

## Life Application Questions

- ❖ *Are you in the True Vine? What is holding you back from putting your trust in Jesus?*
- ❖ *In faith are you expecting the life of Christ to flow through you moment by moment? What is a specific area in your life where you need to be expectant?*
- ❖ *What can you do this week to intentionally nurture your relationship with Jesus and meditate upon his life in you?*

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Sharon Dulyea** was scheduled for an MRI on Aug 16 for sciatic nerve pain.
- ~**Carol Riegling** is on oxygen & consulting with doctors.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – MRI results show tumor is stable. Continues treatments.
- ~**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: **Emily Bowers, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~**Sarah Degen** (Yurick’s daughter) surgery was successful. Will start radiation.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman’s) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**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) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

### Congratulations:

- To **Brian & Karissa (Baugh) Ellis** who were united in marriage on Aug 20.
- To **John & Lisa Petryk** at the birth of their son, **Grayson Dean** on July 30.  
Grandparents are **Greg & Gail Wagner**.
- To **Steven & Kaity (Bowers) Schueller** who were united in marriage at RRC on Aug 12.
- To **Alex & Jess (Wheeler) Welch** who were united in marriage on Aug 6.

## 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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**Sunday, August 21, 2016**  
**Worship @ 9:30am**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This I Believe*  
**SONGS OF WORSHIP**  
*Sing To The King*  
*Jesus Messiah*  
*I Surrender All*

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

**OFFERING**  
*Vacation Bible School Video*

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**  
John 15:1-17 (p.824)

**MESSAGE**  
"I AM the True Vine"  
Pastor Paul Bradford

**RESPONSE**  
*Lord I Need You*

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**Today's Nursery Volunteers:**  
(9:30am) Beth Jennings, Sydney Kleis

**Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:**  
(9:30am) Julie Ringnalda, Kennedy Huffman

**Next Sunday:** Rev. Tony Campbell, Guest Speaker

## What's Going On?

### Today:

**9:05am: Prayer** in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

**10:45am: After Service Social** downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

This week's Social hosted by: Adult Ministry Team

**Sunday School** for all ages starts Sept 18 at 10:00am.

**Sun, Aug 21: Whitecaps Family Day.** If you ordered tickets, they are in your mail folder in the church office hallway, along with payment instructions.

**Praise In The Park, 6:00pm:** Garden Park Stage, downtown Rockford on the banks of the Rogue River. Today: Blythefield Hills Baptist Church

### 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 is Saturday, August 27.

**Sat, Aug 27, 1:00pm: Adult Senior Singles Lunch** at Water Tower Grille. Car pool will leave church at 12:20pm. Then back to church for dessert & fun. RSVP with Carol @866-4845.

**Sat, Aug 27, 5:30pm: RRC Family Camp Potluck at Cran-Hill Ranch.** Bring a dish to pass and join the families from RRC that are camping there. Come for the day or just the meal.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

**Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

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

**Fri, Aug 26; The church office will be closed.**

**Sun, Sept 11: RRC Annual Fall Festival.** Watch for details which include an **All-Church Picnic** following the 11:00am service. Back to two services @ 8:45am & 11:00am.

**Sun, Sept 18, 6:00pm: Concert of Prayer.** Join us as we pray over the ministries of RRC. (Child care provided)

**Sept 30 – Oct 2: Weekend Women's Retreat** at SpringHill Camp. Sign-up sheet in the lobby w/\$50 deposit due August 21. Make checks payable to Rockford Reformed Church. Questions? Contact Lori VerMeris or Karen Bazen.

**Consistory Nomination Forms** are available in the back of the sanctuary. One form can be filled out by each communicant member. A list of eligible members is also available. A Nomination Form and list of eligible members was also e-mailed. You can email your nominations to [office@rockfordrc.org](mailto:office@rockfordrc.org) or fill out a form and place it in the box in the back of the sanctuary. Deadline is 12:00noon on Sunday, Sept 4. Open positions are: Administrative Deacon (1), Shepherd Elder (2), and Service Deacon (2).

**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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

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

**MS & HS Sunday School** starts Sept 18 at 10:00am

**MS Youth Group** starts Wed, Sept 21 at 6:30pm (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

**HS Youth Group** starts Sun, Sept 18 at 6:30pm (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

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

**Sunday School** for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade starts Sept 18 at 10:00am

**KidLife Clubs** (formerly Pioneer Clubs) starts Wednesday, Sept 21

6:00pm Simple Supper

6:30pm Clubs

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 189

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,476.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,300.00

Last week's Benevolent Fund (for Jorvens): \$410.00 Total to date: \$6,053.00

## I Am the True Vine

*8<sup>th</sup> in Series: The I AM who changes who I am*

Text: John 15:1-17

Sunday: 8/21/2016

### Intro

### God's Word

### The True Vine and the Gardener

### Our Response

Jesus promises that our lives will be \_\_\_\_\_ as we  
\_\_\_\_\_ remain in Him, the true vine.

① God's Part – Giving \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓐ He \_\_\_\_\_ into the Vine.

Ⓑ He \_\_\_\_\_ those who refuse to believe.

Ⓒ He \_\_\_\_\_ those who are fruitful.

② Our Part – \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓐ Remaining is \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

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