

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 NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

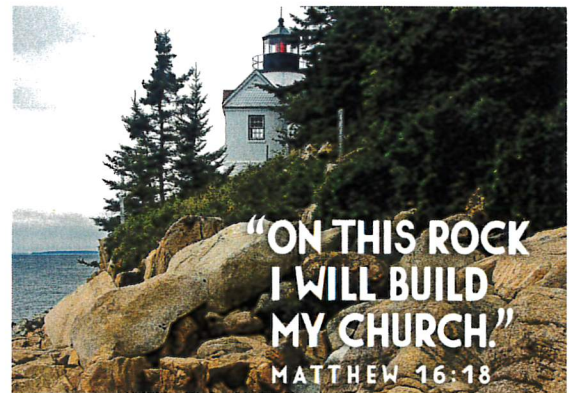
Well, here we are. Wait a minute, where are we? If you're like a lot of our members pondering this same question, allow me to fill you all in on our current situation. May 4, we celebrated Steve Seehorn and his retirement that marked the end of a truly remarkable career where he touched a lot of lives, including my own. Steve will be taking some time off, but does plan to return afterwards. His next step is in his hands, and he now has the freedom to pursue the things he has always wanted to do, but didn't have the time. Lucky fella. Currently, our Pulpit Search Committee is closing in on some final interviews with very impressive candidates. It's almost hard to choose, these guys are so good! Meanwhile, we ask that all of you please be patient and pray for the committee as we do our best to fill the position with the best candidate we can find. We want Mr. Right and not Mr. Right Now. Jesus tells us in Matthew 16:18 that he will build his church, and we should trust Him. Our committee will continue to update the congregation at the end of service every 2 weeks or so.

In the absence of our Senior Minister, our Elders are reinstating a shepherding program to address the needs of our congregation. Each member of the congregation has been assigned to an Elder and Deacon; these are

our shepherding flocks. You should all be receiving something in the mail concerning who your Elder is and how to reach them with in days to come. We, as Elders and Deacons, will be extending ourselves as far as possible to meet any pastoral needs, whether it be a visit or just a phone call, to all of our assigned flocks.

With all of the excitement of the coming weeks, I am sure that Rolling Hills' best years are still to come. When I look at the leadership we have in place, if we stay the course, we can't lose. We just ask that everyone continue to meet for service every Sunday, know we are caring and praying for you all, and bathe this process in prayer as we continue to work diligently to bring you the best Senior Minister that we can.

Continued blessings,
Joe White, Elder



Church Offerings for April / May

Date	Offering
4/28	\$2,101
April Avg: \$2,672	

5/5	\$4,078
5/12	\$4,406
5/19	\$2,665

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$3,009



PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee has narrowed its search down to one candidate at this time. The plan is to bring him and his family in for another face to face

interview and get to know him better, as well as his wife and kids. If all goes well with the second interview, the committee will bring him in to preach on two separate Sundays. If they decide to move forward with this candidate,

the congregation will be given at least 2 weeks notice prior to an all-church vote of affirmation. All members of the church are eligible to vote.

A special thanks goes to Jim Clark for sharing the message on Sunday mornings through the month of May. Look forward to a variety of visiting preachers who will share with us through the summer.

Thank you for your continued prayers. Don't hesitate to contact anyone from the search committee with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 1 for June

Cleaning Crew 1 is cleaning for the month of June. 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.

MEN AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Ladies, join in study on Thursdays at 9am at the church.

Men's Fellowship at McD's, June 30, 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.



JULY 4TH COMING SOON!

The 4th of July will be here before we know it, and we will hold our annual picnic fellowship event. Meat, potatoes, and drinks will be provided. Bring yourselves and all

your friends. Homemade ice cream and fireworks cap off the celebration. Watch out for sign-up sheets and donation basket. Hope to see you there!



WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Watson Family, as Kathy Watson passed away on May 1, 2019. She will be missed by our church family.

The Watson Family shared the following note with the church:

Rolling Hills Church Family:

Thank you all for the beautiful flowers. Thank you for the wonderful meal you provided for our family. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

-The Kathy Watson Family

NEW LIFE IN JESUS

We have welcomed two new church members into the Body of Christ through baptism and confession.

On Thursday, April 25, both Mark and Tari Metzler were baptized into the faith. They shared their confession of faith with the congregation on Sunday, April 28.

