

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 Christmas Sleigh of Generosity

All kinds of images accompany the Christmas season: a snow covered landscape, Christmas shoppers carrying packages through stores, nativity scenes, Christmas trees festively decorated, Christmas stockings hung with care, excited children unwrapping their gifts and of course, Santa's sleigh filled with gifts racing through the night sky.

(Oh yeah...I almost forgot...coal. I have some friends who probably are familiar with Christmas coal. Let me think...Frank in Florida...Gary in Kansas City...Jim in Idaho...Skip in Wyoming...and of course, Walt right here in Topeka. Personally, I have no experience with Christmas coal....)

Christmas cheer begins with generous hearts. God was generous to us with His gift of Jesus. We reciprocate the love with our Christmas gifts for other people. Rolling Hills gave us several opportunities to be generous this season. One of those opportunities was the collection of a variety of gifts for Alpha Christian Children's Home.

Once again this year we encouraged everyone to select items from the list of needs and wants by Alpha Home members, purchase and wrap the items and place them under around the Christmas tree on the stage in our auditorium. Between all of those gifts and miscellaneous paper goods, a large area of our stage was filled with multi-colored wrapped presents. It was fun to see and still makes me smile every time I think about the sight.

I say that in the past tense because all the packages were taken to Alpha on Tuesday, December 17. Tracy Briggs, George Ford and Eric Showalter arrived at the church on that Tuesday morning to load up the church van and Eric's pickup. Eric and George carried moved most of the gifts from the auditorium to the vehicles while

Tracy spent most of the time inside the van receiving the individual items and moving them around in the seats and on the floor to fit everything in. They did a great job.

As the three of them pulled away from the church in their vehicles I couldn't help but chuckle thinking about those two motorized sleighs being pulled by hundreds of "reindeer-powered" engines. My understanding is that upon the arrival of our three elves at Alpha, Jeff Mulpas was thrilled by the sight and what that would mean for the Children's Home.

Generosity. That is a character trait which every Christian should understand, desire and display. All those centuries ago generosity was exhibited to humankind through the incarnation of Jesus who would redeem us through His own generous sacrifice. We remember that through our Christmas celebrations and observations. God's gift to us moves us to extend gifts to others.

The Christmas season has passed. The sleigh bells are finished ringing for another year. But the generosity of giving God's wonderful gift of faith is never out of season. Indeed, the Christmas season may have passed, but Christmas continues to arrive with each new day and every sunrise. And so we believers have cause to be generous with the gift of sharing our faith in Jesus every day as this new year begins.

Steve

P.S. - Linda & I want to you all for the very nice Christmas money gift given to us on Sunday morning, as well as the other gifts that we also received. Your consideration and kind words to us always warm our hearts. We hope you all have a positive and faith-filled new year.

ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY!



Our Annual All-Church Birthday Party will be held on the evening of Sunday, January 19, 2014. It will be a Family Game Night, and we will have a sign up list in the foyer for cakes. In past years, we have had a birth-

day cake decorated for each month, so you will have the opportunity to sign up for your preferred month soon. Please join us for a fun evening! If you can bring card tables and games, please contact:



Terry Baker, 246-2298.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS:

Elder's Breakfast Meeting, Thursday, January 2, 7 a.m.

The Elder's are meeting for Breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Thursday, January 2, at 7 a.m.

Church Leadership Nomination Information

We accepted nominations for church leadership through the month of December. Nominees will be contacted and a slate of suggested leadership for the next year will be available the last 2 weeks of January.

All Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m.

The All-Church Annual Meeting is held on the 1st Sunday in February, during the Sunday School hour. For your consideration, nominations for church leadership will be posted for the 2 weeks prior to the meeting. As a church, we will vote on the leadership for the next year, and also vote on the church budget and missionary giving.

History of Faith Wednesday Study, 6:30 p.m. Resumes 1/8

Join us on Wednesday nights, when Steve is leading "An Overview of Our History of Faith," at 6:30 p.m. This study resumes January 8, and will continue through the winter.

