

- ❖ *Where am I setting my mind on the things of this world? Where am I setting my mind on the things of the Spirit?*
- ❖ *What lies am I believing? What truths from God's Word do I need to embrace?*
- ❖ *Am I trusting or trying? How can I deepen my dependence on God?*

### **I am Committed to Christ**

- ❖ *I will seek to manifest the Fruit of the Spirit: I commit to walking by the Spirit and living in obedience to God's Word so that my life might increasingly display evidence that I have become a new creation in Christ.*
- ❖ *I will spend time with God: I commit to intentionally nurturing my relationship with God and growing in knowledge of his Word.*

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## Prayer Fellowship

### **Recovery & Intercession:**

- ~**Tom Smith:** Hospitalized (in New Jersey) with pneumonia.
- ~**Gary Gingrich** had knee replacement surgery on Sept 19.
- ~**Scott Weir** had surgery for a broken neck & leg after an accident. Now home but long recovery.
- ~**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) undergoing radiation.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman's) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Jan Lapp** (Tyler's mom) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

### **Praise & Thanksgiving:**

Congratulations to **Ray & Sharon Dulyea** who will celebrate **55 years** of marriage on September 29.

## 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**  
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**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

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

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Hallelujah To Saving Grace*

### **SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*How Great Thou Art, Rejoice, Come Thou Fount*

### **OFFERING**

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

### **MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – KIDS HOPE USA**

(Audrey Shantz)

### **PRAYER**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 5:16-26 (p.889)

### **MESSAGE**

“One Body, One Purpose: Walking by the Spirit”

Pastor Paul Bradford

### **RESPONSE**

*From The Inside Out*

### **CLOSING BLESSING**

### **Today's Nursery Volunteers:**

(8:45am) Cherri Pastula, Sarah & Olivia (11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

### **Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:**

(8:45am) Meg DeVries, Kennedy Huffman (11:00am) Beth Jennings, Leigh Verburg

**Next Sunday:** “One Body, One Purpose: Loving Christ's Bride”

Philippians 2:1-4 (p.894) • Pastor Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

## Today:

**8:15am: Prayer** in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

**Sunday School** for all ages:

- **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

**6:30pm: High School Youth Group.** Meet in the Youth Room #153

## 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:

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

**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.

**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.

## 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.

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

**Wed, Oct 5, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck.** Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food and conversation. Program following: Words of Hope with Bryan Boersma (our former Associate Pastor).

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:** Watch for information.

**Wed, Oct 12, 5:00-6:30pm: Flu Shot Clinic** in Rm #141 (Music Rm). Sign-up at the desk in the back of the sanctuary.

**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** at 10:00am

**MS** – Youth Room #153, **HS** Rm #246

**MS Youth Group** (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades): Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm #153.

**HS Youth Group** (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades): Sundays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm #153.

## 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 at 10:00am

**KidLife Club** (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

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

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 247

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,068.07

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$655.00

# Walking by the Spirit

*3<sup>rd</sup> Series: One Body, One Purpose*

Text: Galatians 5:16-26

Sunday: 9/25/2016

## Intro

## God's Word

① **If we walk by the \_\_\_\_\_ we will not be controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_.**

② **The Spirit and the flesh \_\_\_\_\_ each other**

③ **The flesh produce \_\_\_\_\_ and the Spirit produces \_\_\_\_\_.**

④ **We \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit but we must also \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit.**

• We can \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh.

• We can \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit but \_\_\_\_\_ by the flesh.

• We can \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit.

## Our Response

**The \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ fruit of the Spirit will**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as you renounce \_\_\_\_\_, set your**

**\_\_\_\_\_ on God's truth, and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit in**

**humble, earnest, and prayer filled dependence on God.**

Ⓐ \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh.

Ⓑ \_\_\_\_\_ on the things of the Spirit.

Ⓒ \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit in humble, earnest, and prayer filled \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

• The key is \_\_\_\_\_ more deeply, not \_\_\_\_\_ harder.

## Life Application Questions

❖ *Have I been born of the Spirit?*