

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.

Church Offerings for August / Sept.

Date	Offering
8/25	\$2,657
August Avg:	\$2,212

9/1	\$2,300
9/8	\$1,490
9/15	\$5,505

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$3,009

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Well, it's official... we now live in Topeka.

What has seemed to be like a long awaited moment, our ourselves and our belongings are now in Topeka. We found a new home. We found a new daycare for the girls. Amy has a new job downtown and well yes, I too have a new job!

I know exactly what you are thinking.... "He sure is using the word new a lot there". And yes I am.

Our city has changed. Our neighbors have changed. Our community has changed. And yes, our church has changed. "There he goes again using a word multiple times again."

Our transition to say the least has been nothing but new and change. To be vulnerable with you for a moment, it has not been that easy either, but we have embraced it and we are trusting God throughout this new season here at Rolling Hills.

Do you mind if I share with you how we came about coming here to RHCC? It is a story that is still being written, but our journey to Topeka has challenged us (myself, Amy, Emelynn and Brynlee) to draw closer to the Lord, because this is not the story we would have written.

It all started with a phone call in Mid- March from the search committee sharing with me that my name had been given to them as a possible candidate, and they were reaching out to ask for me to apply for the Lead Pastor position. When I heard the request for me to consider applying, in my mind I told myself, "Topeka?..... No thanks." There is nothing wrong with Topeka, we just loved Wichita and had no desire to move anywhere else. I committed to pray about it and would let the search committee know what I planned to do, if anything.

A short couple of weeks later, I was in Dallas at a church planting assessment, assessing a group of future church planters. In a concentrated three-day assessment, I found myself surrounded by men and women who loved the local church and I was quickly reminded of my deep and sincere love for the local church. When I got home to Wichita, I shared with Amy that I thought I needed to apply for the role here at Rolling Hills, but we didn't see eye to eye on it and I waited a little longer to gain clarity.

It was not until a couple of days later, Amy was on her drive back home that she realized that she had been applying for new work for quite some

time but had not seen any success in the Wichita area. She had the thought, "Maybe I'm not supposed to work in Wichita anymore." We prayed and talked about it and that next night I submitted my resume to the search committee to be considered.

My attitude in all this was, "I am going to be me. No one else. Just 'ole Matt Brown." Next thing I knew, the committee wanted to do an interview with me... face to face. "Ok, Lord, you must lead us." We still did not want to move from Wichita. I loved the city and the work I was able to do in the community as an associate pastor at a church that we had started. I was also an advisory board member for one of the city council members and even served on an executive board with Wichita city officials to bring some solution to the systemic racism in our city. And with all that, I was also able to run a lot of initiatives within our own neighborhood. We loved Wichita!

It was not until a mentor challenged me, "Is your love for Wichita greater than your love for God's calling?" Ouch!! That one stung! But that question pierced my heart. Was I going to surrender to follow the Lord's prompting to entertain a role change in Topeka, or stay in Wichita where I liked staying? Jesus and I had a long conversation and I ultimately forfeited my own desires and cried out, "Lord, lead me where you want me." The next week I interviewed with the search committee and the rest is history.

To experience something new is change. Change is hard, especially when you do not want it. The road from where you are to where the Lord wants is less traveled and sometimes has never been traveled. No matter where the road might lead you, keep your eyes on Jesus!

I am not sure about you, but I aspire for my love for Jesus to be greater than anything else. There is no place better than where Jesus wants you.

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Matt Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 2 for October

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



There are many opportunities to serve in the church, including Children's Ministries, Cleaning, Lawn and Building Maintenance, Communion Preparation and Serving, Audio-Visual, Music, and more! Contact the church office for more information.

WOMEN'S & MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Our ladies' Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. We are studying **Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions**, by Lysa TerKeurst. All ladies are welcome!

Men's Fellowship at McD's, Sept. 29, Oct. 27

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, starting at 7:30 a.m.!



MISSION MINISTRIES

International Conference on Missions

November 14-17, 2019, Kansas City Convention Center

With the ICOM so close to home this year, we will register as a church so everyone has an opportunity to attend. The church registration code will come soon so you can register your family online. But you may be wondering, What is ICOM?

ICOM is a interactive missions conference that will be held in Kansas City, MO on November 14-17. You'll get to meet and talk to missionaries serving all over the world. ICOM exists to encourage those serving on the field, equip those looking for more training on a certain topic, and enlisting new workers for the Harvest. This will be a great time for you to see how you can get involved!



Celebrate Fall with RHCC! Bring your friends and neighbors, lawn chairs, and a side dish to share!

*Meet on Sunday, October 13, 4:30 p.m.
1339 NW 82nd St,
Topeka, 66618.*

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

Please continue to pray for our church leaders. Feel free to contact any board member with concerns or ministry needs:

- 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 Matt: matt@rhcc.topeka.org; 785-286-0601



LADIES' RETREAT



Cozy Mountain Lodge at Red Rock Ranch

Attention all ladies! You are invited to come to a Cozy Mountain Lodge Retreat in Soldier, KS, to experience a joyful and relaxing weekend getaway! The date of this getaway is October 11 and 12. Please mark your calendars and begin your preparations for this great time of fun and fellowship, and sign up in the church foyer for your attendance and room preferences.

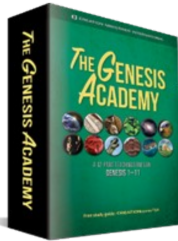
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MOUNTAIN
LODGE**

Where women find shelter in God.

SUNDAY STUDIES

Genesis Academy Study to Begin

A new Sunday School study for adults will begin on Sunday, October 6, at 9 a.m. The Room 104 Sunday School Class will begin *The Genesis Academy*, from Creation Ministries International. This 12-session video lesson is a comprehensive study of Genesis 1-11. All are welcome to participate and learn!



STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth Group, Sundays at 4 p.m.

Youth Group for Junior and Senior High Schoolers is on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Bring your friends for Bible study and fun group activities!



Youth Group Parent Meeting, Sunday, Oct. 6, 3 p.m.

All parents of jr. high and high school students are encouraged to attend a Youth Group parent meeting. We will talk about plans and hosting opportunities for the year.

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

Join us for a fun alternative to door-to-door trick or treating for kids in the area. Hundreds of children and families will visit Rolling Hills on Halloween. Will you be a part of the fun? We will need trunks and candy distributors, game helpers, cookie servers, dozens of cookies, and many pounds of candy. Sign up in the church foyer starting September 29. Questions can be directed to Bruce Maples.



SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR OCTOBER, 2019

WORSHIP ELDER — Mel Christenberry

SOUND — Bryan Boutz

SONG LEADER — Melissa Boutz

COMPUTER — Jim Clark

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

CHURCH CLEANERS — Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION — The Boutz / Johnson Families

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation and Benediction

6	13	20	27
* David Maples # John McElroy Mark Metzler Harold Watson	* David Maples # John McElroy Mark Metzler Harold Watson	* Bruce Maples # Kevin Wohletz Walt Baker Zander White	* Bruce Maples # Kevin Wohletz Walt Baker Zander White
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene 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

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Sun. Sept. 29** Board Meeting, 2 p.m.
- Sun., Oct 6** Genesis Academy study begins, 9 a.m.
- Sun., Oct 13** Bonfire and Hayride, 4:30 p.m.
1339 NW 82nd St., Topeka
- Sun., Oct. 20** November Newsletter information due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
- Sun., Oct. 27** Men's Fellowship at McD's, 7:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 31** Trunks N Treats, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Weekly:

Sundays: Youth Group, 4 p.m.
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 Oct. 8, 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 October 22 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 under-served 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.

