

## Life Application Questions

- ❖ *In what areas am I compromising my convictions to gain popularity, prosperity, or position?*
- ❖ *How would my life change if I began to live as one who is not of the world, but who is sent by Jesus into the world?*
- ❖ *What steps can I take this week to align my lifestyle with God's Word?*

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Carol Riegling** scheduled for surgery (Endarterectomy) at U of M Feb 10.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – tumor is stable, continues treatment.
- ~**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, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) chemo is working. One tumor remains.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman's) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Barry Lambers** (Kathy's husband) suffered spinal injury, paralyzed waist down.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

### Sympathy Expressed to:

**Tyler Lapp & Kayla Johnson and families** at the death of Tyler's mom, **Jan Lapp**, on Dec 30.

## 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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Sunday, January 15, 2017

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

*Rising Sun*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*How Great Thou Art, My One Comfort, Prodigal*

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

**OFFERING**

**INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS**

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 2:12-17 (p.933)

**MESSAGE**

“The Seven Churches in Revelation: In the World but not of the World”

Pastor Paul Bradford

**RESPONSE**

*Give Us Clean Hands*

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**Today's Nursery Volunteers:**

(8:45am) Julie Ringnald, Kate Fleetham (11:00am) Beth & Anna Triezenberg

**Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:**

(8:45am) Chris Knapp, Nicholas Knapp (11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Kori Yurick, Sarah McIntosh

**Next Sunday:**

“The Seven Churches of Revelation: Overcoming Through Obedience”

Revelation 2:18-29 (p.934) • Pastor Tony Campbell

## What's Going On?

### Today:

**8:20am: Prayer** in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

**10:00am: 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
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Reformation Overview" – a video series led by Phil Knapp (Rm#253). Starts Jan 15.

**Sun, Jan 15, 5:00pm: Concert of Prayer** (NOTE new time)

**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.

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study** – "Speaking Wisely," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

### Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club** (ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

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

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Letter to the Hebrews – Part 2" – Co-ed class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Women of the Bible, Part 2" – Women's study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

**Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club.** Fireside Rm #253.

Dec/Jan Book: *The Gate* by Dann A. Stouten. Next meeting is Jan 26.

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Jan 21.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

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

**Interested in joining a new Life Group?** Sign-up sheet at the Info Desk in back of the Sanctuary. Life Groups start back up on Jan 15.

**Year-End Giving Statements** are in your church mailboxes.

**Sat, Jan 28, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group.** Pizza Party in the Fireside Room (#253) at church.

**Sun, Feb 12, 12:15pm: New-Comer's Lunch.** Are you new to RRC? Join Pastor Paul & Tammy Bradford for an informal lunch (following the 11:00am service) and a chance to have any questions answered. Please RSVP with the church office (866-2308) or at [office@rockfordrc.org](mailto:office@rockfordrc.org)

**Mentors needed for Kids Hope!** Contact Audrey Shantz, [audreyshantz@gmail.com](mailto:audreyshantz@gmail.com)

**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)

**Sunday School** at 10:00am: **MS** (Youth Room #153), **HS** (Rm #246)

**MS** meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, **HS** meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

**Winter Retreats:** **HS** January 27-29, **MS** February 10-12

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

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

KidLife 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 Club

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 267

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,667.39

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,131.00

**Benevolent Fund Donations for Jorvens (July-Dec): \$18,552.45 Total to date**

*Thank you!!*

## In the World but not of the World

*3<sup>rd</sup> in Series: The Seven Churches of Revelation*

Text: Revelation 2:12-17

Sunday: 1/15/2017

### Intro

### God's Word

① **The Word is a sharp, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; we should \_\_\_\_\_ before Him!**

② **Be on guard against the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the world.**

Ⓐ Balaam and the Nicolaitans.

Ⓑ Jesus wants his church to be \_\_\_\_\_.

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③ **Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ against us unless we repent of our  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

④ **Jesus will give us true \_\_\_\_\_ and lasting \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Our Response

**We are not \_\_\_\_\_ the world and must not \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
world, rather Jesus has sent us \_\_\_\_\_ the world to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the world!**