

THE PATHWAY

Our Mission

To worship the Lord Jesus Christ, taking His message of salvation to all peoples and developing the body of believers to maturity in Him. . . .

. . . by showing our commitment to one another by declaring fellowship with the Lord and members in this congregation and by encouraging each other through our social interactions in large and small group opportunities.

. . . by meeting together on Sunday as a group to express our praise and adoration to God for the resurrection of Jesus on the first day of the week

. . . by communicating by verbal statement and by personal example of the activity of grace on our behalf which entailed the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

. . . by providing opportunities that encourage each of our members to constantly review their faith and grow in their spiritual walk with God.

A WALK DOWN THE PATH

On: Dancing in the Summer Rains

Saturday was a pleasant day. Moderate temperatures punctuated by brief but enjoyable intermittent light rain. It was a perfect day for the Sunflower State Games softball tournament. Typically for the Sunflower senior softball tournament we have 100 degree weather, have to drink gallons of liquids and slather ourselves with bottle after bottle of sunscreen. This year the day started with players wearing long sleeves and sweat pants to stay warm in the cool morning temperatures.

Today (Monday) I woke up to an overcast and rainy day. The grass was wet, the driveway was wet, the newspaper was wet. Two out of three was pretty good. It has rained pretty much all day long, off and on. As I write this it is steadily raining. Won't be playing in my Monday night softball league, but that's okay because I'm enjoying the badly needed moisture.

Summer rains like this remind me of a summer day a few years ago when little granddaughter Katie danced in the rain with her Aunt Anna. Katie came in soaking wet with a big smile on her face. She was refreshed by the blessings of heaven that soaked her to the skin.

We've gone through three years of drought. The ground has been so dry the past couple of years that the Kansas Highway Department didn't have to pour concrete for its new highways... it just painted stripes on the rock hard, sun baked clay that we call soil. It's been so hot that chickens were laying hard-boiled eggs. It was so dry that you could see cactus carrying suitcases and moving to a friendlier climate.



Sometimes our spiritual lives get to feeling pretty dry. Usually that happens because we haven't been drinking from our spiritual water bottles, our Bibles. When we find ourselves distracted from those disciplines that keep us refreshed, we should remind ourselves to change our pattern and get back to doing those things that are important to our spiritual health.

Change our pattern...that's another way of saying repent. The biblical idea of "repent" comes from a Greek word that means "change the mind." Our worldviews, the way we see life and approach life, can be affected by all of our activities, the entertainments we enjoy and the life frictions that we encounter every day. When that happens, we need to repent and refresh ourselves.

In Acts 3:19, Peter was speaking in public attempting to move the Jews to come to terms with who Jesus is and what they needed to do as a result. He said, "Therefore repent and turn back, that your sins may be wiped out so that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and He may send Jesus, who has been appointed Messiah for you."

Sin is an interesting phenomenon for all of us. It subtly touches us, distracts us and compels us to do and think in ways that we may not realize until suddenly we find ourselves thirsty because we've slowly and unexpectedly wandered into a dry wilderness. The solution is relatively simple. All we have to do is change back to what we should have been doing all along. When we do, we will be able to dance in the refreshing rains of God's blessings.

Steve

CHURCH LOAN UPDATE

Our current mortgage balance is \$18,960. If weekly offerings continue at the present level the mortgage should be paid off in June 2014. We have been able to make double payments on average each month and this has allowed the loan balance to be reduced to the current amount well

ahead of schedule. Any extra offerings specified to be applied to the mortgage will go directly to lowering the principal and will help pay off the church loan even sooner.

-Paul Brackey and Kevin Wohletz, Treasurers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND FELLOWSHIP:

Elder's Breakfast, Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 a.m.

The Elder's Breakfast will be held at Cracker Barrel.

Men's Breakfast, Hunter's Ridge McDonald's, Aug. 25, 7:30 a.m.

