

## Life Application

- ❖ Search “3DM The Learning Circle” on YouTube.com and watch one of the explanatory videos. How can you engage in this process?
- ❖ Take 15 minutes to pray, asking God to reveal what’s in your heart (Ps. 139:23-24). Then, consider whether there are negative habits in your life. Acknowledge that in Christ you are a New Creation (2 Cor. 5:17), then ask Him for strength to replace these habits.
- ❖ Pick one of the three habits from today, and decide on an easy next step that you will take this week.

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Carol Riegling** had brain surgery Sept 21 to remove a large cyst.
- ~**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. Not doing well.
- ~**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:

- ~**Eddie Walton** (Sally Bowers’ mom) is in Hospice care.
- ~**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 **Chris & Mary Newkirk and family** at the death of their Son-in-law, **Brandon Homrich** on Sept 15.

### Congratulations to:

- ~**Casey & Sue Kalee** who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Sept 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 24, 2017**

**Worship @ 9:30am & 11:00am**

*Create In Me*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES**

to those in Kindergarten & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*How Great Thou Art, There is a Fountain*

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

**OFFERING**

*Mighty Fortress*

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

James 1:13-15 (p.917)

**MESSAGE**

“Little Things That Make a Big Difference: Habits”

Jason Vermuelen

**RESPONSE**

*Lord I Need You*

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**Today’s Nursery Volunteers:**

(9:30am) Stephanie Bergman (11:00am) Emillie Clayton, Anna Triezenberg

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

2 Corinthians 6:3-8 (p.881) • Pastor Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

## Today:

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

## Sunday School for all ages:

*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) @ 9:30am in the Youth Room 153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) @ 9:30am in Room 246
- **Adults: Starting Nov 5.** 9:30-10:30am – 6-week Parenting Class led by Kevin & Polly Johnson. Fireside Rm 253.

**6:30-8:00pm: High School Youth Group** – meet in the Youth Room 153.

## 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:

6:00pm Family Dinner

6:30-8:00pm KidLife Club (3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

6:30-8:00pm MS Youth Group – meet in the Youth Room 153.

6:45- 8:00pm Adult Classes:

- "From Big Bang to Stars and Planets – New Revelations of God's Creation" led by Steve Steenwyk, Rm 253
- "Women's Life Application Studies" led by Polly Johnson, Rm 250

**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. You can still register for the event itself. Contact Lori VerMerris, [lvemerris@yahoo.com](mailto:lvemerris@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

**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 – Oct 7

## 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 Relief 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!

**Church Office:** **Limited hours Monday-Thurs, Sept 25-28 and Closed on Fri, Sept 29**

**Sun, Sept 24: Concert of Prayer – Postponed** – watch for more info.

**Sun, Oct 1: Congregational Information Meeting – Postponed** – watch for more info.

**Wed, Oct 4, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group** – Spaghetti Dinner (food provided). RSVP with Wilma @ 866-2389

**Sun, Oct 15, 4:00pm: Hymn Sing** in the sanctuary

**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, 6:30-8:00pm

**HS** Youth Group meets on Sundays, 6:30-8:00pm

## 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)

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**KidLife Club:** Wednesdays - 6:00pm Family Dinner, 6:30pm KidLife Club

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 271

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,717.98

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$775.00

# Habits

Series: *Little Things that make a Big Difference*

Text: James 1:13-15

Sunday: 9/24/2017

We all have a life \_\_\_\_\_.

When something impacts your \_\_\_\_\_, that can be a \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus teaches us:

① Habits can change your \_\_\_\_\_.

Like a \_\_\_\_\_ dropped in a \_\_\_\_\_, little things can

make a \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.

② \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ negative habits.

Some good habits:

Ⓐ The Habit of \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓑ The Habit of \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓒ The Habit of \_\_\_\_\_