

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: A Topeka Tragedy

As many if not all of you who read this are aware, the city of Topeka was struck by a true tragedy on the evening of Sunday, December 16. Two police officers, Corporal Gogian and Officer Atherly, were called to investigate suspicious activity taking place in a car on a Dillon's grocery store parking lot. Both men were shot by a suspect at close range and killed.

Knowing that I am one of the volunteer Chaplains for the Topeka Police Department, some have asked if we (the Chaplains) were involved in any the activities of that night or the days that followed. The easy answer is yes.

All the Chaplains were called to the LEC (Law Enforcement Center) to help address the needs of the Topeka Police Department. Some Chaplains accompanied Command Staff Officers to deliver notification of the events to immediate family members of the slain officers and to parents of the slain officers. Some Chaplains had duties at the LEC which included such things as being present for officers who had come to the LEC after hearing of the shootings, sitting with the family of the surviving officer who witnessed the shooting and returned fire, sitting in on debriefings of personnel and so on. In the days that followed we were asked to perform other services such as being called to make notification to the family of the suspect after he was deceased (although they declined the meeting), speaking with the children of the deceased officers to explain to them their father's death, meeting with the families to assist with service preparations, walking through the LEC to check with the various department members to try to give words of comfort or a presence of encouragement. Most of us were present at both funeral services on Saturday, seated in front of the Shawnee County Sherriff's Department and County Coroner's staff. A couple of Chaplains participated in the services.

This is an event that doesn't happen often. Police officers seldom have cause to pull their weapon during a career, let alone die in duty. Real life is not like what we see glamorized on T.V. or in the movies. This was an uncommon event. It was a true learning experience for me.

Our congregation has made this ministry to our community available for me to perform. Chaplains, generally speaking, are asked to deal with difficult situations in order to relieve officers of those undesirable tasks and free them to address other aspects of their jobs as peace officers. Many times, what we do is relatively routine and benign, but other times can be tense and emotional. One never knows what one will encounter until arrival on the scene.

I enjoy this opportunity to mix with other Chaplains, meet officers in the field and help them perform their responsibilities better. When I began this Chaplaincy, I wasn't certain how the force would view us. I have learned that they are very appreciative of our service, for while they do things I wouldn't want to do, we are asked to do things that they don't want to do.

You, the members of Rolling Hills Christian Church, are extended into the lives of hundreds of people through my presence and your caring generosity. I encourage you to continue to pray for the families of these men who sacrificed their lives so that we can sleep comfortably at night. Pray for those officers who patrol our streets and respond to calls that at any moment can turn into a precarious situation. Pray for the staff who are responsible for the safety and training of these officers. Pray for the dispatchers who receive calls and dispatch officers to encounters unknown. Pray for support people, such as the Chaplains. Always remember that evil persists in our society. But God is greater than the evil and He authorizes us to resist it.

The new year is dawning. Good things are just around the corner. The sun rises every morning giving new opportunities for us to be shining lights for Jesus. Tell those around you that God is sovereign. He rules supreme. His goodness awaits all who bow to him.

Linda and I will be taking a brief vacation this coming weekend so we won't be seeing you Sunday. Thank you all for the generosity of your Christmas gifts and thoughts during this season. We'll see you next year, so till then...have a happy New Year and God bless you all!

Steve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Offerings

Date	Offering
Dec. 2:	\$3,095
Dec. 9:	\$4,110
Dec. 16:	\$2,209
Dec. 23:	\$2,272
Dec. 30:	\$3,131

**Dec. Average:
\$2,963**

**Weekly Budget
Requirement:
\$2,601**

Meetings:

The **Elder and Deacon Board Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 13, with a \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.

Elder's Meeting Monday, January 14

The Elders of the church meet on alternating Monday afternoons at 3:45 p.m. at Gambino's. Their next meeting will be Monday, January 14.

Annual Meeting February 3

The all-church annual meeting will be coming up on the first Sunday in February.

Men's Breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonald's January 27

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.