All the men are welcome to join us for our men's breakfast on the last Sunday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

50+ Fellowship

There is a sign-up page in the foyer for anyone interested in social activities for adults over the age of 50. The initial plan is to meet monthly. For more info, contact Terry Baker (246-2298) or Sharlene Showalter (234-4436).



Summer All-Church Royals Trip, Friday, September 20:

Sept. 20, Friday night – Texas Rangers – sign up by Sun., Sept. 1.

Fall Fellowship

Be watching for information about a possible Fall fellowship to come in September or October

CHURCH NEWS:

Cleaning Crew 2 for August

Cleaning Crew 2 will clean for August. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!



Directory Update

The updated directory list will be available in August. Watch your bulletins for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Secret Sisters

We are planning a social activity for later in August. We will also be drawing for Secret Sisters. Please watch your bulletin for details.

Beth Moore Simulcast, September 14

There will be a live Simulcast with Beth Moore on Saturday, September 14 from 8:30 – 3:30. It is being held at Northland Christian Church. The cost is \$18.00 if registered by August 30th. Light breakfast and light lunch are included. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you wish to attend. They would prefer that we send one check from the Church so if you plan on attending please get your registration to Sharlene Showalter or the office by Sunday, August 25, and we will send one check. There is a flyer in the foyer for additional information about this event.



King Solomon Christian Camp Women's Retreat, Sept. 20-22

There is a women's retreat at King Solomon September 20 – 22. The featured speaker is Mary Lou Powell – "Thrift Shop Queen." The theme of the conference is "A Lesson on Forgiveness". The cost for this retreat is \$60.00 until August 16th after which it will be \$65.00. There will be a sign up sheet for this in the foyer. In the event we have several sign up we will coordinate car pooling or the Church van.

Contact Info for Linda Briles

Linda Briles would like to make sure people in the church have her new contact information in Garden City: 5990 W. TV Rd., Garden City, 67846; 620-640-0847

Just Lead Leadership Conference, OCC, September 21

Ozark Christian College has 1-day leadership conference for church elders/deacons, staff, and all volunteers, on Saturday, Sept. 21. Registration is \$25; there is a poster in the foyer with more information, and Steve would like to encourage all to attend.

Ladies' Bible Study Summer Break

The Ladies' Bible Study is on break for the summer. We resume on Thursday, September 12, at 9 a.m.

Church Offerings for June / July

Date	Offering
June 30	\$3,098
July 7	\$3,085
July 14	\$2,310
July 21	\$1,749
July 28	\$2,025

June Avg. \$2,991
 July Avg. \$2,292
 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,601

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Children's Books Collection

The last day for collection of children's books and supplies for the Rogers' homeschool co-op in Laos is August 4. Thanks to everyone who has contributed!

Missionary Guest Speakers

Look forward to hearing from guest missionary speakers on October 13 (Steve McFarland) and November 10 (Jair Castillo, ICOM).

International Conference on Missions Nov. 14-17, Kansas City

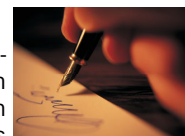
The ICOM is coming to Kansas City Nov. 14-17. Church registration is paid for, so we only need to let them know who is attending. A sign up list is coming soon, and we hope you will attend!



CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE

With Thanks

The church would like to thank Richard Johnson for donating a new lawn mower to the church and modifying the shed so it would fit. The church did not previously have a mower, and volunteers transported mowers from home for lawn work, so having our own is a huge help for those volunteers. Thanks, Richard!



Welcome, Korbin Wells!

Congratulations to April and Kurtis Wells, big brother Konner, and grandparents Steve and Linda Seehorn on the birth of Korbin Fayne at 7:40 p.m. on Thursday, July 18!

With Thanks from Barb Neer

Thank you so much for letting me use the church building for Kristina and Brett's shower. It made it possible that I could have it at all. Thanks again! Barb Neer

Wedding Invitation for Brett Whisler & Kristina Kory

Brett & Kristina's wedding invitation can be found on the bulletin board on the foyer. They will be married in Liberty, MO on 8/24.

Eagle Scout Ceremony for Brandon Clark, August 25, 2:30 p.m.

