansive ideas of the new pastor candidate, whoever that may turn out to be.

The new year brings with it many new hopes, plans, experiences, emotions, and adjustments. We will all have some surprises sprung on us, but our intention to be flexible will permit us to adjust, adapt, and grow as individuals in our faith, and as a congregation in our faith. The old is comfortable and familiar. The new is exciting and challenging. Jesus used the picture of pouring new wine into old wineskins as a reminder that new perspectives can disrupt our old practices. I think I could use some uncomfortable stretching. It will be good to pour some new wine into these old wineskins with the dawning of a new year.

Happy New Year!

Steve

## FROM THE ELDERS' DESK

The Deacons, Elders and wives have been meeting regularly and will continue to meet as a transition team, working toward Steve's retirement in May. This will continue through the hiring and placement of our new senior minister. Our pulpit search committee has been meeting weekly, and have been working toward filling the vacancy. This committee is led by Kur-

tis Wells. Please feel free to contact any board members with concerns or ministry needs during this transition process.

Contact information for the church elders and deacons can be found inside your newsletter.



## 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; Kurtis Wells: 785-220-8449
- Dustin Mengarelli: 620-724-2877

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

#### 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!

#### Men's Fellowship at McD's, 12/30, 1/27, 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.

### SERVING AT RHCC

#### Cleaning Crew 2 for January

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

Starting in March, we need a new helper on Cleaning Crew 1. If you are willing to help keep the church clean on an alternating schedule, please contact the church office.

#### Serving Schedules for 2019

Serving schedules are being updated for 2019. If you would like to be added to or removed from anything on our rotating serving schedules, please contact Melissa in the church office.

We are especially in need of servers for communion and offering, someone to help with technology in the sound booth, and a new cleaner for Crew 1.

### MEETINGS

- **Elder's Meeting:** Monday, Jan. 7, 5:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m.

## MISSION MINISTRIES

### American Rehabilitation Ministries

#### Book Project

American Rehabilitation Ministries (ARM) has a new book that they would like to see in every prison. Each \$10 donation given to the project will sponsor a SOAR book in the hands of an inmate who needs to hear the life-saving stories that may change their life forever. To give to the project, visit [www.arm.org/soar](http://www.arm.org/soar).

#### Christmas Collection for

#### Alpha Christian Children's Home

Thank you for giving so generously to Alpha Chris-

tian Children's Home this Christmas! Rolling Hills Christian Church collected supplies such as soaps, sheets and towels, paper goods, and groceries

to bless Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry, KS!



## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

#### Ladies' Salad Sampler, Sunday, Dec. 9

Thanks to the ladies who coordinated the Ladies' Salad Sampler on December 9! It was a lovely evening of worship and fellowship.

#### Christmas Caroling and Fellowship

We had a fun evening of caroling and fellowship!

Thanks to all who took advantage of the fantastic weather and joined us in a time of caroling, and a special thanks goes to Dustin and Ashleigh Mengarelli for hosting our time of fellowship at their home, and to Bruce Maples for arranging the whole evening.



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### Youth Group

Youth Group for Jr. and Sr. High students meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, December 30; please allow up to 2 hours for games and a movie!

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brett and Kristina Whisler on the birth of Ellie Marie, born on November 20, 2018!



## ANNUAL MEETING

The All-Church Annual Meeting is coming soon! Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday morning, February 3, 2019, starting at 9 a.m. Rolling Hills Christian Church holds an annual meeting every year on the 1st Sunday in February. The meeting will take the place of our regular Sunday School time, and no Sunday School classes will be offered that day.

Make plans now to join us and have a say in how the church works, and watch your upcoming bulletins for information about proposed leaders and the church budget for the upcoming year.



## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JANUARY, 2019

**WORSHIP ELDER** — Joe White

**SOUND** — Isaiah Boutz

**SONG LEADERS** — Melissa Boutz

**COMPUTER** — April Wohletz

**PIANIST** — Tari Metzler

**CHURCH CLEANERS** — Crew 2

**COMMUNION PREPARATION** — Flesher

\* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

6	13	20	27
* John McElroy # Dustin Mengarelli Walt Baker Zander White	* John McElroy # Dustin Mengarelli Walt Baker Zander White	* Kevin Wohletz # Bruce Smith Mike Denton Konner Wells	* Kevin Wohletz # Bruce Smith Mike Denton Konner Wells
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>			
Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall
<b>GREETERS</b>			
Georgia Ford / Bruce Maples	Marshall / McElroy	Mengarelli / Metzler	Neer / Seehorn
<b>NURSERY WORKERS</b>			
Linda Seehorn / Tammy Smith	Betty Johnson / JoyAnne Boutz	Terry Baker / Kathy Flesher	Tracy Briggs / Kay Snyder
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karla Morstorf
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP:</b> The Wohletz Family			



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"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"  
SAYS THE LORD.

"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD  
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,  
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."

JEREMIAH 29:11



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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. 30:** 5th Sunday Family Sunday  
(*No grade school Children's Church.*)  
**Mon., Jan. 7:** Elder's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
**Sun., Jan. 13:** Deacon and Elder Board Meeting, 6 p.m.  
**Sun., Jan. 20:** February 2019 Newsletter Information Due  
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)  
**Sun., Jan. 27:** Men's Fellowship at McDonald's, 7:30 a.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 Up:

- All-Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 3, 9 a.m.
- Guest Speaker, Brandon Bradley of Central Christian College of the Bible, Feb. 3.
- Guest Speaker Alan Wan of Good News Productions, March 3.
- Easter Concert with the Pic & Bow, April 21.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#### Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on January 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 January 22 at 9 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 January 3.