Mark and Tari have attended RHCC for many years, and Tari is our regular pianist for worship services.



BULLETS & BBQ, JUNE 15, 2019

Bullets & BBQ will be on Saturday, June 15, starting at 10 a.m.! In honor of Father's Day, all men are welcome to enjoy some good food, fellowship, and fun at the shooting range at Shawnee State Fishing Lake. Meat is provided for a picnic lunch; bring sides and desserts to share, as well as a suggested donation of \$5 for supplies. This is always a fun morning out at the range, so we hope you will join us!



Please sign up in the church foyer to let us know if you plan to be there, and speak to Dustin Mengarelli if you have any questions.



CHURCH GARAGE SALE



Garage Sale Fundraiser, June 7-8

Declutter your home and support a great cause! 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 Sunday, June 2. Anything that doesn't sell will be donated to the Rescue Mission.

We will need many volunteers to help with set up and clean up, and lots of helpers during the sale. There will be a hospitality table as well, so guests can learn more about the church. Consider baking and bringing cookies for hospitality. Please sign up in the church foyer if you can help in any way.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Church Leadership Contact Information

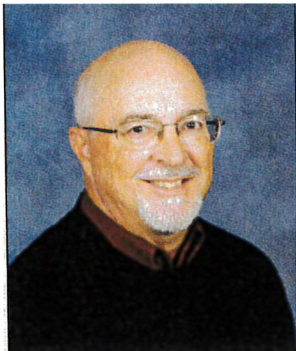
We have a great team of deacons and elders who take care of the church in many ways. All church families have been assigned to a shepherd group to help meet any pastoral needs, but you are welcome to reach out to any of the church leaders as needs arise:

- 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, MAY 5, 2019

We thank Pastor Steve and his wife, Linda, for 35 years of service at Rolling Hills Christian Church! On Sunday morning during the special retirement worship service, Pastor Steve shared these thoughts with the congregation.



Final Retirement Thoughts, May 5, 2019 Not Good-bye, Just See You Later

Thirty-Five years ago, an ambitious, confident, head-strong young man was hired by a congregation that was attempting to recover from a difficult and tumultuous experience. The young man, his wife, and three young daughters moved from a staff position in a growing and thriving congregation in Wichita to a small and struggling congregation in Topeka. He was afraid of no obstacles and believed he could conquer the world. Ministry was about strategy, planning, pushing, pulling, directing, converting, changing, and leading. He thought his middle name was Miracle-worker.

Now the young man is old. He did not achieve many of his dreams for this congregation. For a while the congregation was prosperous and growing, but influences caused that dynamic to change. In recent years the congregation has renewed its identity and poised itself for future development. The old man realized a few years ago that his middle name was no longer Miracle-worker, but now was Transition-preparer. Like Moses, he would not enjoy his promised land of church prosperity, but he could prepare the church for the next pastor to lead the church across the river into its new season of faith adventures.

I have shared many successes with congregations where I served: student ministries with West Side Church of Christ in Des Moines, IA, and First Christian Church in Dewey, Oklahoma; full-time ministries with Riverlawn Christian Church in Wichita, KS and here with Rolling Hills Christian Church in Topeka. But I also have experienced failures due my own inability to get out of the Lord's way and at times my own way. My best asset was probably opening my mouth at the wrong time and wondering why those words came tumbling out. My tongue is the same size as my feet because they are so often in my mouth. But whether in success or in failure, my intent was to advance the Kingdom...always.

I do not know how I should be judged. I would probably be harsh, although there are some aspects that I take pride in. Faithfulness to God must never be compromised for any earthly reason. Love for the Word is a precious treasure to guard. Devotion to Jesus is worthy of self-sacrifice. The fidelity of family is a foundational heritage that provides its own invaluable inheritance. Commitment to the community of believers provides stability for all of life. When people think back on my ministry, I hope they highly regard me with the character trait of loyalty; loyal to the Lord, loyal to family, loyal to friends, loyal to purity and holiness, and loyal to the church.

While I will always intend to have an integral participation in some sort of ministry activity, this is my resignation from full-time ministry. I do not want to be like the old prophet in 1 Kings 13 who gave the young prophet bad instruction. I will stand with whoever assumes this mantel in my place and encourage his success as he follows the Lord's leading.

