

# THE PATHWAY

## Our Mission

We exist to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

## Our Vision

We will make Jesus known so that lives are transformed.

## Our Values

*Because of Love, we will. . .*

- ◆ **LIVE IN COMMUNITY**  
Being the Church means we intentionally live in community with others because community matters to God.
- ◆ **PRAY BOLDLY**  
We believe that a church that prays together stays together.
- ◆ **BE IRRATIONALLY GENEROUS**  
We will reflect the light of Christ in irrational and incomprehensible ways through our time, treasures, and talents.
- ◆ **SERVE LIKE JESUS**  
We are the church and we bring hope to the world. We will always bring our best because excellence honors God and inspires people.
- ◆ **DO WHATEVER IT TAKES**  
We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ.
- ◆ **LIVE WITH RADICAL FAITH**  
We will be faith filled, big thinking, bet-it-all risk takers. We will do everything in our power to see people restored to God...

Have you ever been *nervously excited*?

There is an official term for this called "anxiety reappraisal", which refers to when you convince yourself (consciously or subconsciously) that you are excited when you feel nervous. Individually speaking, both emotions cause your heart to beat a little faster and your mind and body begin to prepare for some form of action. We tell our minds that when we are nervous, we are also excited. Or when we are excited, we might be a little nervous. Both scenarios can cause positive or negative anxiety.

Let me put it this way. Think of your first time going on a roller coaster or maybe racing down the highway with your friends. Ok, so you don't like roller coasters or fast cars. Think about your first day on the job, the day you got married or the birth of your first born. All these events give us the opportunity to experience the tension between both excitement and nervousness.

Recently, we changed our mission statement to say, "At Rolling Hills we exist to lead others to become fully devoted followers of Jesus." Rooted in the Great Commission from Jesus, found in Matthew 28:18-20, is a mission given to every follower of Jesus. A mission that instructs us to "go" and to "make" disciples. This makes me *nervously excited*.

Over the span of my short life, I have seen numerous people come to faith in Jesus. Watching someone become a follower of Jesus and trust their entire life to him is an amazing spectacle that God does in one's life. I get so excited when someone makes a decision to follow Jesus and then is baptized.

But to get involved in someone's life and share your story of faith with them is nerve-racking or at least to me it is! The thoughts of doubt quickly come: "What will they think of me?", "What if they hate me afterwards?" or, "What if I screw this up and they hate me and God?". The unknown is scary and can make anyone nervous.

So what do we do with this tension of excitement and nervousness? How do we overcome our fears yet long for adventure?

Recently in our current message series, *Difference Maker*, I said, "*faith is not the absence of fear, it is*

*the willingness to surrender despite your fear.*" You and I will always battle against our worries and fears, whether in the midst of change, tragedy or opposition, we will experience emotions that will lead us to be nervous, but it is our faith in Jesus Christ that will help us through those fears.

At Rolling Hills, we are not just experiencing mission statement changes, but also physical and spiritual change. Physical walls are being torn down to meet our mission. Spiritual walls are being torn down and we are seeing marriages being reunited because of Jesus.

As I have conveyed to you before, I seek to be a honest leader. An individual who is transparent and vulnerable and willing to go against the grain of traditional styles of leadership and share what is on my heart. Coming to Topeka had me *nervously excited*. Some of the changes we have implemented here have had me *nervously excited*. Yes, even the tearing down walls to make more room has had me *nervously excited*.

Scripture challenges us to, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:4-5).

The conclusion that I come to is this: Surrendering our preferences, comforts, ideas, opinions..... our lives to Jesus, is extremely difficult to do. Yet, following Jesus is always exciting; the question is will we let our nervous fears take over or will we live in the tension of constantly surrendering our lives to Jesus?

We came to Rolling Hills because of what we saw as an opportunity to reach North Topeka with the Gospel of Christ! Even though our methods and objectives might be slightly different, would you consider coming "All-In" with us on this journey? It's all right if you are *nervously excited*. We are too, but we have the Kingdom of God in our favor!

Check out these picture from the Facilities Team and the progress that is being made.

