

ROSE HILL

Friends Church



October 2014

From the Pastor's Pen

By Pastor David

- ~ "There is no God." -*The Atheist*
- ~ "There are many different paths of faith that all lead to God." -*The Liberal Politically Correct*
- ~ "You just need to connect with the God-power that is already in you." -*The New-Age Spiritualist*
- ~ "There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet." -*Islam*
- ~ "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father, except through me." - *Jesus*

What is glaringly obvious about these various statements of faith is that they are mutually exclusive. They cannot all be true. By their definition and construct, if one of these statements is true then the others are false. Yet, as simple as that seems, even this logic would be debated by many in our culture who hold that on matters of faith, there is no objective truth. They say, "One man may have a certain deeply-held truth while another man has an equally sincere differing truth." A great part of the spiritual battle being waged today over the souls of men is a "truth battle!" In fact, the Bible tells us that the devil is a "liar and the father of lies - there is no truth in him!" while at the same time emphatically affirming that Jesus is "The Truth." Satan is a great deceiver, when he lies he speaks his



native tongue. One of his greatest deceptions is the false yet popular idea that there is no *real* truth, no objective unchanging standard, no right which is always right, and no wrong that is always wrong. Once Satan can get a man to begin peering down this intellectual path it is an easy push to slide him on down the slippery slope of ever-changing cultural morals into the muddied waters of societal evolution. Ultimately, there is truth... and falsehood, right... and wrong, light... and darkness, life... and death. The truth is not hidden from us so that it must be rooted out and uncovered. No, God has revealed what is right and wrong, what is true and what is a lie. We do have a choice, a part to play, but our choice does not change what is true. We do not create reality with our mind or with our will. We choose to believe His revelation of truth or, by not believing, we choose to reject it and therefore believe a lie. On the day Jesus was crucified, Pontius Pilate asked, "What is truth?" The truth is...

"There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying!" 1 Tim 2:5-7

YOUTH NEWS

See You At The Pole // September 24

Pastor Gabe had the opportunity to go to both Douglass High and Rose Hill High's flagpoles to join students in prayer. RHFC provided donuts for the Douglass SYATP and Gabe brought a devotional and lead worship at the Rose Hill SYATP. On a morning where there were storms in many places, it stayed dry enough to have about 25 at Douglass and 45 at Rose Hill that morning. Thanks for your prayers.

See You After The Pole // September 24

The first-time event that took place at Rose Hill Christian Church happened the night of SYATP. Students from Rose Hill, Douglass, Mulvane, Andover, and Wichita came out to worship and pray together. Pastor Gabe had the opportunity to speak and focused on SYATP's theme "Never Stop Praying" from Ephesians 6:18. The response was tremendous! There were about 170 students and leaders who were able to come. Thanks to those who donated cookies and provided Youth Fund money for event door prizes. You can see a highlight video of the event [@ rhfc.org/youth.html](http://rhfc.org/youth.html).



Pastor Gabe speaking at SYAfterTP

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 5 // No Sunday Night Young Adult Group
 Oct. 15 // No Wednesday Night Youth Group
 Oct. 19 // No Sunday Night Young Adult Group
 Oct. 29 // Douglass FCA Night @RHFC // 7:00pm
 December 28 – January 1 // Friends Summit

FCA Night @ RHFC

Every month, RHFC has the opportunity to serve the Douglass FCA by hosting one of their gatherings. This month it will be on **Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7:00pm** at the church. Our regular youth group students are encouraged to be a part of the night.

Friends Summit 2014

When: December 28 – January 1

Where: San Diego, CA

Who: Students ages 16-25, but all adults are invited to come alongside and attend!

Price: \$295

Registration & Info: www.friendssummit.com

What is Summit? Summit is a conference that is designed around conversations that will celebrate and fuel the movement. Our stories provoke the conversation. Conversations that capture the imagination, conversations that draw out our passion for the mission of the Kingdom. From engaging worship sessions to quiet moments of prayer, from teaching to discussion groups, from Coffee House themes to simple moments with a friend, Summit will host conversations that shape the church. Conversations that could change your life!

