

Life Application Questions

- ❖ Where in your life are you prone to lose perspective?
- ❖ How can you make Jesus the center of your life today? This week?
- ❖ What would it look like in your life to trust Jesus more deeply and treasure him more completely?

Sermon audio and notes are available online at
www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, **especially Jorvens**.
- ~Doris De Good had hip replacement surgery on Aug 29. She is home and doing well.
- ~Sharon Dulyea had an MRI on Aug 16 for sciatic nerve pain. Waiting for results.
- ~Carol Riegling is on oxygen & consulting with doctors.
- ~Elaine Pierson is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – MRI results show tumor is stable. Continues treatments.
- ~Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Ray Dulyea continued prayer his kidney “numbers” will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Emily Bowers, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~Sarah Degen (Yurick’s daughter) surgery was successful. Will start radiation.
- ~Kathy Lambers (friend of Bergman’s) 6th battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma’s mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Russ VerMerris (Kevin’s dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~Dawson Babiak (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.
- ~Jan Lapp (Tyler’s mom) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

Congratulations:

To **Brian & Karissa (Baugh) Ellis** who were united in marriage on Aug 20.

Sympathy Expressed:

To **Norm & Wilma Rottman** at the death of their son-in-law, **Gary Blok**, on August 25.

Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

Our worship service: Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

The message: This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish.

The offering: This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (bulletin insert).

Prayer time: We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

Childcare: Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a parent-infant room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

Formality: We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet in the lobby or visit our website: rockfordreformedchurch.org.

Vision: To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

Mission: To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, September 4, 2016
Worship @ 9:30am



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manifesto

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*My Lighthouse, O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
In Christ Alone*

Children (ages 3-7) are invited to Children's Worship downstairs

OFFERING

Revelation Song

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Rev 22:12-13 (p.945)

MESSAGE

"I AM the Alpha and the Omega"
Pastor Paul Bradford

COMMUNION

There Is A Fountain

RESPONSE

There Is A Fountain

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:
(9:30am) Pam & Kathryn Jacobs

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:
(9:30am) Emily De Witte



Next Sunday: "One Body, One Purpose: Members of Christ"
I Corinthians 12:12-27 (p.875) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

9:05am: Prayer in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:45am: After Service Social downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

This week's Social hosted by: The Labor Day Ladies

Sunday School for all ages starts Sept 18 at 10:00am.

- Adults: "Faith & Politics – Our Past, Present, & Future," led by Ryan DeKuijer in the Fireside Room #253

High School Youth Group starts Sept 18, 6:30pm in the Youth Room #153.

Praise In The Park, 6:00pm: Garden Park Stage, downtown Rockford on the banks of the Rogue River. Today: Perfect Shelter (Last Concert)

This Week:

Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study – "Discover Isaiah," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm#212. Starts Sept 13.

Wed, Sept 7, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and great conversation. All welcome!

Wednesday Night Activities Start, Sept 21

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club**, 6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**, 6:45pm **Adult Classes**

Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. New study - "A Man and His Traps," starts Sept 17. Meet in the Fireside Rm#253

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Sun, Sept 11: Blood Pressure Screening after both services (Rm#211)

Sun, Sept 11: RRC Annual SeptemberFest. (Fall Kick Off)

Join us for an **All-Church Picnic** on the front lawn following the 11:00am service. Music, games & prizes! Hamburgs, hot dogs, and tableware provided. Bring a dish or beverage to share. Fall programming info for kids & adults will be available. Back to two services @ 8:45am & 11:00am.

A Call to Prayer. Are you interested in attending a weekly prayer meeting?

Pastor Paul would like to start a prayer revival in our congregation which would include a weekly prayer meeting. Day and time to be determined. Contact Pastor Paul with your suggestions at paul@rockfordrc.org or text/call 248-824-3662.

Weekend Women's Retreat Sept 30-Oct 2 at SpringHill Camp. Info on our website: www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/womens-retreat/. **Deadline extended to Sept 11.**

Sun, Sept 18, 6:00pm: Concert of Prayer. Join us as we pray over the ministries of RRC. (Child care provided)

Thurs, Sept 29, 7-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club planning session in the Fireside Rm#253. The Book Club will meet monthly. Join us to discuss book titles and location of meetings.

On-line Giving: You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website www.RockfordReformedChurch.org



Consistory Nomination Forms are available in the back of the sanctuary. One form can be filled out by each communicant member. A list of eligible members is also available. A Nomination Form and list of eligible members was also e-mailed. You can email your nominations to office@rockfordrc.org or fill out a form and place it in the box in the back of the sanctuary. Deadline is 12:00noon TODAY, Sunday, Sept 4. Open positions are: Administrative Deacon (1), Shepherd Elder (2), and Service Deacon (2).

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

MS & HS Sunday School starts Sept 18 at 10:00am

MS Youth Group starts Wed, Sept 21 at 6:30pm (6-8th grades)

HS Youth Group starts Sun, Sept 18 at 6:30pm (9-12th grades)

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: laura@rockfordrc.org

Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade starts Sept 18 at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs) starts Wednesday, Sept 21

6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Clubs

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 224

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,067.12

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$560.00

Last week's Benevolent Fund (for Jorvens): \$260.00 Total to date: \$6,313.00

I Am the Alpha and the Omega

9th in Series: The I AM who changes who I am

Text: Revelation 22:12-13

Sunday: 9/4/2016

Intro

God's Word

As the Alpha and Omega...

① **Jesus is _____, the everlasting _____, one with the Father and the Spirit.**

② **Jesus is the eternal _____ of God made flesh.**

③ **Jesus is the center of _____.**

④ **Jesus is the _____ and _____ of our faith.**

⑤ **Jesus is the embodiment of true _____.**

Our Response

It's all about Jesus – _____ him and _____ him, for he _____ you.