Pastor Matt Brown



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## A New Partnership Soon to Begin

Starting Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7pm, we at Rolling Hills are partnering with West Indianola Elementary School! At their first ever Art Walk, Rolling Hills is providing the coffee and baked goods for about 300 participants! Our heart behind this partnership is: "We are in and for the neighborhood and we want to make a difference" and this school is in our neighborhood! What better way to start some new relationships with others in our community! Please consider helping us bake some delicious treats, serving on the night of the event, or committing to pray for the partnership.

## 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.

coffee & daydreaming

an opportunity to learn about the future of Rolling Hills

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



THE BEST IS YET TO COME 2020

## 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 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)?



## Join a Serve Team!

You were created with special gifts and passions to serve the Kingdom of God!! What is your passion or special gift? Would you consider using them to serve here at Rolling Hills? Sign up for your favorite Serve Team in the lobby!



## Men's Breakfast, 3/29

Hey Guys, meet us for breakfast on the last Sunday of each month! All men are invited to join in at 7:30 a.m. at IHOP on Sunday, March 29.

## Leadership Team Meeting, Sunday, March. 15, 5pm

The Elder and Deacon Leadership Team Meeting is on Sunday, March 15, starting at 5:00 p.m. Please submit agenda items to the church office by Sunday, March 8.

## 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! We are currently studying **Reset** by David Jeremiah.



## Cleaning Crew 1 for March

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



We need YOU!

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 TODAY if you will help us keep the church building clean and healthy this month!



## 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.

A special thanks goes out to the Facility Team and all who have been working on the building updates!



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 Sundays; listen to the messages online: [rhctopeka.org/messages](http://rhctopeka.org/messages) Rolling Hills Message Podcast:



## EASTER EVENTS

**Easter is coming!** Be sure to mark your calendar to join us for a special morning of worship and fellowship! Easter Sunday is on April 12.

- Sunrise Celebration Service, time TBA
- Breakfast is served after the early service.
- Easter worship, 10 a.m.



<b>CHURCH OFFERINGS</b>			
<b>January and February</b>			
<b>Weekly Budget Need: \$3,133</b>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Offering</i>
1/19	\$2,037	2/2	\$2,153
1/26	\$2,607	2/9	\$2,359
Jan. Avg	\$2,347	2/16	\$2,030

## SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR MARCH, 2020

**LEAD ELDER AND DEACON**— Joe White and Mark Metzler    **SONG LEADER** — Melissa Boutz    **PIANIST** — Tari Metzler  
**SOUND** - David Maples    **COMPUTER** - April Wohletz    **CHURCH CLEANERS** - Crew 1  
**COMMUNION PREPARATION** - The Wells Family    **COMMUNION MEDITATIONS** — Joe White

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Bruce Maples Jim Clark Mike Denton John McElroy	Bruce Maples Jim Clark Mike Denton John McElroy	Dustin Mengarelli Kevin Wohletz Konner Wells Kurtis Wells	Dustin Mengarelli Kevin Wohletz Konner Wells Kurtis Wells	Dustin Mengarelli Kevin Wohletz Konner Wells Kurtis Wells
<b>MISSIONS UPDATE</b>				
Melissa Boutz	Georgia Ford	Arlene Marshall	Bryan Boutz	Melissa Boutz
<b>GREETERS</b>				
Hollingshead / Mengarelli	Flesher / Ford	McElroy / Lehew	Neer / Showalter	Watson / White
<b>NURSERY WORKERS</b>				
Terry Baker/ Kathy Flesher	Tracy Briggs / Tammy Smith	Brenda Watson / Joan Barnes	Betty Johnson / JoyAnne Boutz	Terry Baker/ Kathy Flesher
<b>PRESCHOOL WORSHIP</b>				
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Amy White	Amy Brown	April Wells
<b>ELEMENTARY WORSHIP:</b> April Wells / Family Sunday March 29				

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

## COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Thurs., March 5:** West Indianola Art Walk, 5:30-7pm  
**Sun., March 8:** Coffee & Daydreaming, 8:45am  
**Sun., March 15:** Leadership Team Meeting, 5:00pm  
Newsletter Information due  
(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)  
**Sun., March 29:** Men's Breakfast, 7:30am

**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:** Easter, April 12, Sunrise Service, Breakfast, Worship

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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 March 12 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 March 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 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.

