August, 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.

# Church Offerings for June / July

**Date Offering** 6/30 \$2,507 June Avg:\$2,149

7/7 \$3,775 7/14 \$1,475 7/21 \$2,065

> Weekly Budget Requirement: \$3.009

## A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

Welcome to summer,

As I start my note for The Pathway, our thermostat shows that it is 86 degrees in our house and my phone says it feels like 100 degrees outside. I sure do love a working air conditioner, especially when summer hits. It definitely could be worse and we'll survive, but I hope it is fixed in the very near future (as in tomorrow). Jesus did not have air conditioning back in the day and I don't know how he did it. He didn't have a cooling towel either, but he did have faith. I could use both right now.

In Philippians 4:13 the Bible states that I can do all things through him who strengthens me. This is an exciting time at Rolling Hills. We have heard from different guest speakers over the summer and will continue to do so, until Matt is with us full time. He will probably challenge us in new ways to be the best church and will challenge you to be the best person you can be. As it has been stated in the past, we may need to be stretched beyond our comfort zone. Some things may be easier and some may be harder, but we need to remember that it is all for the glory of God.

I know we all want to make our Heavenly Father proud, so please continue to come to church

on Sunday. If you're not there, I can't shake your hand, and I like to shake hands. Keep reading your Bible, keep volunteering,



and stay in touch with your fellow believers.

Here is a little background information about my family. Renee and I met in our seventh grade math class at Logan Junior High. I proposed to her in eighth grade, but it was vetoed by her parents. Honestly, we did not date at all in high school. We were just friends. We started dating during our sophomore year in college and were married in January 1999. I have been at Capitol Federal for seventeen years and Renee has been at Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas for twelve years. We have two lovely daughters, Courtney and April. Courtney is a sophomore at Kansas State University and enjoys playing in the KSU Marching Band. April is a sophomore at Seaman High School and enjoys playing with our two dogs.

May God bless you, Kevin Wohletz

## INTRODUCING MATT BROWN

On Sunday, July 14, we held a meeting at which the church membership affirmed that Matt Brown should become the next lead minister of Rolling Hills Christian Church.

Matt was born and raised in Manhattan, Ks and has had the privilege of growing up in the local church all his life. From having a Grandpa who left a school administration job in his 50s to become a minister, to seeing his dad do the same thing in his 40s, for Matt, it was almost impossible to ignore his calling into vocational ministry.

Matt and his wife, Amy, were married in October 2007 after just a few short months of dating. They met at Manhattan Christian College where they both received their bachelor's degrees in 2010.

In 2016, Matt and Amy welcomed into their family their first daughter, Emelynn, and shortly after in 2018, another daughter named Brynlee.

Both girls have stolen their hearts and a lot of their attention

"I subscribe to the fact that we are not here by accident," says Matt, "but rather we have



been placed on this earth by our Heavenly Father for such a time as this to advance His Kingdom."

From being a youth pastor to a touring musician, a teaching pastor to becoming a church planter, Matt has served in many areas of ministry over the years. Matt has a deep desire to follow Christ, a heart for people and a love for the local church.

Matt enjoys the outdoors (camping, hiking), performing music, quality with his family time, a good cup of coffee and anything K-State (God's team) sports related.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVING AT RHCC

## Cleaning Crew 3 for August

Cleaning Crew 3 is cleaning for the month of August. 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, August 25, 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.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### **Youth Group**

Youth Group has been on break for the summer, but keep watching upcoming bulletins for information on when we will resume regular meetings.



#### Back to School

Let's keep our students and teachers in prayer as they prepare to go back to school in mid-August!



## WITH SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Marilyn Barnes, who passed away on Thursday, June 27. She will be missed by our church family.

## PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

I am pleased to announce that after our affirmation, Matt Brown will be Rolling Hills' newest Senior Pastor. We thank God for sending Matt to us. At this point the search team will be wrapping up some final projects of taking everything down from the internet and sending thank you messages to all who helped along the way. Thank



you to all who prayed for us during the process. At this time my prayer is that everyone at Rolling Hills will be ready for new energy and how we can best serve this great community.

Much Love, Kurtis Wells, Search Team Committee Head

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### Board Meeting, August 18, 2:00 p.m.

The next Board Meeting is Sunday, August 18, starting at 2:00 p.m.

#### **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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# CREATION MINISTRIES INT'L, SEPTEMBER 7-8

#### **Get Answers!**

Does God exist? How can anyone believe in religion when science has neither a need nor a place for God? Is evolution happening today? If God is a God of love, why do we suffer and die?

Creation Ministries International is coming to your area soon with answers to these important questions. Come and hear Joel Tay expose the bankruptcy of the evolutionary myth. You'll be amazed to see how weak the scientific evidence for evolution is.

This is an issue that affects *everyone*. Evolution teaches us there is no need for God, there is no spiritual realm, and there is no afterlife. According to the theory, spirituality is just an evolutionary trick of the mind!

The Bible gives a very different picture about the nature of these things. At this presentation, you will learn how the scientific evidence, when properly understood, confirms the details of the biblical account. At the same time, we will answer many of the Big Questions.

To find out more:

Venue:

Date: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday September 8, 2019

9:00am - The Truth About Dinosaurs 10:00am - Creation: Impacting our Culture

Rolling Hills Christian Church, 4530 NW Hiawatha Pl, Topeka, KS 66618



## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR AUGUST, 2019

Worship Elder — Kevin Wohletz

Sound - Bryan Boutz

Song Leader — Melissa Boutz

**COMPUTER** - Bruce Maples

PIANIST — Tari Metzler
CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 3

**COMMUNION PREPARATION** – The White Family

\* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

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* David Maples # Jim Clark Richard Johnson Mark Metzler	* David Maples # Jim Clark Richard Johnson Mark Metzler	* John McElroy  # Joe White  Harold Watson  Zander White	* John McElroy # Joe White Harold Watson Zander White
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MISSIONS UPDATE			_
Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS			
White / Huntsman	R Barnes / Briggs	W Baker / B Barnes	Boutz / Johnson
Nursery Workers			
B Johnson / JA Boutz	T Baker / K Flesher	T Briggs / T Smith	B Watson / J Barnes
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karen Seel
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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# COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

Sun., Aug. 18: Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

September Newsletter information due

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

Sun., Aug. 25: 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 Soon:** Creation Ministries International:

Saturday, 9/7, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, 9/8, 9:00 and 10:00 a.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, you are welcome to contact Melissa directly to set up an appointment. Leave a message in the church office, email Melissa@rhcctopeka.org or you may call Melis-



sa 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 August 13 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 August 27 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 on the 1st Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at Indian Creek Elementary.

