

## Life Application

- ❖ What kind of corrupting talk are you most prone to? How has God's Word challenged or convicted you in the area of your words?
- ❖ To whom do you need to speak words that encourage, affirm, or connect? Are you prepared to give your word that you will intentionally seek to speak life giving words to that person? If you are ready, give your word.
- ❖ What in your heart might be a root of corrupting talk? When it comes to how you use your words, what is the deepest desire of your heart?

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Sarah Proppe – Home now recovering after surgery for a herniated disc.
- ~Ruth Westrate – home and continues recovery.
- ~Beth Ashendorf is home. Volunteers appreciated to visit. Call Sam (308-4596) if you can help.
- ~Ray Dulyea – prayer that all “numbers” will stay regulated.
- ~Elaine Pierson is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – Undergoing radiation & chemo in addition to current treatment. Seeking advice from Mayo & U of M.
- ~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:

- ~Brandon Homrich (Newkirk's son-in-law) in ICU. Prayers for the family.
- ~Eddie Walton (Sally Bowers' mom) is in Hospice care.
- ~Bill K. (friend of Shankens) is home and continues rehab.
- ~Judy Handanch (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~Carrol Orton (Sharon Dulyea's sister) undergoing radiation treatments.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

### Sympathy:

- ~Expressed to **Scott & Pam Jacobs and family** at the death of Scott's Grandmother, **Mathilda Jacobs** on August 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 back of church after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary Welcome Bag in the lower lobby. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

**Children 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & Under:** Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service or may attend KidLife (available both services)! The KidLife Check-in Station is in the Fellowship Hall Room 100. ALL children attending KidLife should be checked in before the service even if they will be going down to KidLife after the first part of 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'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 Bag 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 17, 2017

Worship @ 9:30am & 11:00am

*Create In Me*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Rejoice, Oceans (Where Feet May Fail), Oh God*

BAPTISM

9:30: Evelyn Grace Alexander, daughter of Todd & Sarah Alexander

11:00: Jonah Maxwell TerVeen, son of Chris & Megan TerVeen

Children (ages 3 years – 5th grade) are invited to KidLife downstairs

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:29-30 (p.892)

MESSAGE

“Little Things That Make a Big Difference: Words”

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

*Take My Life*

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Karen Bazen (11:00am) Cherri Pastula, Sarah/Olivia, Brianna Knapp

Next Sunday: “Little Things That Make a Big Difference: Habits”

James 1:13-15 (p.917) • Jason VerMuelen

# What's Going On?

## Today:

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

**Sunday School** for all ages: (*Starts TODAY*)

*KidLife Check-in Station is located in the Fellowship Hall Room 100*

- KidLife for Ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 9:20-10:40am and 10:50am-12:15pm (*This includes drop-off and pick-up time not actual class time*)
  - **Ages 3 – K** meet in Room 101
  - **1st – 5th grade** meet in Room 112
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room 153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Room 246
- **Adults: Starting Nov 5.** 9:30-10:30am – 6-week Parenting Class led by Kevin & Polly Johnson. Fireside Rm 253.

**6:00pm: High School Youth Group** – Bonfire at Darryl DeGood's home.

**Blood Pressure Screening** following both services in Room 212.

## This Week:

**Mondays, 7-8pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting** in the sanctuary.

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study:** "Faith: Depending on God"  
Led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd. Meet in Room 212.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** (*Resume September 27*)

6:00pm Family Dinner

6:30pm KidLife Club (3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade), 6:45pm Adult Classes

6:30pm **MS Youth Group (starts Sept 20)**

**Every other Sat, 7:15-8:30am. Men's Study Breakfast:** "Accepting the Call to Personal Transformation." Led by Kevin Johnson. Meet in the Fireside Room 253. Continental Breakfast served. Next meeting – Sept 23

## Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

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

**Hurricane Harvey Donations:** RCA Global Mission is working with disaster response partners. To donate use the link in the eBeacon or mail checks to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Dept., 4500 60<sup>th</sup> St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512 and include "Hurricane Relief" on your check. Thank you!

**Sun, Sept 24 – Presentation of Bibles:** Bibles will be presented to all those in **Kindergarten** and **6<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please contact the church office with the name of your child. We don't want to miss anyone!

**Fri, Sept 22: Church Office Closed**

**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

**Sun, Sept 24, 5:00pm: Concert of Prayer.** Join us as we pray over all the Ministries of the church.

**Saturday, Sept 30, 8:30am: Ladies' Day Event** with speaker Karen Hossink. Includes morning breakout sessions and ends with a delicious lunch. Invite other women from the community. Registration on the RRC website. Forms are also available in the back of church. Deadline is Sept 17 for lunch. You can still register for the event itself. Contact Lori VerMerris, [lvermerris@yahoo.com](mailto:lvermerris@yahoo.com)

**Sat, Sept 30, 1:00pm: Adult Singles** meet for lunch at Grill One Eleven then back to church for dessert & fun in Room 253. RSVP with Carol 866-4845

**Sun, Oct 1, 5:00pm: Congregational Information Meeting**

**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: MS** meets 9:30-10:30am in the Youth Room 153

**HS** meets 9:30-10:30am in Room 246

**MS Youth Group** meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

*Resumes Sept 20 with a bonfire at the Jennings' home at 6:30pm*

**HS Youth Group** meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

*Resumes Sept 17 with a bonfire at Darryl DeGood's home at 6:00pm*

## 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 for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades.** 9:20-10:40am and 10:50am-12:15pm  
(*Includes drop-off & pick-up time not actual class time*)

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

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 218

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,800.90

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$856.00

# Words

*Series: Little Things that make a Big Difference*

Text: Ephesians 4:29–30

Sunday: 9/17/2017

## Intro

## God's Word

❖ **Speak only** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **words**

## Our Response

① **Examples of** \_\_\_\_\_ **talk**

Ⓐ Words that \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓑ Words that \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓒ Words of \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓓ Words of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓔ Words that convey \_\_\_\_\_

② **How to speak** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **words**

Ⓐ Start in your \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓑ Apply the Bible's \_\_\_\_\_

③ **Examples of** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **words**

Ⓐ Words that \_\_\_\_\_

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Ⓒ Words that \_\_\_\_\_