

Life Application questions

Have you put your faith in Jesus to wash your sins away and give you new life? Have you professed your faith through baptism and through public testimony?

Who do you know that needs to receive the saving work of Jesus in his or her life? What is God challenging you to do to help them take a step closer to God?

Which of God's promises expressed in your baptism do you need to embrace today?

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Sharon Dulyea** is recovering from back surgery on May 26.
- ~**Nancy Jansen** is recovering from an emergency appendectomy on May 31.
- ~**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.
- ~**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:

- ~**Russ Armstrong** (Shanken's brother-in-law) hip replacement surgery on 5/31.
- ~**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.
- ~**Jan Lapp** (Tyler's mom) diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer and starting chemo.

Sympathy Expressed to:

- Steve & Nancy Steenwyk** at the death of Steve's mother, **Anna Steenwyk**, on May 24.
- Steve & Deb Barth and family** at the death of Steve's mother, **Shirley Barth** on May 13.
- Russ & Deb Rinvelt and family** at the death of Deb's father, **Alfred "John" Thorington** on May 14.

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, June 5, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Beginning next week: one service @ 9:30am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Blessed Be Your Name, How Great Is Our God

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

OFFERING

You Never Let Go

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:38-39 and others (p.832)

MESSAGE

"The Sacraments: Baptism"

Pastor Paul Bradford

COMMUNION

RESPONSE

Lead Me To The Cross

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Madelyn McConnon
(11:00am) Beth Jennings, Anya Fanberg

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lora Jenema, Maddison Jenema
(11:00am) Jodi Becksvoort, Shannon Fanberg

Next Sunday: "The Sacraments: The Reformed View of Baptism"
Acts 2:38-39 and others (p.832) • 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: Congregational Update Meeting in the gym.

Sunday School will resume in the Fall

Praise In The Park, 6:00pm: Garden Park Stage, downtown Rockford.
Today: Rockford Baptist Church. RRC is scheduled for June 12.

This Week:

Mondays, Tee Times from 5:00-5:30pm: 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. .

Every other Saturday, 7-8am: Men's Study Breakfast. "Guardrails" (avoiding regrets in your life). Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Contact Kevin Johnson with questions. Next Meeting June 18.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

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

Sat, June 11: View From the Hill: 8-10pm fun & games, refreshments. 10pm Fireworks! Invite your neighbors & family to watch the fireworks from the church parking lot.

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.

Legacy 2016, June 23-24: A Conference about Missions, Muslims, and the Heart of God. Let Pastor Paul know if you are interested in attending with him!

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/

Sun, June 26: Grad Sunday. Help us celebrate all of our graduates! Be sure Brian Ellis has your graduation information. brian@rockfordrc.org

On-line Giving: 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



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

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Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 183

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,468.05

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,410.00

Baptism

2nd in Series: The Sacraments

Text: Acts 2:38-39 and others

Sunday: 6/5/2016

Intro

God's Word

- ① **Why do we baptize?** Because the Bible _____ us to baptize as an _____ of our faith in Christ.

- ② **What is baptism?** Baptism is an _____ expression of _____ grace – the saving and transforming work of the _____.

- Ⓐ Baptism proclaims that our _____ have been _____.

- Ⓑ Baptism proclaims that we have been _____ in Christ.

- Ⓒ Baptism proclaims that we are included in _____ and in his _____ Community.

Our Response

Embrace the biblical truths proclaimed in baptism: your sins are _____, you are a _____ in Christ, and you are _____ into God's family!