

## Our Response

The Bible teaches that you are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord. So you must \_\_\_\_\_ as light, watching your \_\_\_\_\_ and using your \_\_\_\_\_ well in ways \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.

## Life Application questions

- *What does Paul mean when he says that “you are light in the Lord.” How should that impact how you live?*
- *Is there a place in your life where the Lord is challenging you to be pure in word, action, or thought?*
- *How can you use your time wisely today? This week?*
- *Where do you most need to watch your step?*
- *What do you need to bring into the light?*

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Dennis Vander Kuyl** is recovering from knee replacement surgery on April 13.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** recent test results show no change – stable! Continues treatments every 3 weeks.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues 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:

- ~**Sally Armstrong** (Marcia Shanken’s sister) is getting a pacemaker on May 10.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma’s mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin’s dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

## 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](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  
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*10,000 Reasons, Saviour King, Holy Spirit*

OFFERING

*There is a Fountain*

Children (ages 3-7) are invited to Children’s Worship downstairs

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:1-17 (p.892)

MESSAGE

“Life Together: Living in the Light”

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

*Sing to the King*

CLOSING BLESSING

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Kate Fleetham  
(11:00am) Melissa Vander Tuuk, Mika Albrecht

Today’s Children’s Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Melissa Cool, Cameron Cool  
(11:00am) Rachel De Kuiper, Sami De Kuiper



Next Sunday: “Life Together: The Promise of the Father”

Acts 2:1-12 (p.831) • 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!

**Sunday School** will resume in the Fall

**Sun, May 8: Blood Pressure Screening** after both services in Rm#211.

### This Week:

**Mondays, Tee Times from 5-5:30pm: Open Golf** at Cedar Chase Golf Club.

Cost is \$15 (includes cart & 9 holes) Contact Jerry Coon @ 866-4704 for more info.

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am:** "What's So Amazing About Grace" (by Phillip Yancy), led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

**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 May 20.

**Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study** – "Unglued" (Lysa TerKeurst) led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.**

**Kids Hope Book Drive:** Thanks to everyone who donated books or funds to purchase books!

**"One Sunday" Pentecost Special Offering on May 15.** This offering provides opportunities to support local church planting efforts. Use the special offering envelope from your packet, or a pew envelope, and mark it "Pentecost" to have it posted to your givings. Be sure your name and/or offering envelope number are on the envelope. *Make checks out to Rockford Reformed Church.*

**"Buy A Brick"** – Purchase a brick for our Memorial Prayer Garden with the name of your loved one. (\$40) Order forms available on the table in the church office hallway. Orders due May 30.

**On-line Giving** now available. 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)



**Do You Like to work with flowers – like to weed?** We are putting together a Gardening Committee to help Sue Kalee keep our gardens looking great! If you are interested please contact Sue: [susankalee803@gmail.com](mailto:susankalee803@gmail.com) or 874-6289.

**Sweet Volunteer Opportunity:** Help put labels on cookies and/or bake for our "Hearts for Orphans" Ministry. Contact Rebecca Cruttenden for more info: 616-706-3614 or [rebecca@teamorphans.com](mailto:rebecca@teamorphans.com)

**Sat, May 28, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Lunch** at Bravo Restaurant then back to church for desert & fun. RSVP with Carol @ 866-4845.

**Sun, June 5, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting** in the gym.

**Praise In The Park, 6:00pm:** Starts June 5 at the Garden Park Stage, downtown Rockford. RRC is scheduled for June 12.

**Summer Worship Schedule:** 9:30am (one service) June 12 – September 4

**Sat, June 18: Alpha Family Center 5K Life Walk Event** – Prayer Warrior for Life! Call Alpha Family Center @ 696-2616 for more info.

### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto:brian@rockfordrc.org)

**Sunday School and weekly Youth Groups** will resume in the Fall

**Mission Trips:** HS June 12-18, MS July 31-Aug 6

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org)

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [laura@rockfordrc.org](mailto:laura@rockfordrc.org)

**Sun, July 24 – Wed, July 27, 6-8pm: "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School** for ages 3 years through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Register your children now at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/)

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 314

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$13,417.25

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$200.00

## Living in the Light

*8<sup>th</sup> in Series: Life Together*

Text: Ephesians 5:1-17

Sunday: 5/8/2016

### Intro

### God's Word

① **The Bible teaches that you are \_\_\_\_\_! (5:8-9)**

Ⓐ Love like \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ Be \_\_\_\_\_ in word, action, and heart.

Ⓒ Be a \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓓ Shine \_\_\_\_\_ on the darkness.

② **Paul challenges us to \_\_\_\_\_! (5:14)**

③ **Paul reminds us to live \_\_\_\_\_! (5:15-17)**

Ⓐ Watch your \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ Use your \_\_\_\_\_ well.

Ⓒ Discern God's \_\_\_\_\_.