

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: Plastic Surgery

Sunday morning I revealed to all in attendance at worship that I had visited a plastic surgeon. The good doctor specializes in plastic surgery, cosmetic surgery, and delicate hand surgery according to the sign on his door. I had a little work done several weeks ago, and had a follow up visit last week.

Some of my friends in outlying places may be wondering if I finally had that brain implant or mouth reduction that I so badly need ... no, I did not. I considered having a height implant (since I am somewhat under-height for my weight) but the good doctor wasn't able to do that. Nor (*Eric*) did I have a scalp reduction to reduce the sun's glare for those who are near me on a bright and cloudless day!

Actually, I had some cancerous tissue removed from the base of my neck. It was limited to the surface skin and posed no real health threat but was continuing to grow. So it was removed which prevented it from developing into any kind of future issue. The follow up visit was simply to ensure the scar tissue was nominal. All is well.

As I related Sunday morning, when I arrived at the doctor's office, I was the only patient in the waiting room. A nurse called my name. The doctor arrived, examined me and told me that everything looked great. As I was leaving the office, the waiting room now contained about eight or ten people. I announced to all my satisfaction with the doctor by saying, "Dr. Baraban is a great plastic surgeon. When I came this morning I was a 26 year old woman, and look at me now!" I then left quickly and have no idea what the conversation was after my departure. Indeed, I was a new man!

Speaking of being a new man, Paul reminds us in Colossians 3 that we all can be new.

(Vv. 1, 2) "So if you have been raised with the Messiah, seek what is above, where the Messiah is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth."

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Colossians 3:2 (HCSB)

(Vv. 8-10) "But now you must also put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his practices and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of his Creator."

Christians have been raised with Jesus out of our old self-directed and self-interested lives into new Christ-directed and Christ-interested lives. The behavior that society all around us says is okay and normal may not be okay or normal for us who are in Christ. Our emotions, language, how we approach other people, how we respect other people, how we deal with other people ... all of these things are to be new, to be fresh, because we are made new and we are made fresh through the cleansing and protecting blood of Jesus. Believe me, I know it isn't always easy to live the newness and freshness, but it is always right to improve our living in our newness and freshness.

Being a "Messiah man" or a "Messiah woman" is not plastic surgery. It isn't a simple or superficial adjustment to the surface. It goes to the root of our being. Our newness and freshness goes clear to the bone. We are renewed from the inside out. We look upward and live upward because that's the way our Creator made us to be.

Steve

Church Offerings

Date Offering

April 1:	\$3,618
April 8:	\$3,971
April 15:	\$2,525
April 22:	\$1,740

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

Invitations

**Announcing Brenda Kay
Watson's commencement
from Highland
Community College:
Please join us as we
celebrate Brenda's
graduation with a light
supper and cake,
Friday, May 11,
6-9 p.m. at the
Meadowood Clubhouse,
1900 NW Lyman**

**You are cordially invited
to attend a Bridal Show-
er and Brunch for
April Seehorn,
Saturday, May 12, 2012,
10:30 a.m. at Rolling
Hills Christian Church.
R.S.V.P. by May 1st to
Anna at 785-580-7636;
akseehorn@hotmail.com**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gloria McElroy's CaringBridge Site

If you would like to keep updated on Gloria's situation via CaringBridge.org, you can log in to her site at www.caringbridge.org/visit/gloriamcelroy

Seaside Escape Ladies Retreat

Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at the Woodward Inn at 1272 SW Fillmore. If you have questions, please contact Sharlene Showalter or Terry Baker.

National Day of Prayer, May 3

Thursday, May 3, is the National Day of Prayer. There will be prayer and worship at the State Capitol from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as well as a city-wide observance at the Washburn University Student Union, Room A, at 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School Meeting May 6

There will be a quick informational meeting after service on Sunday, May 6, for all interested in participating in Vacation Bible School this Summer. Come find out what's new this year!

Deacon & Elder Board Meeting, May 6

The Elders and Deacons will meet on Sunday, May 6. \$6 Supper at 6 p.m.

Elder's Meeting, Monday, May 7, 21

The Elders of the church will be meeting on alternating Mondays at 3:30

p.m. at Gambino's. The next meetings are May 7 and May 21.

Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, May 13, we will recognize the mothers in our congregation with a flower.

Graduate Recognition, May 13

We will be recognizing our graduates during service on May 13. At this time, we are aware that Josh Whisler and Brenda Watson are graduating this Spring. We regret if we may have accidentally left anyone out. Please inform the office if you know of any other graduates we need to add to our list!

Possible Work Trip

There has been some interest expressed in perhaps going to Alpha Christian Children's Home for a couple of work days this spring or summer. If you have interest in this project, please contact the church office.

Church Cleaning for April

Cleaning Crew 1 will clean for May. Thank you, Cleaning Crews!

Church Website: rhctopeka.org

Our website is up and running, with an up-to-date calendar and the most current newsletters. Check it out at rhctopeka.org!

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

A Big thank you to Walt & Terry Baker, Kay Norris, Bruce Maples, Harold Watson, and Linda Coffman.

