

© As we speak God's _____ we help others rise to God's _____ for their lives.

Our Response

See Christ's _____ and _____ in others; **Speak** that truth to _____ them; and **Watch** them rise to _____ for their lives.

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**The Vanden Heuvel Family** leave on a mission trip to Kenya, Africa on Nov 21 and return Dec 5.
- ~**Mark Schrottenboer** is dealing with a torn meniscus.
- ~**Nancy Jansen** continues healing after neck surgery.
- ~**Dennis Vander Kyle** undergoing physical therapy after shoulder surgery.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** - tumor has grown and has started new treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home 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: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Brian Carpenter** (Tom & Miriam's son) scheduled for back surgery Nov 19 to help with chronic arm pain at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.
- ~**Kelly McClure** (Carpenter's daughter) baby due Nov 24 and baby will need open heart surgery after birth for a heart defect.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) diagnosed with bladder cancer.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

Congratulations to:

- ~**Jake & Leah Host** on the birth of their daughter, **Eden Caroline**, on Nov 4. Grandparents are **Dave & Mindy Host**. Great-Grandma is **Carol Knox**.
- ~**Tom & Heather Emperor** on the birth of their daughter, **Catelyn Faith**, on Nov 10. Grandparents are **Lee & Faith Paull**.

Sympathy is expressed to:

- ~**Arlene Hunsberger** at the death of her brother, **Bill Ahlers**, 11/5.
- ~**Nate & Beth Jennings** at the death of Nate's Grandfather, **Roger Korte**, 11/4.

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.

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 15, 2015

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Prayer for the Vanden Heuvel Family

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (p.881); Numbers 6:23-27 (p.103)

MESSAGE

"The Blessing: Empowering Words"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website
rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Julie Ringnald

(11:00am) Beth Triezenberg, Mika Albrecht, Sami De Kuiper

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Chris Knapp, Nicholas Knapp

(11:00am) Nancy Steenwyk, Anna Triezenberg

Next Sunday: "The Blessing: Embracing God's Blessing"

Galatians 3:8-14 (p.887) • 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-5th 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.

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

This Week:

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.

Tues, Nov 17, 6:00pm: Pack Thanksgiving Baskets for NKCS. Bring your whole family, enjoy a light meal in the gym, and help put together baskets. *Place food items in the barrels in the Lobby (deadline Monday)*

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

NOTE: NO Wednesday Activities on November 25!

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 20.

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)

Fri, Nov 20, 7:30pm-12am: Men's Game Night. Join us in the Fireside Room. Games and snacks provided, but you can bring other games/snacks. Use Entrance "B" (West side). Questions? Contact Bren Shantz.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Thurs, Dec 3, 7:30pm: Men's Tailgate Cookout. Watch the Game (Packers @ Lions) on the big screen. Food & beverage provided. Invite your friends!

Sun, Dec 6, 5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting. Election of Elders & Deacons and 2016 Budget. Information on nominees and budget preview packets will be in church mailboxes Nov 22.

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/

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Winter Retreats: MS: Jan 22-24

HS: Feb 26-28

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: rcchildrensministry@gmail.com

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: 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: 285

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,661.66

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,381.00

Empowering Words

Series: *The Blessing (3)*

Text: 2Cor 5:16-17 & Num 6:23-27

Sunday: 11/15/2015

Intro

God's Word

Ⓐ People rise to the level of _____ .

(2Corinthians 5:16-17)

Practical ways to convey a blessing...

① Express _____ .

② Enforce the _____ you want to _____ .

③ Affirm _____ and valuable _____ .

④ Use _____ .

Ⓑ As _____ , we can convey _____ to others. *(Numbers 6:23-27)*

The priestly blessing has five promises...

① _____ and _____

② _____

③ _____

④ _____ and _____

⑤ _____

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