

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.

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: The End

The summer of 1972 was my first summer youth ministry at West Side Church of Christ in Des Moines, IA. In those days we didn't call that sort of thing an internship as is done today. We learned what worked and what didn't work by trial and error...lots of error! Linda and I were married at the end of that summer.

Summer 1973, we returned to West Side for another summer youth ministry. After returning to Ozark Bible College for my junior year (Linda's 4th year) we were hired for a weekend youth ministry with First Christian Church of Dewey, OK. We served there for the balance of that school year (after which Linda graduated, 1974) and well into the next school year into February 1975 (my senior year). We made some life long friends there who have continued, even to today, to be great encouragers in our ministries.

Prior to my graduation from Ozark in May 1975, I was hired by Riverlawn Christian Church in Wichita, KS, as Associate Minister. We began that ministry on weekends prior to graduation and moved to Wichita with our few "Vintage Early American College Kids Furniture" immediately after graduation. We worked with that wonderful church for nine years during which the church doubled in size, my youth programs grew, and I changed positions to start new ministries at the church. Linda and I made life long friends with whom we still are overjoyed when able to see them, and who continue to be encouragers to us in our ministry efforts.

In May 1984 we began a new ministry of preaching to a struggling congregation who had confidence in our ability to lead. I pretended to know what I was doing while stumbling around trying to find a way to do something I'd never done before. We made progress, great progress. We grew when the county around us remained stagnant. Then the economy and other things caused disruptions which truly tested my metal. We survived and now are poised to move with momentum into the future. We have made many more friends who continue to be great encouragement in times of joy and even in times of trouble. Some of those close friends have moved to far places, but many surround us every Sunday.

Over all these years, I look back and wonder how much better results might have been had I made some other, perhaps better, decisions. One never knows. But I find satisfying pride in many

new believers baptized into the Kingdom. I find satisfying pride in the college students we trained for ministry. I find satisfying pride in the children who grew up in our church and were ordained into ministry. I find satisfying pride in seeing adults accept new responsibilities in the Kingdom and learning how to impact their faith and the world in which they live. I find satisfying pride in reflection on my own family, a loving and supportive wife, children with strong and sound faith, grandchildren who love the church and the Lord.

It's May again. 2019. Another episode of ministry change. My retirement. Some big party is planned for Saturday, and a fun worship for Sunday. I'll probably be an emotional mess providing entertainment for my "friends", and wishing Dad, Mom, and Jim could be here to share in the joy with my family. But that's not to be. I will always identify myself as a member of Rolling Hills. I love this church and the people of this church. You are our extended family, just as all our friends from congregations over the years are our extended family. Following May 5, Linda and I will probably not be seen for a few months, enabling RHCC to adjust to new leadership, whoever that turns out to be. But it is my full intention to return and serve in whatever capacity will most assist and encourage the new pastor in his ministry.

When I was a student member of Ozark's Concert Choir, we sang three signature songs which are still held in high esteem. They are: "Jesus Is All the World to Me," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Mark Scott, a friend and professor at Ozark Christian College, recently reminded an audience of these three songs. He pointed out they point to the purpose of the college that drives the students who graduate: the Christ, the Cross, the Commission. It is not my intent to "quit" ministry. It is my intent to minister in a different fashion. When my eyes dim and my mind fails in my old age, I pray that I will always, in my heart, cherish the Christ, the Cross, and the Commission. That is my prayer for all of you, as well.

God bless you all as the future unfolds for us all in new adventures of faith. Remember always that our love for you, Linda's and mine, will never fade. The end is not really the end. We will see you again, if not in worship, then on the other shore. You are our cherished family.

Steve

Church Offerings for March / April

Date	Offering
3/24	\$3,037
3/31	\$2,279
March Avg: \$2,454	
4/7	\$3,081
4/14	\$1,905
4/21	\$3,603

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$3,009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 3 for May

Cleaning Crew 3 is cleaning for the month of May. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

Children's Church Help Needed

We always need quality volunteers to help serve in Children's Church. We are especially seeking a teacher who will lead Preschool Children's Church once a month. Please contact the church office if you can help.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Ladies, join in study on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Fellowship at McD's, May 26, 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.

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathies to the two Seehorn families and the Wells family on the loss of Steve's mother, Violet Seehorn, who passed away on Sunday, April 14.



