

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 July / August

Date Offering
7/28 \$2,130
July Avg: \$2,361

8/4 \$2,638
8/11 \$1,445
8/18 \$2,109

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$3,009

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

This month's Elder Note comes from Bill Hollingshead and his daughter, Jennifer Lotspeich. Bill writes, *"I was told to write about anything I wanted to. This article was written by my daughter, Jennifer, who most of you know:"*

Over the years our family vacations have revolved around the ocean and beach. This year we went to San Diego and stayed at Imperial Beach. One night, my husband David and I sat out on our balcony looking out at the ocean listening to the waves and talking. As we sat there, I thought, in a world so altered by the hands of man the ocean is never changing. Since God spoke the world into existence it has remained the same. The ocean doesn't consider the events of man and change course. I thought of WWII and how battles turned the water red with the blood of soldiers, or the many horrific things that washed up on shore. But the ocean remains unchanging. From this idea it was an easy segue comparing the ocean to our Lord. Throughout time He has remained constant and never changing. The sins of man do not alter his course or change who He is.

It is easy in our culture today to observe how hard people work to try and disprove the existence and involvement of God. In spite of their efforts, the Bible says in John 1:3-5 "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." So how is God like the ocean? According to the National Ocean Service the ocean covers over 70% of the Earth's surface. It produces over 50% of the world's oxygen and regulates the Earth's climate and weather patterns. Without the ocean I envision life being

much like a post-apocalyptic movie, if humans exist at all.

On my way to work one morning I remember saying to the Lord, "God you are so big." In my heart I distinctly heard the Lord say, "You have no idea." That small statement gave me an incredible feeling of peace. Everything I know about God could fit in a thimble in comparison to how big He really is. The same thing can be said about the ocean. It is estimated that only 5% of the ocean floor has been explored. As I type I can't help but think of Star Trek, "Space: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its continuing mission: to explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life and new civilizations. To boldly go where no one has gone before."

All of this affirms Romans 1:20: "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities— his eternal power and divine nature— have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." I can't close this without giving a challenge.

The next time you find yourself surrounded by nature ask God to show Himself through His creation. Then as you walk, be still and observe the world through your spiritual lens. If you're like me you will probably feel ever so small, but be filled with great peace knowing that our God has everything under control.

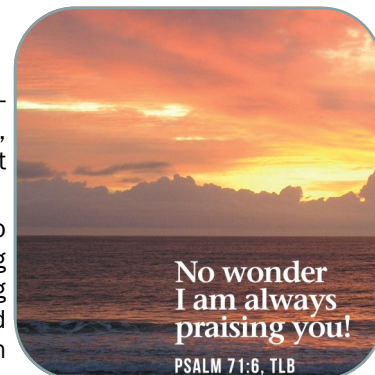
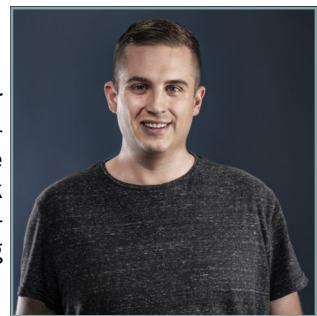
Bill's portion of this article continues on page 2...

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 will begin his ministry at Rolling Hills on September 1, with his first Sunday message on Sunday, September 15. Please keep him and

his family in your prayers as they prepare for their move to Topeka. We look forward to welcoming them to Rolling Hills!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 1 for September

Cleaning Crew 1 is cleaning for the month of September. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!



STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth Group Kickoff, Sunday, September 8

Youth Group kickoff will be Sunday, September 8, at 6 p.m. We will meet for a casual visit about our plans for the coming year. Details coming soon!

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!

Men's Fellowship at McD's, September 29, 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 invited to join in!