Church Cleaning for January

Cleaning Crew 1 will clean for January. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Wednesday Study

A group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. to study *The Creation Answers Book*. The study resumes on Jan. 9.

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Thursday morning Bible study will resume on Thursday, January 10, at 9 a.m.

Note of Gratitude

Dear Rolling Hills Christian Church Family,

We wanted to send a note to thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement sent by the church in honor of the birth of our sweet baby Keaton!!

We are truly blessed to have such an amazing church family. ☺

*With our Love,
Dustin, Ashleigh,
Cooper, & Keaton
Mengarelli*

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

As we enter 2013, we would like to thank those who've served in so many ways through the year! We appreciate all of the hard work and talent that is shared with the church in many capacities.

In this Christmas season, we want to thank Connie Brackey and all of the people who helped with decorating the church for the season. We also thank the families who read Scripture and lit the candles for Advent.

The Ladies' Salad Sampler and our Church Fellowship & Caroling were both fun events that were enjoyed by church members and guests alike. Thanks to all involved in the planning and leading of those events. We also give a special thanks to Arliss Douglass for opening her home to us for the fellowship night, and to Bob Coffman and his team for coordinating various fellowship events.

Behind the scenes, the auditorium had to be set and re-set for various events, and we are thankful to the people who moved chairs and set up tables, and then put it all back, time and time again!

Thank you all for your many works of service to the Lord through the church!



“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 2:29-32 NIV

SERVING FOR 2013

Children's Church

	<i>Elementary Church</i>	<i>Preschool Church</i>
1 st Sun.	Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Karen Seel
2 nd Sun.	Tracy Briggs	Marcia James & Megan Perry
3 rd Sun.	Claricia Gautier	Kristy Nei
4 th Sun.	Bryan & Melissa Boutz	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
5 th Sun.	Family Sunday	April Wells

Nursery

Terry Baker	Sharlene Showalter	Megan Perry
Brenda Watson	Linda Seehorn	Kay Norris
Marcia James	Linda Briles	Barb Neer
Amber Smith	Cassidy James	

Cleaning Crews

Crew 1: Gary & Evie Funke, Bob Coffman, Ken & Judy Lehew, Harold Watson
Crew 2: Jim Clark, Terry Baker, Bill Hollingshead, Steve & Linda Seehorn, Bryan & Melissa Boutz

Communion Preparation

Jan.: Boutz Family; *Feb.:* Barb Neer
March: Ford Family; *April:* Hollingshead Family
May: Wells Family; *June:* Marshall Family
July: Johnson Family; *Oct.:* Watson Family
Nov.: Bob & Joan Barnes (*Aug., Sept., & Dec. open*)

Sound

David Maples, Bob Coffman, Bryan Boutz

Computer

Jim Clark, Bruce Maples, Scott Brackey

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JANUARY

WORSHIP ELDER Bill Hollingshead

SONG LEADER Melissa Boutz, Steve Seehorn 1/27

SOUND – David Maples

COMPUTER – Jim Clark

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION – The Boutz Family

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

6	13	20	27
* John McElroy # Ken Lehew Randy James Shawn Perry	* John McElroy # Ken Lehew Randy James Shawn Perry	* Gary Funke # Bob Coffman Scott Brackey Walt Baker	* Gary Funke # Bob Coffman Scott Brackey Walt Baker
BENEDICTION			
Ken Lehew	Ken Lehew	Bob Coffman	Bob Coffman
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Gary Funke	Eric Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Sharlene Showalter
GREETERS			
Funke / James	Lehew / B. Maples	D. Maples / L. Maples	Marshall / Matthews
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

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

Wed., Jan. 9 Wednesday Study resumes, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 10: Ladies' Bible Study resumes, 9 a.m.
Sun., Jan. 13: Board Meeting: \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 14: Elder's Meeting, Gambino's, 3:45 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 27: Men's Breakfast at McDonalds, 7:30 a.m.
Information due for February newsletter

Weekly:

Mondays at 7 p.m.: Boy Scouts
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.: Fall study
Thursdays at 9 a.m.: Ladies' study

Coming in February:

All-Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 3

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