With Sympathy

MISCELLANEOUS

Garage Sale Fundraiser, June 7-8

We will participate in the Woodgate Neighborhood HOA garage sale Friday and Saturday, June 7-8. All proceeds will go to the Topeka Rescue Mission. Donations to be sold will be accepted starting June 2. (We appreciate donations, but please do not bring items early due to storage constraints.) Everything not sold will be donated to the Rescue Mission.

We will need many volunteers to help with set up and clean up, as well as helpers during the sale. Watch for sign up lists, which are coming soon.

Save Your Items for Our Rummage Sale



NEW LIFE IN JESUS

In the last month, we have welcomed two new church members into the Body of Christ through baptism.



On Sunday, March 24, Quinton White was baptized by his father, Joe White. On Palm Sunday, April 14, Mike Denton was also baptized into the

faith, by his wife, Kelli Denton.

We welcome both Quinton and Mike into RHCC membership, and celebrate with them and their families as they also join the Membership of the Kingdom of God.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dearest Church Family,

Thank you very much for the lovely plant and for celebrating the life of Violet with us. We truly appreciate your love and support.

Love,

The Family of Vi Seehorn

CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND TRANSITION TEAM

Leadership Transition Team

A group of Deacons, Elders, spouses of both, and members of the congregation are meeting weekly as a transition team, working toward Steve's retirement. They will continue to meet through the month of May, working toward filling the upcoming vacancy.

Please continue to pray for this group, and of course, for God lighting the path for our next minister.

Elder and Deacon Board Meeting, May 19, 6 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on May 17. During this time of transition, the board plans to meet monthly.



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:

- Mel Christenberry, Elder: 785-383-6458
- Bill Hollingshead, Elder: 785-319-9211
- 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

PASTOR STEVEN SEEHORN'S RETIREMENT WEEKEND MAY 4-5, 2019

After 35 years with Rolling Hills Christian Church, Pastor Steve will retire on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Though we are sad to lose him as lead pastor of RHCC, we celebrate with the Seehorns as they begin a new journey in life. Make sure to join in the festivities surrounding Steve's upcoming retirement!

Retirement Reception, Saturday, May 4 1-3 p.m. Garfield Park Shelter House

Come wish Steve and Linda well with a special reception at Garfield Community Center, 1600 NE Quincy St, Topeka, 66608.

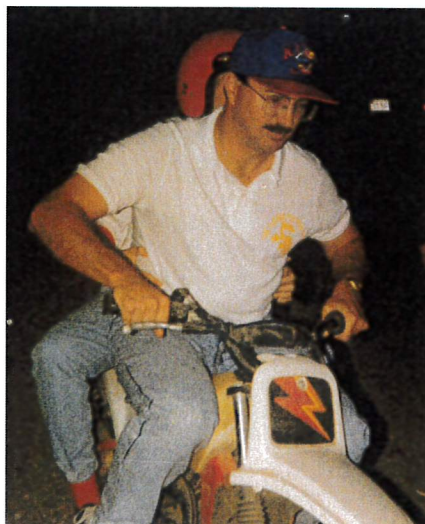
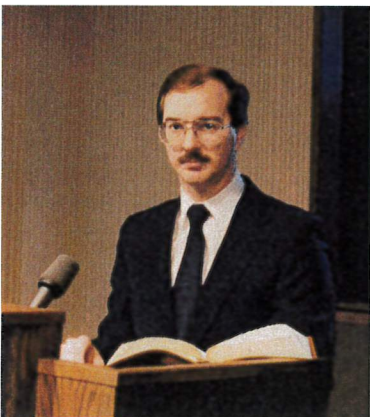
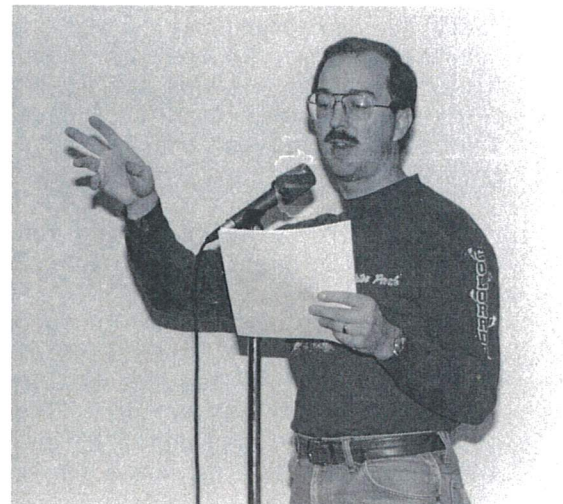
Sunday Morning Worship, May 5, 10 a.m.

