

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...

THE PLOT TWIST

What a first year!

As of September 1st, I have officially been your pastor for one year! I know, some of you are thinking, "that's it? It has to be longer than that." Well the fact is, it has been only 12 months. And I just heard the governor say this week, that we had our first case of COVID-19 in Kansas 6 months ago, which means, half of my time has been leading us through a global pandemic.

What a chapter this will be in my memoirs!

But it got me thinking, how often do we set off into an adventure only to discover a crazy twist to the plot in the middle of that adventure? You see, usually this plot twist comes out of nowhere and changes our trajectory of that adventure or alters the experience we thought we might have had.

One of my favorite plot twists found in scripture is in John 10. Jesus is describing the relationship between the Good Shepherd and His sheep. Jesus conveys that He is the good shepherd and we are His sheep and shares how He will be our defender operating as a gate to keep "thieves and robbers" away. Jesus then shares this:

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

A plot twist can completely change your perception of the story line and it has the potential to change the actual outcome of the story.

The Enemy has only one desire.... to ultimately obliterate you and I. There is no fair game with the enemy. He simply will use whatever he can to bring upon our destruction, even in a global pandemic. His tactics:

- Deception
- Division
- Chaos
- Diversion
- Hate
- Embezzle

But Jesus changes the narrative. In Christ, we receive life.... *life to the fullest!* We are not destroyed, but lifted up! Raised in Victory! He restores the broken and revives the dead!

This is our Savior! This is the God that we serve! Our pain, suffering and interrupted plans or plot twists are redeemed when we are in Christ. Let us not forget that God is for us, loves us and is in control!

There have been many times I have wondered this last year, "was this truly the right move for my family?" The conclusion that I am resolving to because of the pandemic is this: *It doesn't matter what I think. It only matters that I am in Christ and that I trust Him completely, especially during life's craziest plot twists.*

Who is it that overcomes the world? **Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**
1 John 5:5

Blessings!

Pastor Matt Brown

CHURCH EVENTS

Pool Party at Garfield

On Sunday, August 2, we had the whole pool to ourselves for an end-of-summer pool party! While we did not serve our usual potluck dinner, we did cool off with some popsicles. Thanks to everyone who enjoyed the weather and joined us for some summer fun, and thanks to the Shawnee County Parks & Rec for the opportunity!



Prayer Gathering

On Sunday, August 16, we held a prayer gathering at West Indianola Elementary. Thanks to all who prayed with us, as students, teachers, staff, and administrators prepare for a new school year in the midst of the pandemic. Let's continue lifting up schools and families during this time. Seaman Schools begin their fall semester on Thursday, August 27.



WORSHIP WITH US!



On-site worship, Sundays, 10am

Online Worship Services:

live.rhcctopeka.org

Saturday, 7pm; Sunday, 10am

Kid Online Worship: Sundays, 9:15am



Updates on Facebook:

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SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS

Team Members, thank you for serving! Watch your emails for information and reminders for the worship services, children's ministries, and other serving roles.

Please let us know if you are not getting our emails. Be sure to check your spam filter and add our email address to your Contacts list.

Serve Teams

There are so many ways you can serve in the church and in our community! Sign up at rhcctopeka.org/serve to let us know if and how you would like to help serve, in the church and beyond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the county shut-down, Rolling Hills re-gathered for in-person services on June 14. Church Online remains available for those who cannot attend in-person worship services. Shawnee County requires face coverings in indoor gatherings, to help prevent the spread of COVID19. Extra masks are available in the church lobby.

2020 Directory

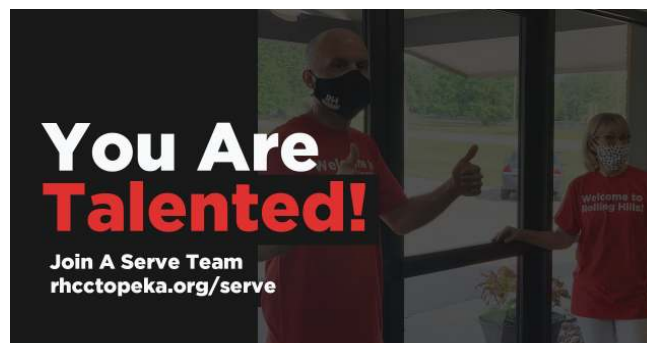
It has been nearly 4 years since our last photo directory, and we would like to see all Rolling Hills families in our new directory! Lifetouch photo sessions will be held on October 9-10. Not only is this a great opportunity to get a professional portrait taken of your family, it also helps church families get to know each other better. Sign up for a photo session today!

