

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.

FROM THE ELDERS

Wow... What an amazing ride it has been!

This year has certainly been full of new heights of which I never thought imaginable. It started with my completion of the KC Triathlon sprint race in May, to the Topeka Tinman Triathlon Olympic race in June, to October's KC Marathon, this year has been INSANE!!! But after all that, I'm reminded (and humbled) of where I have been. Remembering around 10 years ago when I was overweight and struggled to get up a flight of stairs, while seeing Amy's reaction as she finished her first 5k race. She's always been my rock for inspiration and motivation, I married up, no question! But that got me thinking that I could give this running thing a shot as a way to lose weight. Before I knew it, 1 mile turned into my first 5k race, which turned into my first 10k, 15k, half marathon, full marathon, sprint triathlon, Olympic triathlon, and who knows what's next. Combined, Amy and I have completed 41 half marathons, 6 full marathons and 3 triathlons. But none of this would have been possible without Jesus. He is the center of our strength and gifts us with all of our abilities. He has blessed us with more things than we deserve.

Looking back at this process, I see the same growth that our church is experiencing right now. And it is a lot of fun to be a part of!! Being blessed with the chance to meet Matt and Amy and their girls

Emelynn and Brynlee, welcoming them to Topeka, watching and supporting their dreams of growing our church as I try to participate anyway I can. I would encourage all of you to engage yourselves to experience this road we're on together. One step at a time, one mile at a time, until we see the finish line, and what a glorious day that will be!

May God's blessings continue to be abundant to you all this Christmas season.

Your faithful servant,

Joe White



NEW MESSAGE SERIES: 21 DAYS

As we begin this New Year of 2020, we want to make room for God to work in our lives. So many of us are asking God for breakthroughs. Breakthroughs in....

Our relationships... Our finances... Our health... Our Church... Our Faith.

Most of us have lived long enough to realize we need something more powerful than a New Year's resolution to bring about the kind of transformation we long for. We need God and the power of His Holy Spirit! So as we begin this New Year, we want to make room for God to do what only He can do.

Jesus taught his disciples to engage in spiritual practices that can help us make room for God in our lives. That's why we are inviting everyone to join us, from January 6- January 26, for 21 Days of prayer and fasting. Great

leaders in the Bible fasted and prayed routinely, including Moses, David, Jeremiah, Isaiah, John the Baptist, Jesus and the disciples. We are hoping and praying for God to do tremendous things in our lives, but first we must make room for Him to work in us.

For more information, visit www.rhcctopeka.org/21days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Men's Breakfast January 26, 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, January 26.

SERVING AT RHCC

Cleaning Crew 2 for January

Cleaning Crew 2 is cleaning for the month of January. 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.

Communion Prep 2020

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion for our worship services in 2020. Please sign up in the church lobby.



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@rhccctopeka.org if you would like to be added to our email prayer list and be in prayer for the needs of the church body.

HARVEST REPORT

Thanks for giving so generously to the Harvest on November 24! We exceeded our goal with donations totaling \$11,094.15, which will be used to support a variety of missions and organizations.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Our ladies' Bible Study is on break for the holidays. Join us when we resume weekly meetings on January 9.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Board Meeting, January 12, 5:00 p.m.

The Elder and Deacon Board Meeting is on Sunday, January 12, 2020, starting at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be included. Please submit agenda items to the church office by Sunday, January 5.

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
- Dustin Mengarelli: 620-724-2877
- Kurtis Wells: 785-220-8449
- Pastor Matt: matt@rhccctopeka.org; 785-286-0601



Mark your calendar for Vision Sunday (Annual All-Church Meeting) on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Rather than our usual time, we will have a carry-in lunch following the worship service, and follow that with the meeting. This is a great opportunity 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.

We are accepting suggestions for the nominating team to consider for church leadership. If you are aware of someone who meets the biblical qualifications of church elders and deacons, as found in Titus 1 and 1 Timothy 3, please contact a board member with your suggestions, or email Pastor Matt.

coffee & daydreaming

an opportunity to learn about the future of Rolling Hills



If you missed the opportunity to visit with the church leadership at Coffee & Daydreaming on December 8, we have another one scheduled for you on Sunday, March 8, 8:45 a.m.!

Is 8:45 a.m. too early for you? We'd like to make this a monthly event and are looking for hosts to open their home to guests for Coffee & Daydreaming with the church leadership at other times of the day/week in January and February. Contact the church office if you would like to host.

Facility Team Suggestion Box

Do you see a need for the church building or property? Is there a project you would like considered? The Facility Team will have a suggestion box in the lobby so they can explore your ideas and suggestions.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



**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!

CHURCH OFFERINGS November and December Weekly Budget Need: \$3,000

| Date | Offering | Date | Offering |
|----------|----------|-------|----------|
| 11/24 | \$2,480 | 12/1 | \$3,340 |
| Harvest | \$11,094 | 12/8 | \$1,366 |
| Nov. Avg | \$3,633 | 12/15 | \$2,274 |

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JANUARY, 2020

LEAD ELDER AND DEACON— Kevin Wohletz and Dustin Mengarelli **SONG LEADER** — Melissa Boutz **PIANIST** — Tari Metzler

SOUND – Konner Wells

COMPUTER – Jim Clark

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Kathy and Phil Flesher

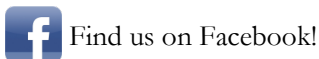
* Communion Meditation

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| * Kurtis Wells Richard Johnson Mark Metzler Zander White | * Kurtis Wells Richard Johnson Mark Metzler Zander White | * Jim Clark Walt Baker Mike Denton Joe White | * Jim Clark Walt Baker Mike Denton Joe White |
| MISSIONS UPDATE | | | |
| Georgia Ford | Eric Showalter | Sharlene Showalter | Arlene Marshall |
| GREETERS | | | |
| McElroy / Mengarelli | Metzler / Neer | Showalter / Watson | Smith / Holthaus |
| 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: Kelli Denton | | | |

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Join Us!

Sundays:

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

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Wed., Jan. 1:** Welcome to 2020!
Thurs., Jan 9: Ladies' Bible Study Resumes, 9 a.m.
Sun., Jan. 12: Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 19: Newsletter Information due
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)
Sun., Jan. 26: Men's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
Sun., February 2: Save the date for *Vision Sunday!*

Weekly:

Sundays: Youth Group, 4 p.m.;
Thursdays: Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: Senior Fit & Fun, 1:30 p.m.



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 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tanglewood Care Home Ministry

Sisters in Service will help with Bingo on Jan. 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 January 28 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.

