

## Life Application Questions

- ❖ *Have you put your trust in Jesus as the Lord and Savior of your life?*
- ❖ *Think of an important role in your life right now. In that role, how can you live the life that Jesus would live if Jesus was living your life?*
- ❖ *Think of a challenge or hardship in your life right now. In that difficult situation, how can you live the life that Jesus would live if Jesus was living your life?*

## I am Committed to Christ

- ❖ *I believe and have been baptized: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son. I trust Jesus as my Savior and Lord, have been baptized in his name, and am committed to the essentials of the Christian faith.*
- ❖ *I will follow Christ: As a disciple of Christ, I commit to renewing my mind in his truth and following his ways. Through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit within me, I will seek to live as Jesus would live if Jesus was living my life.*

Sermon audio and notes are available online at  
[www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Gary Gingrich** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Sept 19.
- ~**Scott Weir** had surgery for a broken neck & leg after an accident. Has a neck brace and a rod in his leg.
- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**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) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) done with chemo & doing well.
- ~**Jan Lapp** (Tyler's mom) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

### Praise & Thanksgiving:

**Rebecca Cruttenden** completed the Ironman Race in Wisconsin last weekend and reached her goal of raising \$20,000 for Team Orphans!!

## 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](http://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**  
connecting • growing • serving

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

**Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Manifesto*

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*My One Comfort*

*Praise To The Lord*

### OFFERING

*I Surrender All*

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

(Beth Jennings & Brian Ellis)



Children (ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20 (p.763)

### MESSAGE

"One Body, One Purpose: Following Jesus"

Pastor Paul Bradford

### RESPONSE

*Be Thou My Vision*

### CLOSING BLESSING

### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Kate Fleetham (11:00am) Stephanie Bergman, Tamra Miller

### Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Julie Ringnalda, Avery Jennings (11:00am) Lora & Maddison Jenema, Melissa VanderTuuk

**Next Sunday:** "One Body, One Purpose: Filled with the Spirit"

Galatians 5:16-26 (p.889) • Pastor Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

## Today:

**8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer** in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

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

- **Ages 3 – DK** meet in Classroom #111
- **Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **Senior High** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Faith & Politics – Our Past, Present, & Future," led by Ryan DeKuiper in the Fireside Room #253

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

**High School Youth Group** starts TODAY, Sept 18. Meet at church at **2:15pm** to leave for canoeing.

## This Week:

**Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting** in the sanctuary (starts 9/26)

**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.

## Wednesday Night Activities Start, Sept 21

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club**

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Christianity, Cults, & World Religions" – Co-ed Class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm#253
- "Keep It Shut" – Women's Study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm#253. Next meeting – Oct 1.

**Sat, Sept 24, 1:00pm: Adult Senior Singles.** Lunch at New Beginnings Restaurant on Northland Dr then back to church in the Fireside Room for games and dessert. RSVP with Carol @ 866-4845.

## Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.**

**Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

**A Call to Prayer.** On Monday, Sept 26 Pastor Paul is starting a weekly prayer meeting to pray for revival in our personal lives and in our congregation. Everyone is welcome! Can't come weekly? Join us any time.

**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.

**Sun, Oct 2, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting** in the gym.

**Wed, Oct 12, 5:00-6:30pm: Flu Shot Clinic.** Watch for details

**Usher Volunteers needed for the 8:45am service.** Women or men welcome. Contact Wilma Nelson (866-3502) or the church office if you are interested.

**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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



## Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto:brian@rockfordrc.org)

**MS & HS Sunday School** starts TODAY, Sept 18 at 10:00am  
**MS** – Youth Room #153, **HS** Rm #246

**MS Youth Group** starts Wed, Sept 21 at 6:30pm (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Come dressed for Slip N' Slide Kick Ball

**HS Youth Group** starts Sun, TODAY, Sept 18 (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Meet at church at 2:15pm to leave for canoeing

## Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org)

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [laura@rockfordrc.org](mailto:laura@rockfordrc.org)

**Sunday School** for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade starts TODAY, 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: 313

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,479.68

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,525.00

# Following Jesus

*2<sup>nd</sup> Series: One Body, One Purpose*

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday: 9/18/2016

## Intro

## God's Word

① **A disciple of Jesus is someone who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .**

② **A disciple of Jesus is someone who is learning to \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ .**

③ **A disciple of Jesus is someone who is learning to \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus would \_\_\_\_\_ if Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ his or her \_\_\_\_\_ .**

④ **A disciple of Jesus is someone who has given up \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus and has given Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in their heart.**

⑤ **A disciple of Jesus is someone who shares the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.**

## Our Response

**A disciple of Jesus is someone who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as his or her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ , and who is seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus would \_\_\_\_\_ if Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ his or her \_\_\_\_\_ .**