July, 2019

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 Kingdomminded 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 all,

How was your spring season? Have you taken some time to enjoy the renewed growth of God's creations? Don't forget to take time to enjoy the colorful flowers, majestic trees and the beautiful sunshine. With the kids out of school for the summer, take some time to enjoy what God has provided for us.

As the summer season has arrived, we look forward to Independence Day and our celebration here at Rolling Hills. Who will you invite to this event to share in the good food, the homemade ice cream and the awesome fireworks display? It is a great time to remember our freedom as a country, a time to celebrate our freedom of religion and to remember what God does every day to keep us free from Satan.

The pulpit search committee has invested many hours in researching and responding to applicants for our new minister. They narrowed the applicant pool down to two candidates and have spent time with both. They have visited both of their current churches and attended their services. The committee has now come to a clear decision on who they feel looks to be the right fit for our needs and in turn that family feels led by God to be here. The committee has turned that decision over to the Elders to negotiate an agreement that would be reasonable and fair to their family and would be a long term blessing for our Rolling Hills Church family. Stay

tuned for details as they develop and we announce the candidate and schedule the affirmation vote. God is great when we let him lead and we are patient in waiting for his plan to unfold.

After Steve's retirement, it came to us in an Elders meeting that we need to keep the congregation informed by using the space in the Pathway traditionally filled by Steve and maybe tell a little bit about ourselves.

If you knew me better, you would know that I have been married to my girlfriend, Sharlene, for 505 months. She is a native of Topeka, and I came to Topeka at the age of 3 from Haysville, KS. We are former business owners and I have been a vocational educator/industry trainer in the collision repair industry for 15 years. Sharlene has worked many years for the State of Kansas, Shawnee County and in our own business. She is now semi-retired. She volunteers at Washburn Tech and this year will be teaching an online class to high schools all over the state and will do substitute teaching. We enjoy motor sports, bicycling on rails to trails and being outdoors and meeting new people.

So in closing, keep connected to us at Rolling Hills as we see God's plan for us come into action and enjoy the great outdoors that God has created.

Blessings to all, Eric and Sharlene Showalter

Church Offerings for May / June

 Date
 Offering

 5/26
 \$2,720

 May Avg:\$3,467

 6/2
 \$3,131

 6/9
 \$1,758

6/16

6/23

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$3,009

\$1,165

\$2,185

PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee has narrowed its search down to one candidate. He and his family are in negotiations with the church eldership at this time. The congregation will be given 2 weeks notice prior to an all-church vote of affirmation. Church members age 18+ are eligible to have a say in the selection. A *church member* is one who has come forward specifically to place membership with the church, either through public confession of faith and baptism, or by a public confession of faith and a request of transfer from another church body.

We hope to send a notice very soon to the homes of those registered as church members, with the date of the affirmation meeting.

In the meantime, we continue to enjoy a variety of visiting speakers who share the mes-

sage during Sunday morning worship. The church elders have arranged a great slate of guest speakers for the next few weeks!

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 2 for July

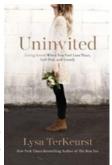
Cleaning Crew 2 is cleaning for the month of July. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

MEN AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Our ladies' Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. We are studying **Uninvited**, by Lysa TerKeurst. All ladies are welcome!

Uninvited reminds us that we are destined for a love that can never be diminished, tarnished, shaken, or taken – a love that does not reject or uninvite.



Men's Fellowship at McD's, July 28, 7:30 a.m.

Some 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 welcome.

WITH SYMPATHY

Sympathies go to the Smith and Holthaus Families on the loss of Bruce's mother, Evelyn Erlene Smith,

who passed away on May 11. We are sorry for your loss.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

The church held a Garage Sale Fundraiser for the Topeka Rescue Mission in early June. Over \$800 was raised for TRM, and many items were also donated to their organization. Thank you to all who donated items and helped with the sale!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

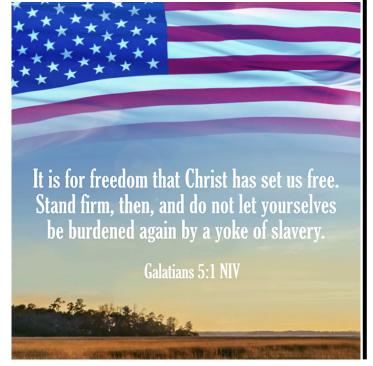
Celebrate Independence Day with Rolling Hills Christian Church! The evening will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a picnic: meat, cheesy potatoes, and drinks are provided; bring sides and desserts to share, as well as a lawn chair or picnic blanket for seating. Please contact Bruce Maples, 785-249-2750, if you would like to help with the meal or the fireworks.



Bring yourselves and all your friends! Homemade ice cream and fireworks cap off the celebration. Sign up in the church foyer to bring ice cream, and you may also donate financially to the fireworks show.

Hope to see you here!





CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Board Meeting, July 21, 2:00 p.m.

The next Board Meeting is Sunday, July 21, starting at 2:00 p.m. Please note the new time.

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



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Children's Ministries Officer

The Board would like to recognize April Wells as the Senior Children's Ministries Officer. April has been serving in the Rolling Hills Children's Ministry for many years, helping to coordinate curriculum and arrange for



Children's Church teachers and scheduling. If you would like to volunteer with, or have questions about the Children's Ministry at RHCC, you are welcome to check with April at 913-220-9414.



Youth Group on Break for Summer

Youth Group meetings are on break for the summer, but keep watching for possible summer events and gettogethers!

ICOM, Nov. 14-17

Save the date for the **2019 International Conference on Missions**, to be held in Kansas City, MO, November 14-17! RHCC will cover the all-church flat rate registration fee; we hope to have a great turnout for this event, especially since it is so close to home this year. Registration details and carpooling arrangements will be posted in bulletins toward the end of summer / early fall, but for now, be sure to Mind the Gap and Save the Date!



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JULY, 2019

Worship Elder - Eric Showalter

Sound - David Maples

Song Leader — Melissa Boutz

COMPUTER - Jim Clark

PIANIST — Tari Metzler
CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Brenda and Harold Watson

^{*} Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

7	14	21	28
* Dustin Mengarelli # John McElroy Walt Baker	* Dustin Mengarelli # John McElroy Walt Baker	* Bill Hollingshead # Kurtis Wells Mike Denton	* Bill Hollingshead # Kurtis Wells Mike Denton
Zander White	Zander White	Konner Wells	Konner Wells
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS			
Mengarelli / Metzler	Watson / Wells	Neer / Showalter	Smith / Holthaus
Nursery Workers			
Betty Johnson / JoyAnne Boutz	Terry Baker/ Kathy Flesher	Tracy Briggs / Tammy Smith	Brenda Watson / Joan Barnes
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karen Seel
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: Kelli Denton			

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Come Join Us!

Sundays:

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

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COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

Sun., June 30: Guest Speaker Kevin Ingram, President of MCC

Thurs., July 4: Independence Day Celebration, 6:45 p.m.

Sun., July 21 Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

August Newsletter information due

(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)

Sun., July 28: Men's Fellowship at McD's, 7:30 a.m.

Coming Soon: Watch for information about a Pastoral Affirmation

Meeting!

Weekly:

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

Office Hours and Church Access

You can generally expect to find Melissa Boutz in the church office on Monday and Friday mornings, and other various 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. Leave a mes-



sage in the church office, email Melissa@rhcctopeka.org or you may call Melissa at home: 785-246-6432, or call/text 785-317-0838.

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 July 9 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 July 23 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.