Thank you for being a congregation of encouragement to me and to my family. Know that you are loved. Love and encourage the next Pastor. Follow him. Cheer for him. Enjoy him. He will be God's man for you.

I'd like to apply the words of a favorite sports song to my own transition: John Fogerty's song, "Centerfield," "Put me in coach. I'm ready to play, today. Look at me. I can be centerfield." I can still play. I just can't run as fast. It will be interesting to see what position God wants this old preacher to play on his team. I'm not ready to just be a bench warmer. I can still contribute. I will help some other churches periodically. We'll be back here after a few months allows us all to adjust to new leadership.

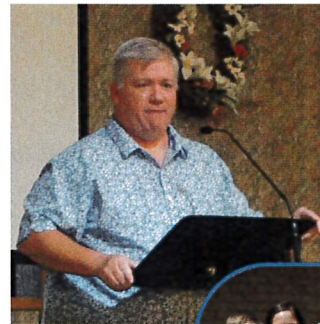
God bless you all. And thank you for all the years, the friendships, and all the memories we share.

Steve

RETIREMENT RECEPTION, SATURDAY, MAY 4



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE AND LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, MAY 5



Guest Speakers
Ezell Nelson,
Lance Coffman,
and
Nick Pannone



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group, June 9

The next Jr. and Sr. High youth group event will be held on June 9 before we take a break for the summer. A special event is being planned; watch your bulletins for more information!

King Solomon Christian Camp

It is not too late to sign up for summer camp at King Solomon Christian Camp! Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer. The early deadline has passed, but the church will still pay 1/3 of the early rate; please contact the church office for more information on how to pay if you'd like the church to pay a portion of your registration.



Check out www.kingsolomon.cc for a list of camp dates and rates.

CORRESPONDENCE

Linda and I would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the affection and generosity you displayed to us for my retirement weekend. The congregational gift presented to us Sunday morning, several other individual gifts, and the gifts of friendship and well wishes are all cherished.

Saturday afternoon was both delightful and humbling. It was a joy to see and hear from so many friends from so many periods of our ministry lives. Sunday morning's worship was wonderful. It touched us to our souls and moved us emotionally. The assistance that was given to our daughters in the planning and fulfilling of those plans provided a memorable weekend that will live with us forever.

I was certain that I would be emotionally unable to read my final thoughts so I had my sober-minded, Wyoming-cowboy close friend, Skip Helton, prepared as my second. Who knew he would need a handkerchief to complete his assistance!

It was a wonderful retirement celebration. Grander than my greatest dreams. Thank you for the 35 year journey together. A journey that will continue in the future, in a different form perhaps, but will continue nonetheless. Rolling Hills is a wonderful congregation who has been an encouragement to our family from our very beginning together. Thank you for the gift of your love. It will be well spent.

-Steve and Linda Seehorn



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JUNE, 2019

WORSHIP ELDER — Joe White

SONG LEADERS — Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

SOUND - Bryan Boutz

COMPUTER - April Wohletz

CHURCH CLEANERS - Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION - Ellen Smith

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

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MISSIONS UPDATE				
Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS				
Boutz / Johnson	Briggs / Christenberry	Clark / Coffman	Ford / B Maples	Marshall / McElroy
NURSERY WORKERS				
B Johnson / JA Boutz	T Baker / K Flesher	T Briggs / JA Boutz	B Watson / Tammy Smith	L Seehorn / Joan Barnes
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Anna Seehorn	April Wells
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: April Wells (5th Sunday Family Sunday)				

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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., May 26 Brief Board Meeting after worship service
Elder's meeting, 4 p.m.
Fri/Sat, June 7-8: Church Garage Sale supporting TRM
Sun., June 9: Youth Group Event, details TBA
Sat., June 15: Bullets & BBQ at State Fishing Lake, 10 a.m.
Sun., June 16: July Newsletter Information Due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
Sun., June 23 Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Sun., June 30: Men's Fellowship at McD's, 7:30 a.m.

Weekly:

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

Coming Up:

- Thursday, July 4, Fourth of July Celebration

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@rhctoepka.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 June 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 June 25 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 serves underserved children in North Topeka with weekend food sacks. They meet during the school year, so watch for the program to resume on the 1st Thursday in August.

COMMIT
to the LORD
whatever you do,
and he will establish
YOUR PLANS.

Proverbs 16:3. NIV