Summit Travel Info: As a youth division, we have decided to travel together to San Diego as a group from EFC-MAYM. For those that want to fly, you are still welcome to do that. However, as a group, in an effort to minimize travel costs, we have decided to drive together to San Diego. Cost for the travel in church vans from Wichita to San Diego and back to Wichita will be **\$199 payable to EFC-MAYM by December 1**. Travel cost will include gas, two hotel stays, and two breakfasts. Lunch and suppers will be on your own. We will leave Wichita early on December 27 and will return in the evening of January 2.

LUKE 10 from Michael & KK

The Luke 10 team is composed of our family, Jeff Linville (Michael's dad), Hannah Kendall (from Haviland, KS), Gaylen Kinser (from Paonia, CO), and Matt Macy (Associate Director of EFM). We'll be meeting four nationals when we arrive in India: DK and Choity Sarkar of EFM India-Kolkata, Dr. Samon Retnaraj of EFM Nepal, and Ratnaker Rao, who's been a part of Friends ministry in central India under Eastern Region.

We leave this Sunday afternoon, the 5th, and will arrive in New Delhi, India, just after midnight Tuesday morning (it'll be 2 pm CST Monday for most of you. India is 10 hours and 30 minutes ahead of CST-so we'll be waking up as you go to sleep and wrapping up our evenings as you wake up). After another plane ride and long taxi through the hills, we'll reach our first destination, Shimla, mid-afternoon Tuesday (India time). Shimla is the capital city of Himachal Pradesh and home to about 400,000 people. It was the summer hill station the British ruled from when they controlled India. While trying to adjust to the time, climate, and altitude, we will be visiting with local pastors we met last time as well as interviewing random strangers. We also plan to visit one of the local hospitals to try to figure out how Kathryn might best use her nursing skills. The whole time we are seeking to understand more of the local culture, the state of the Christian church in that area, as well as assess any of their needs.

We plan to leave on the 10th and go east to a small town about 5 hour drive away. Here we will be in the rural setting, hopefully stay in host homes, and will visit a village church as well as go to a village that doesn't have any Christians. After this, we'll leave on the 12th and make our way to Kullu, which is a larger city about 10 hours to the north. We did not visit this area last time, so these last couple days will be entirely new to all of us. This final part to our stay we will rely on the Lord to direct us each step of the way. Who knows what the Lord has in store for us! (continued next column)

October

We are blessed to have two outstanding pastors at Rose Hill Friends church.

Pastor David & Desiree felt the Lord leading them back to Kansas after serving in Virginia for 17 years. They began at RHFC in January of 2011. David's passions are people, the pulpit and the plan of salvation! If you spend any time with him at all, you will be witness to all three of those passions! Desiree has been faithful in women's ministries and teaching. Both have spent much time in the community. David and Des have two married sons and four grandchildren.

Pastor Gabe and Sarah, along with their children Isaiah and Isabel, serve as our associate pastor with emphasis on youth and worship. Pastor Gabe is also active in the community having had opportunity to be a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at both Douglass and Rose Hill High Schools and he helps coach middle school basketball in Douglass. He was asked to speak at the all new *See You After the Pole* in Rose Hill, which was attended by close to 200 students and sponsors from around the area. Gabe is also the brain behind our internet ministry. Pastor Gabe's passion is worship and he is often asked to lead at places like camp, retreats and ministry conference.

Please be sure to encourage these two men and their families as we celebrate **Pastor Appreciation Month** during October.

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Throughout our time, we will learn more about the local culture and religions by visiting some of their temples, landmarks, and other cultural highlights. We'll leave Kullu in the morning of the 15th and spend the day in Delhi debriefing before boarding a plane back to the States that night, arriving back to Wichita Thursday morning. We can't thank you enough for partnering with us in prayer! We look forward to seeing how the Lord answers your prayers, reveals His will, and provides the entire time!

May the Lord bless you abundantly,

Michael, Kathryn, Nehemiah, and Asher

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Mission Statement

Rose Hill Friends Church,
in obedience to Jesus Christ our
Lord, endeavors to encourage and
nurture spiritual growth and
reach out
to the community and beyond
presenting the Gospel.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
Young Adult Group 6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday – 7:00–8:00pm

Adult Bible Study
Youth Group
Discovery Club – ages 0-3rd grade

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