Men's Breakfast, McDonald's, January 26, 7:30 a.m.

All the men are welcome to come to the men's break-

fast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds on the last Sunday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS:

Cleaning Crew 1 for December

Cleaning Crew 1 will clean for January. Thanks to our cleaning crews for all of their hard work!



Christmas Clean-Up, January 2

We will put away Christmas decorations on Thursday, January 2. All are welcome to help!

Harvest Total Update

Our total Harvest giving exceeded our goal of \$9,555! We raised \$9,562 for the missionaries and organizations we support.

December Giving

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the gifts for Alpha Christian Children's Home, contributions for Sunshine Boxes for students, and to those who gave their time and resources to bless the young people at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex with their holiday dinner!

Church Offerings for December

Date	Offering
Dec. 1	\$2,140
Dec. 8	\$2,825
Dec. 15	\$2,780
Dec. 22	\$1,381
Dec. 29	\$2,072

Dec. Avg. \$2,239

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$2,601

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

Table Tennis Thursdays

Walt Baker will be setting up Table Tennis for anyone who would like to join him, male or female. It will be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The choir appreciates the involvement of the youth in our Christmas Program, "A Song Was Born at Christmas," which was presented on Sunday, December 22.

Thank you to Isaiah and JoyAnne Boutz, Jade and Robert Cox, Emily Nei, Chace and Cruz Perry, Konner Wells, April Wohletz, and Courtney Wohletz, who was the youth leader.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' Bible Study to Resume January 16, 2014

The Ladies' Bible Study will be on break through Christmas and New Year. They will resume their study on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 9 a.m.

Ladies' Birthday List for The Eyewitness

Arliiss Douglass would like to update the birthday list that is posted in the *The Eyewitness* each month. All ladies who have not signed up in the past, please add your birthday to the list in the foyer.

WITH THANKS

Thank you for your thoughts and your thoughtfulness. Thank you for the gift bag while I'm in school. Erinn Howard



The love of Christ shines through the gift and the giver! We are thankful for the love our RJCC family has extended to us through their caring thoughts and delicious gifts. Thank you all for the encouragement and support. In His love, Scott and Courtney Brackey

Thank you to all for your generosity this Christmas! Our family appreciates the kindness and love of our church family. Melissa Boutz

SERVING AT RHCC

Thanks to those who serve regularly on Sunday mornings! Children's Church, Church Nursery, Missions Moment, Servers and Meditators, Greeters, Music, Technology, and Communion Preparation are all jobs done by volunteers. We appreciate all of you!

Elders: Bill Hollingshead and Eric Showalter

Servers and Meditators: Walt Baker, Bryan Boutz, Paul Brackey, Scott Brackey, Jim Clark, Bob Coffman, Jim Eddy, George Ford, Bill Hollingshead, Randy James, Richard Johnson, Ken Lehew, Bruce Maples, David Maples, John McElroy, Shawn Perry, Eric Showalter, Bruce Smith, Harold Watson, Kurtis Wells, and Joe White

Pianist: Lynne Maples

Song Leading: Melissa Boutz and Steve Seehorn

Missions Updates: Georgia Ford, Arlene Marshall, and Eric & Sharlene Showalter

Nursery: Terry Baker, Marcia and Cassidy James, Barb Neer, Kay Norris, Megan Perry, Linda Seehorn, Sharlene Showalter, and Brenda Watson

Preschool Church: Karen Seel, Marcia James, Megan Perry, Kristy Nei, Karla & Lauryn Morstorf, and April Wells

Grade School Church: Kevin & Renee Wohletz, Tracy Briggs, Bryan & Melissa Boutz, and Kelli Warden

Sound System: Bryan Boutz, David Maples, Bob Coffman

Computer: Scott Brackey, Jim Clark, Bruce Maples

Communion Preparation for 2014:

