

Our Response

The Bible makes clear that we desperately need to

_____ the work of the Holy Spirit to have
_____ spiritual lives. In obedience to God's Word,
_____ yourself, _____ from sin, _____ for
God, and _____ for the fullness of the
Holy Spirit. You will receive.

Life Application questions

- What does the fire of the Spirit accomplish in our lives? Which of these works are you in need of today?
- What things in your life might be barriers to you experiencing the fullness of the Holy Spirit?
- What is the Lord leading you to do to increase the fullness of the Spirit in your life?

Sermon audio and notes are available online at
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.
- ~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:

- ~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.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Steve & Deb Barth and family** at the death of Steve's mother, **Shirley Barth**, on May 13.

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.

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 15, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Indescribable, Mighty To Save, The Stand

OFFERING

Nothing But The Blood

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

PRAYER

SPECIAL OFFERING

Pentecost "One Sunday" Offering for RCA Church Planting

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1 & 2 (p.831)

MESSAGE

"The Promise of the Father"
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

God Is Able

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Cherri Pastula, Lilly Johnson
(11:00am) Pam & Kathryn Jacobs, Tamra Miller

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Julie Ringnalda, Sarah & Olivia Pastula
(11:00am) Beth Jennings, Avery Jennings

Next Sunday: "Life Together: Spirit-Filled Living"
Ephesians 5:18-21 (p.891) • 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

“One Sunday” Pentecost Special Offering TODAY. 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.*

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.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month: Next date – June 5

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

Wed, June 1, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck with a program following lunch. Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food & fellowship.

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

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

“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



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 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

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

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

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: 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 5th grade. Register your children now at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 279

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,427.61

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,725.00

The Promise of the Father

Pentecost Sunday

Text: Acts 1 & 2

Sunday: 5/15/2016

Intro

God's Word

① The _____ of the Father

Ⓐ The promise of the Father was the baptism with the _____ and _____.

Ⓑ The fire of the Spirit _____, _____, _____, and _____.

② The Feast of _____

③ The _____ the Spirit

Ⓐ Different _____ are used to express this mighty outpouring of the Spirit.

Ⓑ All who believe in Jesus _____ the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Ⓒ The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a definite _____!

④ How can you personally _____ this fullness in the Holy Spirit

Ⓐ Accept Jesus as your _____ and _____.

Ⓑ Renounce _____.

Ⓒ _____ for more of God.

Ⓓ _____ yourself.

Ⓔ Ask for the _____ of the Spirit.

Ⓕ _____ that God will answer your prayer.