

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.

Where is the joy?

One of the main themes found in the letter to the Philippians is **JOY**. And since we live in a nation that is, in large, a social experiment in the "pursuit of happiness", I think it is really important for us to discover this joy.

Right there, in the Declaration of Independence, it says we have rights. "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are **LIFE, LIBERTY** and the **PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.***"

Life, guaranteed. Liberty, guaranteed. Happiness, good luck. You're welcome to pursue it while you're looking for unicorns and whatever else you think might make you happy.

It's amazes me that life and liberty are guaranteed, yet happiness or joy is something you have to pursue on your own. Best of luck finding it. And so, we're a nation that has, for a few hundred years, undertaken this experiment of this pursuit of happiness, trying to find what will make us happy. And people tend to look in two places – culture and religion.

But as you are well aware of, in the midst of our pursuit of happiness or joy, there are these "Joy Suckers" (I envision these to be a bigger version of a mosquito), and their sole purpose is to rob and suck all the joy out of life. They sometimes come in the form of people, problems, pace of life, pressure, or sin.

Here is the reality - life is hard and life sometimes sucks (no pun intended). Yet, there is another reality - God who is loving, merciful, and gracious has set us free from all of the joy suckers of life and has enabled an everlasting, true and enduring joy that never fades away for all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

This joy isn't something we have to wait until heaven to experience. God has given us joy for today, right now, in this life on earth, stemming from His love for our satisfaction. God wants you to be joyful always. He doesn't want your life to blow like the wind. He doesn't want the people or problems in your life to dictate the amount of joy you experience.

I must be real honest with you and myself. Our joy or lack thereof should not be based on the people, problems, or pressure in and around your life. Paul teaches us that joy comes from within ourselves as a result of a quality, authentic and close relationship with Jesus Christ.

Paul writes this in the first chapter of Philippians, "*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...*"

Paul was focused on the believers in Philippi and their faithfulness, which brought him great joy. In his opening paragraph of this letter, he is found to be thankful and joyful for numerous reasons: the believers' partnership with the gospel, the power of Christ working through them, and their discipline in prayer.

So what does that mean for you?

It means we must try to keep our focus on Jesus Christ. I know that is way easier said than done, but I also find that it might be more common than we assume it to be.

I recently saw this displayed at a funeral of someone I did not know, Amy Bringham. It was a tragic and sudden loss of someone who loved Jesus with every ounce of her being. In the middle of the service, a familiar worship song came over the speakers. It was a song that most in the room knew and was able to sing along with. While everyone sat *listening* to the song, Steve Seehorn, the father of Amy, stood up and *worshipped* the King Of Kings, Jesus. In what I would assume was one of his worst days, his gaze was fixed on Jesus. Wow! As a father of two daughters myself, I do not know how I would respond at my daughter's funeral, but I sure hope it would be like Steve.

Despite the emotions that overwhelmed the entire place that day, Steve knew the throne of Jesus was the place to worship, to receive healing, to experience comfort, peace, love, mercy, grace and ultimately, to find joy. His response and faith in Jesus inspired and moved over 800 other individuals in the room to their feet, like myself, and moved thousands watching online, to set their eyes on Jesus, the "author and perfecter of our faith".

Paul later pens these words in his letter: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

If you haven't noticed already, it is impossible to live joyfully, let alone find joy in the midst of suffering, without Jesus Christ. With our focus on Jesus, He will provide a peace that gets us through the worst, which *guards* us from those earthly "Joy Suckers". Christ suffered for our sins and has enabled all who believe in him to live joyfully, even in our darkest moments.

It is the desire of my heart for those of you who read this to live victoriously and to discover this joy. Therefore, I must urge you to take heart and have faith in Jesus Christ today.

Why? Because Jesus is the start of your **JOY**.

Pastor Matt Brown

*I always
pray with
joy . . .*

Philippians 1:4

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There will be a potluck lunch following the worship service on Sunday, February 2. This gathering is a great opportunity for you to hear more about the direction of the church and learn about mission giving for the previous year. Church members will also vote on the budget and leadership for the next year. Join in the Vision for RHCC in 2020!

If you have any comments about the nominees for church leadership, please fill out one of the forms in the church lobby or contact the church office. The nominated slate of leaders are:

Elders Bill Hollingshead, Eric Showalter, Joe White, and Kevin Wohletz;
Deacons Bruce Maples, Dustin Mengarelli, and Mark Metzler.



THE BEST IS YET TO COME
2020

CONSIDER DONATING FUNDS FOR A CHAIR FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT KNOW JESUS.

partnering with us to provide new seating for those searching for a new life in Christ, by purchasing a chair for them (\$37.60) or a whole row (\$300.80)?

Chair-raiser

We are in need of 200 new chairs. Our current seating is 40 years old and it's time for it to be replaced. Would you consider

Leadership Team Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 16, 5:00 p.m.

The Elder and Deacon Leadership Team Meeting is on Sunday, February 16, starting at 5:00 p.m. Please submit agenda items to the church office by Sunday, 2/9.

Cleaning Crew 3 for February

Cleaning Crew 3 is cleaning for the month of February. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!

Cleaning Help Needed!

Do you love to serve but prefer to help behind-the-scenes? Cleaning Crew is for you! We have 3 teams on a monthly rotation who take care of keeping the church clean, including vacuuming, taking out the trash, wiping windows and mirrors, and yes, even cleaning toilets. Please contact the church office if you will help us keep the church building clean and healthy.

Prayer Team: A church that prays together stays together.

Join the prayer team and receive a weekly email of the prayer needs that have been shared. Please contact the church office or email pray@rhcc.topeka.org if you would like to be added to our email prayer list and be in prayer for the needs of the church body.



Men's Breakfast, February 23, 7:30 a.m.