MISSION MINISTRY

Topeka Rescue Mission, Collection Through August

As many have seen in the recent local news, the Topeka Rescue Mission has been experiencing a shortfall every month. Rolling Hills took a special collection on Sunday, August 18, and raised nearly \$1600 for TRM. These funds are in addition to what the church already gives on a regular basis, and we will continue to collect extra funds for them through the month of August. Thank you so much to all who are helping support TRM and all of the ministries they provide in our community.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Board Meeting, September 29, 2:00 p.m.

The next Board Meeting is Sunday, September 29, 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
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- Joe White, Elder: 785-506-4715
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- 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



A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS, CONTINUED FROM P. 1

Most of you know I drive the train at Gage Park. Over the five years that I have worked there, several memorable events have occurred. I would like to share some of the stories that have meant a lot to me. Several years ago a group of students from China were touring the United States and their sponsor brought them to Gage Park. All of the students spoke fluent English and were asking many questions about the park. I did my best to inform them of everything I knew. Their inquisitive nature and genuine interest in learning about the park made them a bright spot in my day.

This story is one of a kind. One Saturday two women showed up at the train to pay for everyone's train admission for one day. Their father had recently died and he stipulated that a portion of his estate be used to purchase everyone's train admission for one day. I didn't remem-

ber the gentleman but one of his daughters showed me a picture taken the day he rode the train with them. To my surprise there I was in the middle.

Finally, three siblings who looked to be in their forties wanted me to take their picture on a specific car of the train. When they were children their mother brought them to the park and took their picture on that exact car. They wanted to duplicate the picture as best as they could. Later they told me that they had been doing this for a number of years.

Over my five years working the train I have heard many times from many different people, "I rode this train when I was a child and now I am bringing my grandchildren to ride." Every time I hear that it always fills me with joy thinking that in some small way I am playing a part of their memories.

-Bill Hollingshead



FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

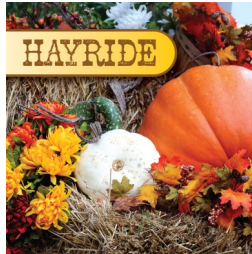
Breakfast Fellowship Sunday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.



Pastries and beverages will be served during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 15, as we celebrate the beginning of Matt's ministry at RHCC. Come celebrate with us!

Sunday, October 13: Hayride and Bonfire

Our Fall Fellowship will be held on **Sunday, October 13**, at 1339 NW 82nd St. Hot Dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts to share, as well as lawn chairs. **Save the Date** for some Fantastic Fall Fellowship at Rolling Hills Christian Church!



Thursday, Oct. 31, Trunks N Treats, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Join us for Trunks N Treats on Halloween! We will need lots of trunks, cookies, candy, and volunteers to help with the event! Mark it on your calendar and watch for signups in the church foyer!

Creation Ministries International, Sept. 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?

Join us at RHCC as we hear Joel Tay, Creation Ministries International, 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:

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m. *Human Evolution or God's Creation?* Also, Q & A.

Sunday September 8, 9:00am - *The Truth About Dinosaurs*; 10:00am - *Creation: Impacting our Culture*



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2019

WORSHIP ELDER — Bill Hollingshead

SONG LEADER — David Maples / Melissa Boutz

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

SOUND — Bruce Maples / David Maples

COMPUTER — April Wohletz

CHURCH CLEANERS — Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION — The Wells Family

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

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MISSIONS UPDATE				
Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter
GREETERS				
Christenberry / Clark	Coffman / Denton	Flesher / Ford	Hollingshead / Lehew	Maples / Marshall
NURSERY WORKERS				
B Johnson / JA Boutz	T Baker / K Flesher	T Briggs / T Smith	B Watson / J Barnes	B Johnson / JA Boutz
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Karen Seel	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., Sept. 1:** New Lead Pastor begins.
- Sat., Sept. 7:** Creation Ministries International, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 8:** CMI Presentations, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Youth Group Kickoff, 6:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 15:** Breakfast Fellowship, 9-10 a.m.
October Newsletter information due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
- Sun., Sept. 29:** Men's Fellowship at McD's, 7:30 a.m.
Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Weekly:

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

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COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on Sept. 10 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 September 24 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.

