## **Rolling Hills Christian Church**

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# 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...

Plans change sometimes.

Whether you have a hot date planned with your spouse and the babysitter calls to cancel or a kid gets sick right before you leave. Maybe your plans changed when you got dressed for a nice spring day and walk outside to find that temperature had dropped 30 degrees since you last checked (this happens in Kansas a lot).

Maybe plans change in a harsher way. You were on vacation, enjoying all that you had been saving up for to only learn of a loved one passing while your trip was just getting started.

Maybe you had specific plans for this spring, but now with a world-wide pandemic, all those plans are gone or on the edge of being cancelled.

But the question I want to ask is this. What do you when your plans change? How do you respond to news that alters your plans dramatically? What does the Bible say about all this?

In Proverbs 16:9, Solomon writes, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

In this entire book, Solomon is writing to his sons to pass along wisdom the Lord had given him. I love the undertone that is in verse 9 and what seems to be personal. In 2 Chronicles, it says that King Solomon "surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom", so for him to share of this nugget of wisdom, we should lean in.

But what do we need to know about God to understand this verse more?

1. God is Good and for you!

Because God is good, everything He does is good, which includes all that He does for you.

Psalm 34:8 says, "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

When our plans change, we must remember that God is always good. He is the one that takes our chaos, our disrupted plans, and turns them into redeemed opportunities.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Our pain, suffering and interrupted plans are redeemed when we are in Christ. That is a good God!

2. God is in Control.

We must never forget this. Often times we struggle and try to control our life or our surroundings only to fail time and time again.

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

Everything belongs to him because He created everything. That includes you and me. But like a perfect Father, He cares for His creation and will lovingly guide them.

I want to encourage you to take heart! Stand firm on the promises of God! Revival happens when we elevate His word to the highest priority in our lives, and this world needs to know now the Hope of Jesus Christ.

As you know, with this our plans have changed here at Rolling Hills. You will find in this newsletter information on how you can stay connected with us better while we navigate this unknown Coronavirus pandemic.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you know, Coronavirus (COVID-19) has presented us with a situation none of us have been in before. Information is changing day by day, and it can be difficult to keep track. The Center for Disease Control has recommended the cancellation or postponement of all public gatherings of 50 or more people. With this decision, for the next two weeks, we will be cancelling our in-person worship service gathering, but will be moving to an online platform to stream our service for you and your family to engage in.

You can participate and view the service at <a href="rhcctopeka.online.church">rhcctopeka.online.church</a>. We will be streaming our services at the following times: Sunday at 10am, 11:30am, and 4pm. This is going to be a powerful resource that will allow you to chat with others during the service, review message notes while taking notes for yourself, and use the Bible all in one place. We will also be streaming our service on Facebook at 10am.

While saddened that we will not be able to gather physically at our church building, we're still the Church and we will continue to minister to our community. Additionally, we are continuing to brainstorm how we can continue to inspire you in your spiritual journey through out the weeks. Stay tuned for updates from us via email or social media. If you know someone who attends Rolling Hills and does not have either means of communication, please take it upon yourself to share with them this information. We are going to do our very best to get this info out as best as we can.

However, in an abundance of caution, we are closing our facilities and cancelling any scheduled activities at our campus. It is also recommended to refrain from coming into the office unless it is an urgent matter. Our team has been working around the clock and in their spare time and late into the evenings to respond to this crisis, to be prepared, to be creative with how we still do our jobs and to create additional resources for you, because we care about each of you and your health and safety matter to us. Thank you for all of your prayers during this rapidly changing time.

Remember that you can continue to support what God is doing in and through Rolling Hills Christian Church by securely giving online at <a href="mailto:rhoctopeka.org/give">rhoctopeka.org/give</a>. If you haven't had the opportunity to try out this resource, now is the time to do so. If you would like to continue to give but do not wish to give online, you are welcome to mail a check to the church address.

I know you will likely have additional questions and we will continue to communicate updates and changes through email and social media. I ask that you continue to pray for all those who are at risk, our medical professionals, and those in decision-making positions.

As we navigate this new terrain together, continue to watch our Facebook page and church website for updates as they occur.



Sunday Online Worship Services: rhcctopeka.online.church 10:00am, 11:30am, 4:00pm; Kid Service: 11:00am, 1:00pm



Updates on Facebook: facebook.com/rhcctopeka



Follow and Give Online: rhcctopeka.org

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#### CHURCH EVENTS AND MEETINGS

At this time the church is closed through the end of March, but changes may occur on a day by day and week by week basis. The following events are on the church calendar for April, but be aware items may be cancelled, postponed, or moved online, as we do our best to keep our church family safe.

**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, 7am



Breakfast, 7:30am

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Easter Worship, 10am

Sisters in Service Meeting: The next Sisters in Service Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 4pm. Please bring ideas for what you would like to do for the group. We will also discuss when and how often to meet.

**Leadership Team Meeting**: 3rd Sundays, 5pm

Youth Group, Sundays at 4pm

Ladies' Bible Study, Thursdays, 9am

Men's Breakfast, Last Sundays, 7:30am

CHURCH OFFERINGS February and March Weekly Budget Need: \$3,133				
Date	Offering	Date	Offering	
2/23	\$3,536	3/1	\$3,106	
		3/8	\$1,036	

3/15

#### SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR APRIL, 2020

If service is held at the church building, please do not feel obligated to attend if you do not feel comfortable doing so, and especially if you are feeling unwell.

We will gladly find someone to fill your volunteer role until you can come back.

**LEAD ELDER AND DEACON**— Eric Showalter and Dustin Mengarelli

**Song Leader** — Melissa Boutz

\$2,517

PIANIST — Tari Metzler

\$1,725

SOUND - Konner Wells

**COMPUTER** - Jim Clark

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Karen Seel	Marcia James Megan Perry	Amy White	Amy Brown		
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### COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

**March 22-29:** The church building is closed. *Watch our website and FB page for further information!* 

Sun., April 12: Easter: Sunrise Service 7am, Breakfast 7:30am

Sun., April 19: Sisters in Service Meeting, 4pm

Leadership Team Meeting, 5:00pm

Newsletter Information due

(Newsletter information is due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.)

Sun., April 26: 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.



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!