Thanks for the Easter Breakfast prep. A great job to all who helped with the clean up.

*Thanks much,
Bob Coffman*

Dear RHCC,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers! Thanks for all the caring thoughts and prayers!

*Love,
Shawn, Megan,
Chace, Cruz,
& Milania Perry*

YOUTH MINISTRY

King Solomon Christian Camp Registration Due May 6!

We're looking forward to another fun year at King Solomon Christian Camp! For the early registration rate, we need payment and registration forms to the church office by Sunday, May 6, and the church will pay 1/3 of the early registration rate for families in the church. Following is a list of camp dates available:

- Kindergarten** Day Camp: June 2, \$25
- 1st & 2nd grade:** June 14-15 or July 5-6, \$70
- 3rd & 4th grade:** June 10-12 or July 29-31, \$100
- 5th & 6th grade:** June 25-28 or July 16-19, \$160
- Jr. High (7th & 8th):** June 18-22 or July 23-27, \$200
- Sr. High (9th-12th):** June 4-8 or July 9-13, \$200
(Price listed is early-bird rate, due by May 6.)

Registration forms and a sign up list will be available in the church foyer, and more information can be found at www.kingsolomoncc.com, or you can contact the church office.



Summer Vacation Bible School

We're planning something different for this year's Summer Vacation Bible School, and we hope you'll join us for the fun! There will be a meeting after church on **Sunday, May 6**, for news about our weekend VBS, planned for July 14-15. More information is coming soon!

Sunday FunDay

Our Weekend VBS will kickoff another new activity, called *Sunday FunDay*. Plans are underway for these fun Sunday afternoons out (3-5 p.m.). VBS and Sunday FunDays are aimed at children who are in preschool through 6th grade, and their families. At this point, we are tentatively planning the following Sunday FunDay activities:

- July 15: Gage Park
- July 22: Pool
- July 29: Drive-In movie at the Church
- August 5: Water Olympics
- August 12: Zoo

SERVING AT ROLLING HILLS FOR MAY

- WORSHIP ELDER** Bill Hollingshead **SONG LEADER** Melissa Boutz (Josh Whisler 5/6)
- SOUND** – David Maples **COMPUTER** – Jim Clark **CHURCH CLEANERS** – Crew 1
- COMMUNION PREPARATION** – The Purcell Family

* Communion Meditation # Offering Meditation			
6	13	20	27
* Bruce Maples # Bob Coffman Harold Watson Kevin Wohletz	* Bruce Maples # Bob Coffman Harold Watson Kevin Wohletz	* Gary Funke # Eric Showalter Randy James Shawn Perry	* Gary Funke # Eric Showalter Randy James Shawn Perry
BENEDICTION			
Bob Coffman	Bob Coffman	Eric Showalter	Eric Showalter
MISSIONS UPDATE			
Arlene Marshall	Eric Showalter	Gary Funke	Linda Dandy
GREETERS			
Nei / Norris	Huntsman / White	Funke / Perry	Showalter / Wright
NURSERY WORKERS – 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP			
Cassidy James	Terry Baker	Sharlene Showalter	Megan Perry
PRESCHOOL WORSHIP			
Karen Seel	Karen Seel	Kristi Nei & Brandon Fuller	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

- Fri.- Sat. Apr. 27-28:** Seaside Escape Ladies Retreat
Thurs., May 3: National Day of Prayer
Sun., May 6: King Solomon Camp Registration Due
VBS Meeting After Service
Elder and Deacon Board Meeting: \$6 Supper at 6pm
Mon., May 7, 21: Elder's Meeting at Gambino's, 3:30 p.m.
Sun., May 13: Mother's Day
Graduate Recognition
Sun., May 27: Information due for June newsletter
- Weekly:**
Mondays at 7 p.m.: Boy Scouts
Thursdays at 9 a.m.: Women's Bible Study

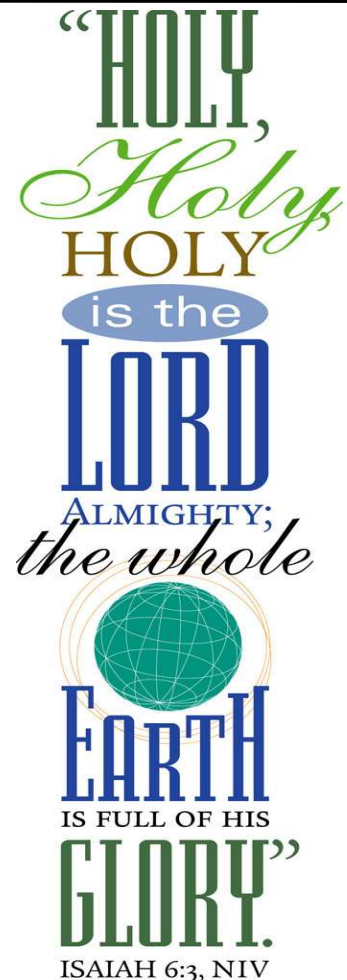
Coming This Summer:

July 14-15 Vacation Bible School
Sundays, July 15-August 12, 3-5 p.m.: *Sunday FunDay!*

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