

Life Application

- ❖ Give a gift or send a card to someone this week.
- ❖ Pray privately for several people you might not normally pray for.
- ❖ Pray publicly in an authentic way, praying to God alone, and don't worry what anybody thinks.
- ❖ Pray for some specific issue and really believe that God will hear you, not because of your well spoken words or your personal righteousness, but because he is your loving, all powerful Father, and because in Christ you are reconciled to God and made worthy to approach God's throne.

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Beth Ashendorf is home. Volunteers appreciated to visit. Call Sam (308-4596) if you can help.
- ~Ray Dulyea has been hospitalized to get his calcium levels regulated.
- ~George Mansell is in rehab at Porter Hills. Visitors appreciated.
- ~Elaine Pierson is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – MRI showed the tumor has grown. Will undergo radiation & chemo in addition to current treatment.
- ~Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.
- ~Be in prayer for all **military personnel, disaster victims, and people searching for jobs.**

Extended Family:

- ~Edie Walton (Sally Bowers' mom) is in Hospice care.
- ~Bill K. (friend of Shankens) foot amputated and full knee replacement. In rehab.
- ~Judy Handanch (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~Carrol Orton (Sharon Dulyea's sister) undergoing radiation treatments.
- ~Brandon Homrich (Newkirk's son-in-law) Looking at new medical options.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

Sympathy Expressed:

- ~To the family of Pam Herin who passed away on July 31.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

- ~Congratulations to **Floyd & Carol Riegling** who celebrated **60 years** of marriage on August 2.
- ~Congratulations to **Chris & Megan TerVeen** on the birth of their son, **Jonah Maxwell**, on July 17.

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
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Worship @ 9:30am

Mighty Fortress

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Rising Sun, It Is Well with My Soul

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

OFFERING

Moment for Mission: MS Ohio Mission Trip

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:1-18 (p.741)

MESSAGE

"True Worship: Our Secret Life With God"
Pastor Paul Bradford



Communion

COMMUNION

Good Good Father

RESPONSE

Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am)

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am)

Next Sunday: "True Worship: Seeking First God's Kingdom"
Matthew 6:25-34 (p.741) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

9:05am: Prayer in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

After Service Socials: Join us in the gym for goodies and great conversation.

This week's hosts: Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

Next week: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday School for all ages: *(Resumes Sept 17)*

6:00pm: Praise in the Park at the Garden Park Stage in downtown Rockford.

TODAY: Perfect Shelter (Christian Praise Band/Original Music)

Next week, August 13: The Point Church Praise Team

This Week:

Monday's, Tee times from 5:30pm: Open Golf at Cedar Chase Golf Club.

Cost is \$15 (includes cart & 9 holes) Contact Jerry Coon @ 204-3858 for more info.

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

Tuesdays, 6:30pm: Church Fellowship Softball League.

Aug 8: Season Play-offs @ Art Van Field (3300 10 Mile Rd NE)

Every other Saturday, 7:15-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. "Manhood

Restored" by Eric Mason. Meet in the Fireside Rm#253.

Next meeting Aug 19.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mail Folders and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Church Office: Marcia Shanken is on vacation and will be back Aug 8. Limited hours on Monday, Aug 7. Call 866-2308 to be sure someone will be there.

Worship Survey: A survey was emailed on July 22 asking you to let us know which of the two services (9:30am or 11:00am) you would most likely attend when we go back to two services in the Fall. This information will greatly help us in planning for Fall activities. A hard copy of the survey was put in the Family Mail Folder (church office hallway) of those who do not have email. *Thank you!*

Summer Worship Schedule: One service at **9:30am** - thru Sept 10

Sun, Sept 10: RRC Annual SeptemberFest. (Fall Kick-Off)

Join us for an **All-Church Picnic** on the front lawn following the morning service (still one service at 9:30am). Watch for details! Fall programming for kids & adults will be available.

Sat, Sept 23, 6:30pm: Fundraiser Event for Brandon Homrich (Newkirk's son-in-law). Assumption Family Life Center, 6390 Belmont Ave, Belmont MI. Music/Heavy Appetizers/chance drawings/games. \$10 per person

Saturday, Sept 30, 8:30am: Ladies' Day Event with speaker Karen Hossink. Includes morning breakout sessions and ends with a delicious lunch. Be sure to invite other women from the community. Registration is now open on the RRC website. Help needed for set-up, tear down, food, decoration, lead a fun craft, be a small group facilitator, etc. Contact Lori VerMerris, lvermerris@yahoo.com

Paper Gator. You may have noticed we no longer have a Paper Gator. We were not collecting enough to meet the requirements of the program. You can still find Paper Gator bins at Our Lady of Consolation, Rockford Baptist Church, and North Rockford Middle School.

Needed: Volunteers for Hillview Learning Center. More info on our website at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/hillview-learning-center.

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



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

Sunday School *(Resumes Sept 17)*

MS Youth Group meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm *(Resumes Sept 20)*

HS Youth Group meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm *(Resumes Sept 17)*

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

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

KidLife Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade *(Resumes Sept 17)*

KidLife Club: Wednesday Programming *(Resumes Sept 27)*

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 142

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,868.70

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$930.00

Our Secret Life With God

Series: *True Worship*

Text: Matthew 6:1-18

Sunday: 8/6/2017

Intro

God's Word

① _____ generously, but not for _____.

② _____ earnestly, but not for _____.

③ _____ faithfully, but not for _____.

Our Response

Give, pray, and serve humbly, with no thought of your own

_____, or expectation of

_____, knowing that God will reward you in your

_____ and in _____.