Guys, meet us for breakfast fellowship on the last Sunday of each month. All men are invited to join in at 7:30 a.m. at IHOP on Sunday, February 23.



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

Our Ladies' Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome!



Youth Group, Sundays @ 4 p.m.

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

Facility Team Suggestion Box

Do you see a need for the church building or property? The Facility Team has a suggestion box in the lobby so they can explore your ideas and suggestions.



Coffee & Daydreaming, March 8, 8:45 a.m.

Our next morning Coffee & Daydreaming will be held at the church on Sunday, March 8, 8:45 a.m. Come visit with the church leadership to hear about the future of RHCC.

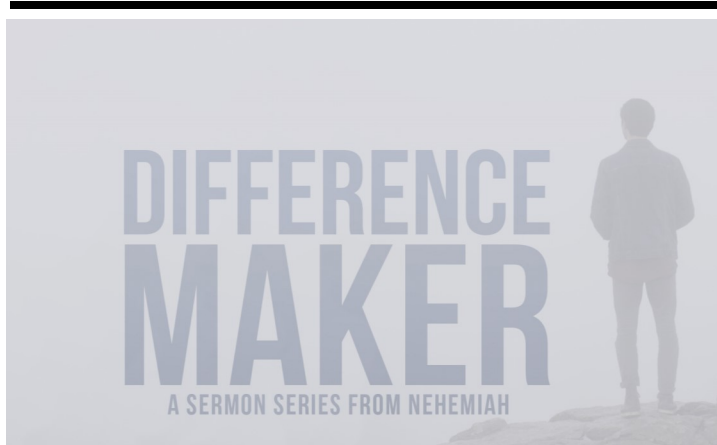
We are looking for a host to open their home to guests for a Coffee & Daydreaming with the church leadership in February. Contact the church office if you would like to host. We hope to make this a monthly gathering.

coffee &
daydreaming

an opportunity to learn about the future of Rolling Hills

sunday, march 8, 8:45 a.m.





Throughout history, the church has been marked by difference makers - people who refused to sit back. Nehemiah built the wall. David slayed Goliath. Peter dusted himself off and built the church. Jesus changed the world. Brick by brick, the Church has been built on the shoulders of God's obedient people. The difference makers who were willing to get their hands dirty who are ready to do whatever it takes to reach people far from God and teach them how to follow Jesus. People just like you.

Empowered by God, Nehemiah became a difference maker. This series will examine principles exemplified in Nehemiah's life and how God desires us to become a difference maker. Are you ready to become a difference maker? Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. to worship and hear the Word.

With Sympathy

Our condolences go to the Bringhurst, Seehorn, and Wells Families on the loss of Amy Bringhurst, eldest daughter of Steve and Linda Seehorn. Amy passed away on January 16, 2020. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers. *If you would like to send a card to any of these families but do not have contact info, you may send to the church and we will send it on to the family.*

CHURCH OFFERINGS			
December and January			
Weekly Budget Need: \$3,000			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Offering</i>
12/22	\$2,449	1/5	\$3,054
12/29	\$2,513	1/12	\$1,768
Dec. Avg	\$2,388		

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR FEBRUARY, 2020

LEAD ELDER AND DEACON— Bill Hollingshead and Bruce Maples **SONG LEADER** — Melissa Boutz **PIANIST** — Tari Metzler
SOUND – David Maples **COMPUTER** – Bruce Maples **CHURCH CLEANERS** – Crew 3
COMMUNION PREPARATION – The Boutz / Johnson families **COMMUNION MEDITATIONS** — Matt Brown

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SERVERS			
Dustin Mengarelli John McElroy Eric Showalter Mark Metzler	Dustin Mengarelli John McElroy Eric Showalter Mark Metzler	Richard Johnson Zander White Konner Wells Mel Christenberry	Richard Johnson Zander White Konner Wells Mel Christenberry
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter	Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall
GREETERS			
White / Wright	Christenberry / Clark	Boutz / Johnson	Coffman / Denton
NURSERY WORKERS			
Terry Baker/ Kathy Flesher	Tracy Briggs / Tammy Smith	Brenda Watson / Joan Barnes	Betty Johnson / JoyAnne Boutz
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Amy Brown
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP: Kevin and Renee Wohletz			

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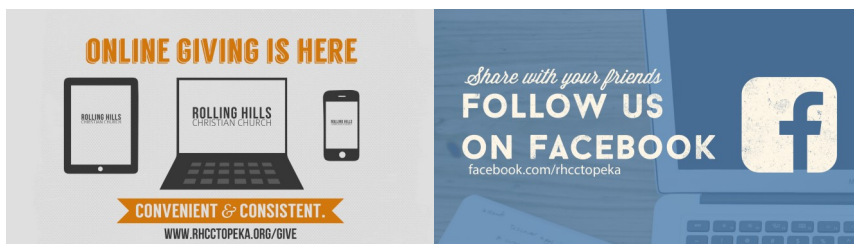
Join us, Sundays:
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

Sun., Feb. 2: Vision Sunday
Thurs., Feb. 14: ♥ Happy Valentine's Day! ♥
Sun., Feb. 16: Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
Newsletter Information due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
Sun., Feb. 23: Men's Breakfast, 7:30 a.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.

Coming Soon: Coffee & Daydreaming, March 8, 8:45 a.m.



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The Pathway is available on our website! Simply e-mail us to let us know if you prefer not to receive a paper copy of the church newsletter. In 2020 we will begin to explore more online communication to save time and money. Watch for these changes, coming soon!

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COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on Feb. 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 February 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 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.



43rd Annual Woman's World Conference
February 28-29, 2020

Adventure Awaits

- 3 Keynote Sessions
- 2 Buffet Meals
- 20 Seminars

Register online: mccks.edu

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