We will welcome some special guests, including former interns and "Timothy's", for Steve's final Sunday as lead pastor.

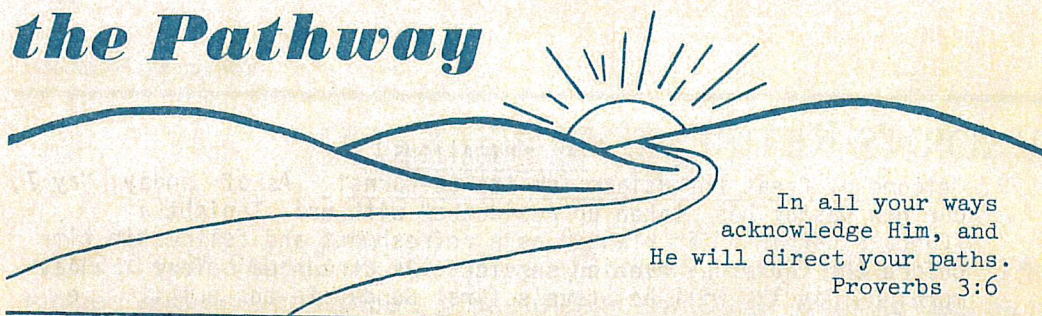
Fellowship Lunch, May 5

Following the morning worship service on May 5, we will have a carry-in fellowship lunch. Meat, potatoes, drinks, and table service will be provided. Church families, we are expecting many out-of-town guests. Be sure to bring plenty of sides and desserts to share!

WELL DONE,
—GOOD—
AND
faithful
SERVANT.



the Pathway



In all your ways
acknowledge Him, and
He will direct your paths.
Proverbs 3:6

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A WALK DOWN THE PATH with Steve

It was Monday afternoon, May 7, 1984. I had left my home and family in Michita to come to Topeka where I would begin making a new home. Instead of driving the Turnpike, I decided to take the back roads. The Flint Hills of Kansas have a beauty and historic quality all their own. It was turning out to be a longer, but enjoyable trip.

I was in no hurry. I had no pressing appointments. I wasn't even speeding (most of the time!). Mile after mile of stone fence followed the highways at one point. The historical marker (yes, I even stopped to read a historical marker) said that in 1867 the government paid people for building those fences when laws were passed ending the open range. Later on I was startled when a blue heron burst into the air from its concealment in the ditch along the highway on which I was driving.

By now I had spent more time than I had originally intended on my leisurely drive. It was time to arrive in Topeka and begin unpacking. Unfortunately, I was still on the highway. Then it happened. Some old cow was standing smack dab in the middle of the highway. Three pickups and my Mustang were stopped waiting for that cow to decide what to do. A couple of farmers piled out of the lead truck and chased her off the road. Needless to say, I continued my trip and arrived.

But think about that cow for a minute. She didn't belong there. She wasn't as smart as we were (I don't think), yet she had us stopped.

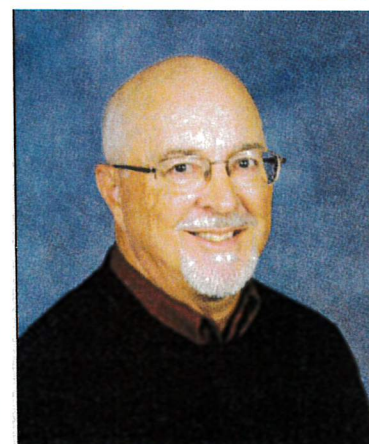
Sometimes cows show up in our Christian experience. Cows can keep us from Sunday School. Cows can keep us from worship. Cows can prevent us from having the testimony we should. Cows can cause our lights to shine less bright. The most frustrating thing about those cows is we know they don't belong there. We know they are impeding our progress. But we have to exert effort to chase them away. That's the catch.

I'm glad to finally be here at Rolling Hills. Linda and the girls will be here on the weekends until they are able to move permanently. Our family has some cows that will need to be chased away during this transition time.

Let's make a deal. Let's all work at chasing the cows away. When an obstacle comes before us, let's shout at the top of our lungs, "Get thee behind me, cow!" (loose paraphrase of Matthew 16:2 16:23) Then our highways will be clear and we will be able to reach our objective.