We congratulate Brandon Clark on acquiring the title of "Eagle Scout." His Court of Honor will be held at the church on Sunday, August 25, at 2:30 p.m.

THE GREAT KIDMISSION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Sunday Evenings Through August 18,
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Help us get kids (grade-school age, Kindergarten through 6th grade) excited about missions at home and around the world! Join us as we learn about different people groups, learn what missionaries are doing around the world, and hear Bible stories about the very first missionaries.

Thanks for your help with our collection for Operation Christmas Child! We packed a dozen Christmas boxes fully, with several more boxes partially packed.



We often talk of missions around the world, but did you know there are mission opportunities right here in North Topeka? Bring donations for Operation Backpack, and we will go to Topeka North Outreach to help pack snack sacks in early September, so watch bulletins for info on that. TNO requests non-perishable "nutritional, kid-friendly

snacks and single-serving size food items that are easy for youth to prepare."

Our weekly VBS themes are as follows, with our missionary focus in parenthesis:

- July 21: Around the World (*Operation Christmas Child*)
- July 28: Central & South America, (*Niños de Mexico and Latin America Missions*)
- August 4: Asia (*Jerry & Boonporn Thaprom in Thailand, Kirby & Rebecca Rogers in Laos, and "Training Christians for Ministry" in Europe and Central Asia*)
- August 11: Africa (*Steve McFarland*)
- August 18: Local Missions (*Topeka Rescue Mission, TNO, Alpha Christian Children's Home, and others*)

We could still use some help and supplies, and there's a sign up list in the foyer. If you can help in any way, please contact Melissa Boutz at 246-6432 or melboutz@gmail.com! Thanks to all who've helped!

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR AUGUST

WORSHIP ELDER Eric Showalter

SONG LEADER Melissa Boutz, Steve Seehorn 8/25

SOUND – Bob Coffman

COMPUTER – Bruce Maples

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 2

COMMUNION PREPARATION – Arliss Douglass / Wanda Wright

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

4	11	18	25
* Jim Clark # David Maples Randy James Shawn Perry	* Jim Clark # David Maples Randy James Shawn Perry	* John McElroy # Ken Lehew Jim Eddy Kevin Wohletz	* John McElroy # Ken Lehew Jim Eddy Kevin Wohletz
BENEDICTION			
David Maples	David Maples	Ken Lehew	Ken Lehew
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Arlene Marshall	Sharlene Showalter	Eric Showalter	Georgia Ford
GREETERS			
B. Barnes / Brackey	Boutz / Johnson	Sunday School youth (VBS)	Briggs / Ford
NURSERY WORKERS			
Sharlene Showalter	Brenda Watson	Megan Perry	Linda Seehorn
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Claricia Gautier	Bryan & Melissa Boutz

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Come Join Us!

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

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COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

- Sun., Aug. 4:** Books and supplies due for the Rogers' Home school Co-op Collection
- Wed., Aug. 14:** Elder's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 7 a.m.
- Sun., Aug. 18:** Food items due for TNO Snack Sack collection.
- Sun., Aug. 25:** Men's Breakfast @ Hunter's Ridge McDonald's
Info due to Melissa for Sept. newsletter

Weekly:

Mondays at 7 p.m.: Boy Scouts
Ladies' Thursday morning study on break until September 12.
Sundays thru 8/18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: **The Great Kidmission VBS**

Coming this Fall:

Beth Moore Simulcast Sept. 14; KSCC Women's Retreat Sept. 20-21
Royals Game, Sept. 20 (Sign up by Sept. 1)
"Just Lead" conference at Ozark Sept. 21
Fall Fellowship and Trunk 'R Treat
Missionary Guest Speakers; International Conference on Missions

The Pathway is available by e-mail, and is on our website!
Simply e-mail us to let us know if you prefer electronic over paper.



*Repent, then, and
turn to God, so that
your sins may be
wiped out, that times
of refreshing may
come from the Lord.*

Acts 3:19 NIV