Sign up in the church lobby, or you can sign up online at rhctoepka.org/photo. (To prevent double-bookings, the link will be disabled on Sunday mornings during in-person scheduling.)



E-Bulletins

In order to reduce the spread of germs, paper bulletins are not being distributed in the worship services at this time. An e-mail bulletin has been going out every week with information. If you are not receiving these emails, please email office@rhctoepka.org with your preferred email address so we can get you added to the list (or leave a message for Melissa in the church office: 785-286-0601). Be sure to check for these messages each week so you know what is going on at Rolling Hills Christian Church!



Kids' Worship

While we do not yet have Rolling Hills Kids in person, we do have online worship just for kids! Be sure to check it out. Missed a week? Catch up anytime on our website: rhctoepka.org/kids.



How Can We Pray for You?

Send your prayer requests to pray@rhctoepka.org.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mark and Tari Metzler would like to express their thanks to everyone for the thoughts and prayers, cards, and visits during Tari's dad's illness and after his passing.

Kathy Flesher sent us thanks for the gift of flowers. She said she is deeply touched by all the love and support shown to her these last few months. She writes, "Thank you for all you've done to help me through this difficult time."

Ruth Barnes sent us an update on her treatment, which can be read in the church office. She wrote a note of gratitude to everyone: "I want to thank all of you for prayers, notes, phone messages and words of encouragement. God has heard your requests and hung with me . . . I know I am in God's care."

Response to COVID19

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, we abide by the pillars of infection control as recommended by the CDC, KDHE, and Shawnee County. When attending RHCC, please remember to :

- ⇒ **Wear your mask.** Extras are available in the church lobby.
- ⇒ **Keep your hands clean.** Hand sanitizing stations are set up in the lobby and worship center.
- ⇒ **Physically distance** from other families. We can be social while being safe! Utilize the overflow rooms to allow for more space between groups, and when possible, visit and socialize outside.
- ⇒ **Stay home** for Church Online if you are not feeling well.



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COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

On-site worship services: Sundays @10am

Last Sunday of each month: Men's Breakfast

~~October 9-10: 2020 Directory Photo Sessions~~
Cancelled due to pandemic

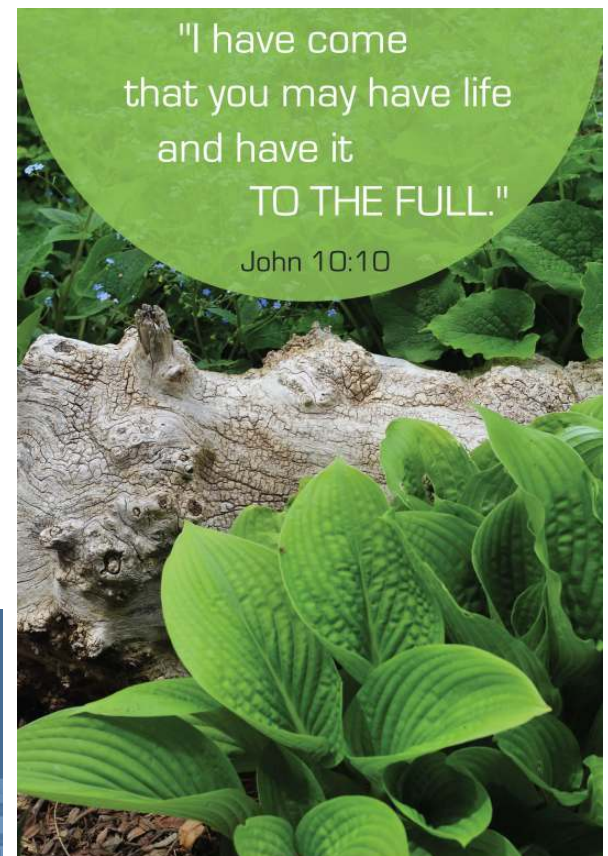
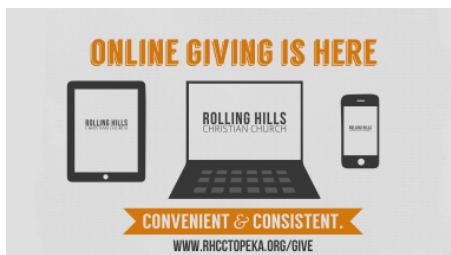
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