

## Our Response

Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ bless those nearest to you,  
and to speak \_\_\_\_\_ words to all.

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Ray Dulyea** is recovering after outpatient surgery on Oct. 28.
- ~**Nancy Jansen** had neck surgery on Oct 23 to have two vertebrae fused.
- ~**Dennis Vander Kyle** undergoing physical therapy after shoulder surgery.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** tumor has grown and is consulting with doctors on possible treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo treatments for next 2 ½ years.

### Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Burt Kleeves** who turned **90** on October 31. 6495 Bella Vista Dr, Rockford MI 49341

### Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Craig & Brenda Vander Heide and family** at the death of Brenda's mom, **Joan Rexer**, on October 24.

## 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 (on the back of this page).

**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, November 1, 2015**

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONGS OF WORSHIP

#### OFFERING

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

#### PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:26-29 (p.20)

#### MESSAGE

"The Blessing: Learning to Bless"

Pastor Paul Bradford

#### RESPONSE

#### CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website  
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#### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Cora Vanden Heuvel

(11:00am) Megan DeVries, Sara Zang, Kate & Aimee Zang

#### Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista Vanden Heuvel, Abby Vanden Heuvel

(11:00am) Emily De Witte, Caleb Jennings

**Next Sunday:** "The Blessing: The Power of Meaningful Touch"

Multiple Scriptures • Pastor Paul Bradford

## What's Going On?

### Today:

**8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer** in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

**10:00am: Sunday School** for all ages.

Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #122

Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> meet in Classroom #101

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

**Adult Class:** "Follow," a video series by Andy Stanley, led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #253.

**12:15pm: RRC Fundraiser Dinner.** This is a fundraiser for the Middle School Youth to raise funds for church events/mission trips.

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

### This Week:

**Mon, Nov 2, 7:00pm: Ladies Game Night.** Bring your favorite table game and an appetizer/dessert/snack to share. Invite a friend! Great fun and fellowship!

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am:** A study on "Romans," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

**Wed, Nov 4, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck.** Bring a dish to pass and join us in the Fellowship Hall for great food & fellowship!

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

**6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

**6:45pm: Adult Classes**

- "The Ministry of Loving, Listening and Praying," led by Pastor Paul, Bren Shantz and Rob Bergman, in the Fireside Room #253.
- Women's Study Group - "Let. It. Go." By Karen Ehman, led by Polly Johnson in Room #250.

**Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study** - "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. Next meeting is November 6.

**Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study** - "Children of the Day," a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Beth Moore), led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Sun, Nov 8: Orphan Sunday**

**Sun, Nov 8: Blood Pressure Screening** after both services, Rm#211

**Sun, Nov 15: Take a Frozen Turkey to Church Day!** (for NKCS baskets)

**Tues, Nov 17, 6:00pm: Pack Thanksgiving Baskets for NKCS.** Bring your whole family or life group, enjoy a light meal in the gym, and help put together baskets with food and inspirational material. *Watch for info on needed food items and how to sign-up.*

**RRC Cran-Hill Family Camp Weekend: Aug 26-28, 2016.** RSVP with Sharon Dulyea @ 696-0577 to reserve your spot. Deadline is Nov 8! *Join us for a fun-filled weekend in God's great outdoors!*

**Operation Christmas Child** (A Ministry of Samaritan's Purse): Pick up a box in the lobby and a flyer/envelope with information on how to pack your box. *Deadline to return boxes is Nov 15.*

**Pastor Paul & Tammy** are hosting "Living Room Chats" in their home on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm for dessert & coffee to get to know the people of the congregation. Sign-up is for groups up to 12 at a time. Middle School youth to adults are welcome (we love little kids, but child care will not be available). Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. You can also sign-up on-line at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/)

### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brianmellis@outlook.com](mailto:brianmellis@outlook.com)

**Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group** in Youth Room #153

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group** in Youth Room #153

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: HS Girls Small Group**

**Upcoming Events:**

**MS:** Nov 1 Fundraiser Dinner

**HS:** Nov 6-7 All-nighter

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries - Beth Jennings, Director: [rcchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rcchildrensministry@gmail.com)

Pioneer Clubs - Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [connections.rrc@gmail.com](mailto:connections.rrc@gmail.com)

**Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School.** Bring in socks for the Sock Pile until 12/13!

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Pioneer Club** with a **Simple Supper at 6:00pm**

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 275

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,105.00

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$595.00

## Learning to Bless

Series: *The Blessing (1)*

Text: Genesis 27:26-29

Sunday: 11/1/2015

### Intro

### God's Word

Ⓐ The Hebrew Blessing

Ⓑ Five elements of Biblical blessing.

① Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_

② Spoken \_\_\_\_\_

③ Expressing \_\_\_\_\_

④ Picturing a \_\_\_\_\_

⑤ An Active \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓒ When the blessing is missing in your life.

(More on reverse side)