Rolling Hills has an exciting journey before her. Let's travel it together, shall we? I hope to see you Sunday!

-Steve



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group

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

King Solomon Christian Camp, Registration Due Soon!

It's time to plan for Summer Camp! King Solomon Christian Camp has camps for all ages throughout the summer. Registration forms are available on the table in the church foyer.

For the lower-cost Early Registration rate, return your form to the church office by Sunday, May 5. The church will pay 1/3 of the early rate. Checks should be written to Rolling Hills Christian Church, and the church will send one check for all attendees. Families are responsible for arranging their own transportation. Contact Melissa in the office for more info, or check out www.kingsolomon.cc.

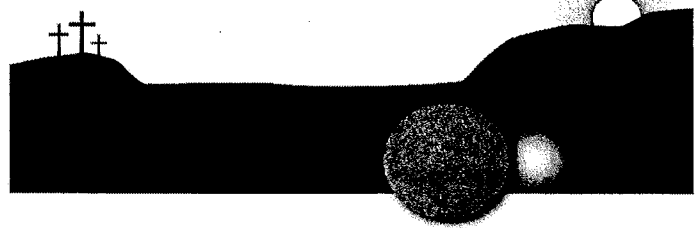


The rate in parenthesis is the discounted rate for church families who register by May 5:

- Kindergarten Day Camp, June 1, \$30 (\$20)
- 1st & 2nd Grade, June 20-21, \$70 (\$47)
- 3rd & 4th Grade, June 16-18 OR July 14-16, \$90 (\$60)
- 5th&6th Grade, June 10-13 OR July 8-11, \$160 (\$107)
- Jr. High, June 24-28, \$190 (\$127)
- Sr. High, June 3-7, \$190 (\$127)

EASTER THANKS

This changes *Everything!*



What a wonderful Resurrection Celebration was held at Rolling Hills Christian Church! Thanks to all who had a part in making it happen! Thanks especially to Bruce Maples, Betty Johnson, Dustin and Ashleigh Mengarelli and the rest of the fellowship team for preparing, cooking, and serving food for breakfast! Thanks to Jim Clark and Melissa Boutz for leading our Early Easter Praise service, and to Bryan Boutz for providing the sound system. And a special thanks goes to *The Pic and Bow*, Charles David Smart and Michelle Gawith, for providing a glorious concert for our worship service.

Thank You!



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR MAY, 2019

WORSHIP ELDER – Bill Hollingshead

SONG LEADERS – Melissa Boutz

PIANIST – Tari Metzler

SOUND – David Maples

COMPUTER – Bruce Maples

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 3

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Hollingshead

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

5	12	19	26
* John McElroy # Kevin Wohletz Harold Watson Richard Johnson	* John McElroy # Kevin Wohletz Harold Watson Richard Johnson	* Dustin Mengarelli # Jim Clark Walt Baker Zander White	* Dustin Mengarelli # Jim Clark Walt Baker Zander White
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford
GREETERS			
Snyder / Davies	White / Huntsman	Watson / Wohletz	W. Baker / R. Barnes
NURSERY WORKERS			
T Baker / K Flesher	T Briggs / K Snyder	B Watson / Tammy Smith	L Seehorn / Joan Barnes
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Anna Seehorn
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: Wohletz			

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Come Join Us!

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

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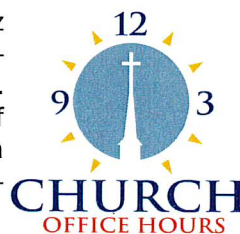
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Sun., May 5 Special Retirement Worship Celebration, 10 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch following the worship service
Sun., May 19: June Newsletter Information Due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Sun., May 26 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:

- June 7-8: Church Yard Sale

Office Hours and Church Access

You can generally expect to find Melissa Boutz in the church office on Monday and Friday mornings, and other varied times through the week. Should you need access to the church outside of these hours, you are welcome to contact Melissa directly to set up an appointment, at 785-317-0838 or melissa@rhctopeka.org.



The Pathway is available on our website!

Simply e-mail us to let us know if you prefer not to receive a paper copy.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on May 14 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 May 28 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 May 2. Operation Backpack typically breaks for the summer months.

“For
I KNOW
the plans
I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“... plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