<i>January:</i> Boutz Family	<i>July:</i> Christenberry Family
<i>February:</i> Barb Neer	<i>August:</i> Walt & Terry Baker
<i>March:</i> Ford Family	<i>September:</i> Watson Family
<i>April:</i> Well Family	<i>October:</i> Hollingshead Family
<i>May:</i> Marshall Family	<i>November:</i> Johnson Family
<i>June:</i> Wanda Wright	<i>December:</i> Coffman Family

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR JANUARY

WORSHIP ELDER Eric Showalter

SONG LEADER Melissa Boutz; Steve Seehorn 1/26

SOUND – David Maples

COMPUTER – Jim Clark

CHURCH CLEANERS – Crew 1

COMMUNION PREPARATION – The Boutz Family

* Communion Meditation; # Offering Meditation

5	12	19	26
* John McElroy # Bob Coffman Bryan Boutz Jim Eddy	* John McElroy # Bob Coffman Bryan Boutz Jim Eddy	* Bruce Maples # Ken Lehew Scott Brackey Joe White	* Bruce Maples # Ken Lehew Scott Brackey Joe White
BENEDICTION			
Bob Coffman	Bob Coffman	Ken Lehew	Ken Lehew
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Sharlene Showalter	Arlene Marshall	Georgia Ford	Eric Showalter
GREETERS			
Howard / Lehew	James / Wright	L. Maples / B. Maples	D. Maples / Marshall
NURSERY WORKERS			
Megan Perry	Linda Seehorn	Kay Norris	Cassidy James
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Marcia James/ Megan Perry	Kristi Nei	Karla & Lauryn Morstorf
ELEMENTARY WORSHIP			
Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Tracy Briggs	Kevin & Renee Wohletz	Bryan and Melissa Boutz

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Melissa Boutz, Administrative Assistant

Come Join Us!

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

COMING UP AT ROLLING HILLS

Thurs., Jan. 2: Elder's Breakfast at Cracker Barrel, 7 a.m.
TNO Operation Backpack packing, 6 p.m. (Lyman Learning Center)

Sun., Jan. 19: All-Church Birthday Party

Sun., Jan. 26: Men's Breakfast at Hunter's Ridge McDonalds
News due to Melissa for the February issue of *The Pathway*

Weekly:

Wednesday Night Activities: Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. (resuming 1/8)
Thursdays at 9 a.m.: Ladies' Bible Study (resuming 1/16)

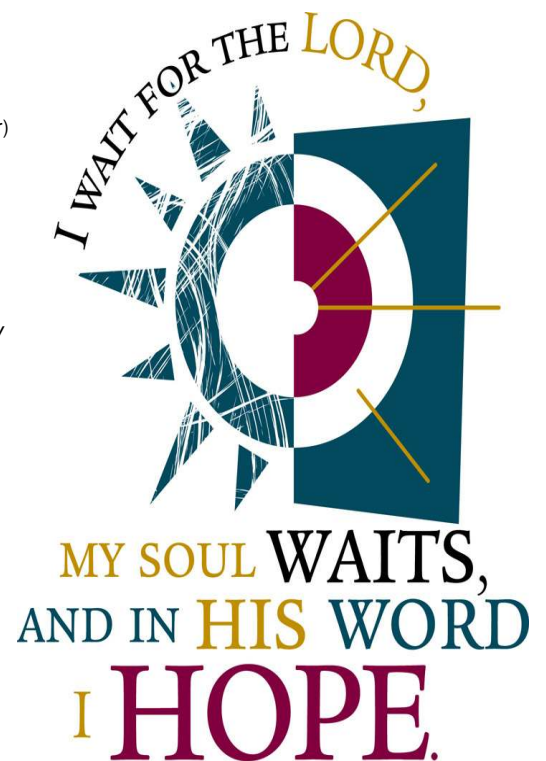
Coming Soon:

All-Church Annual Meeting, February 2, 9 a.m.

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Psalm 130:5, NRSV