

Our Response

The Lord wants us to _____ to him so that he might _____ us with His Spirit, resulting in lives overflowing with _____, and healthy _____.

Life Application questions

- *What is holding you back from giving the Lord full control of your life? (How might you be squandering your life?)*
- *What do you need to surrender or change to make your life fully available to God?*
- *How can you express joy and thankfulness in your life?*
- *Where in your life can you express honor and submission this week?*

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Danae Brownell** is studying abroad in Chile, then volunteering in Peru & Mexico until July 11. Blog: www.danaebrownell.wix.com/abroadadventure
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dennis Vander Kuyl** is recovering from knee replacement surgery on April 13.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** test results show 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 **Russ & Deb Rinvelt and family** at the death of Deb's father, **Alfred (John) Thorington**, on May 14.
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
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Sunday, May 22, 2016
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Grace Alone, Jesus Messiah, How Marvelous

OFFERING

Vacation Bible School Video

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

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:15-21 (p.892)

MESSAGE

"Life Together: Spirit-Filled Living"
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Arms Open Wide

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Sydney Kleis
(11:00am) Jaime Mueller, Stephanie Bergman

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton
(11:00am) Beth Jennings

Next Sunday: "The Lord's Supper"

I Corinthians 11:17-34 (p.875) • 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

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 Saturday, 7-8am: Men's Study Breakfast. New study starts

Saturday, June 6 – "Guardrails" (avoiding regrets in your life) Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Contact Kevin Johnson with questions.

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

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

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

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

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

"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. June 5: Rockford Baptist Church. 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: 262

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,591.05

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,040.00

Spirit-filled Living

9th in Series: *Life Together*

Text: Ephesians 5: 15-21

Sunday: 5/22/2016

Intro

God's Word

① **The Bible exhorts us to not _____ our lives.**

② **Rather we are to be _____ with the Spirit.**

Ⓐ We _____ to be _____ with the Spirit.

We _____ of the Spirit, but does the Spirit _____ of us?

Ⓑ Being filled with the Spirit is our _____ but God's _____.

③ **So that we might _____ by the Spirit.**

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