

Life Application Questions

- ❖ How has your family been there for you?
- ❖ How has your church family been there for you?
- ❖ Can you remember a time when someone was a Good Samaritan for you?
- ❖ How can you, your family, and Rockford Reformed be there for others?
- ❖ What does it mean that if God is here for us, that we can risk and be there for others?
- ❖ Do you remember a time when God was there for you as your Good Samaritan?

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Carol Riegling** still recovering well (in hospital) after surgery on Feb 10.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – tumor is stable, continues treatment.
- ~**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, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma’s sister) bone/kidney/brain cancer. Started chemo & radiation treatments.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea’s sister) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk’s son-in-law) found new tumor, doing even more aggressive chemo.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman’s) 6th battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Barry Lambers** (Kathy’s husband) paralyzed waist down. Some movement in left leg.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma’s mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **John & Barb Vander Meulen** who will celebrate **50 years** of marriage on Feb 28.

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, February 26, 2017

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Oh God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Marvelous Light, Praise To The Lord, Holy Spirit

Children (ages 3 years - 3rd grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37 (p.793)

MESSAGE

“Loving Others Toward Christ: Being There”

Pastor Tony Campbell

RESPONSE

Rejoice

CLOSING BLESSING

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings, Cora Vanden Heuvel (11:00am) Pam & Kathryn Jacobs, Melissa Fisk

Today’s KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Abby Vanden Heuvel (11:00am) Rachel & Sami De Kuiper, Karissa Ellis

Next Sunday: “Loving Others Toward Christ: Being Good News”
Matthew 5:14-16 (p.740) • Pastor Paul Bradford



What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am: Prayer in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages:

- **Ages 3 – DK** meet in Classroom #111
- **Grades K-5th grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults: Feb 26** - Pastor Tony will share about what he's seeing in the RCA in the church worldwide as he travels and interacts with leaders. Fireside Rm #253. Starting March 5: Thy Kingdom Come: Practical Applications of the Resurrection led by Bren Shantz

Sun, Feb 26, 12:15pm: Fundraiser Dinner & a Movie (Disney's Lilo & Stitch). Join us for a great meal & fun movie. Donations benefit the High School Youth.

6:30pm: High School Youth Group. Meet in the Youth Room #153

This Week:

Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary.

NOTE: NO Prayer Meeting Feb 27

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

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study – "The Ten Commandments," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

Wed, March 1, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group Coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee, goodies, and great conversation. All welcome!

Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club** (ages 3 years – 5th grade)

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Letter to the Hebrews – Part 2" – Co-ed class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Women of the Bible, Part 2" – Women's study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club. Fireside Rm #253.

March Book: *Watch for new book title.* Next meeting March 30.

Fri, March 3, 6:15-9:00pm: Trivia Night. (6:15 appetizers, 7pm Trivia).

Registration is free at rockfordrc.org/trivia-night or sign-up in the lobby at church (deadline is Feb 26). Childcare by our Youth Ministry. Donations accepted.

Fri, March 3, 6:00-9:00pm. Parent's Night Out. Drop off your kids (ages infant – 5th grade) and enjoy a few hours of freedom. Snacks provided. RSVP to Beth Jennings, 866-2308 or beth@rockfordrc.org. Donations go toward youth accts.

Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. "Manhood Restored" by Eric Mason. In the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting Mar 4.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Leaders & Helpers needed for Nursery & KidLife Worship. Contact Beth Jennings at beth@rockfordrc.org or call 866-2308.

Discovery Class for Church Membership starting Wed, March 8, 6:45-8:00pm (six sessions). Interested in membership or just want to know more about RRC? Contact the church office to sign-up. Child care available, if needed.

Easter Baskets for NKCS: We will be filling baskets again this year. Info soon.

Sun, March 12, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting in the gym.

Sat, March 18: RRC Youth Ministry Garage Sale. Watch for donation drop off information.

Mon, March 20, 7-8:30pm: Jewelry Show Fundraiser Open House to help Rob & Stephanie Bergman with adoption costs.

Mentors needed for Kids Hope! Contact Emillie Clayton, emillie@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 at 10:00am: **MS** (Youth Room #153), **HS** (Rm #246)

MS meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, **HS** meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Director: laura@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Club

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 249

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,603.58

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$210.00

Being There

2nd in Series: Loving Others Toward Christ

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Sunday: 2/26/2017

The Good Samaritan: is a story which has a two-fold message

- God is there for us like the Good Samaritan
- We are called to be there for each other

Key Verse

- Go and do likewise

We are called to emulate what we see, read, and hear Jesus do for people

- Jesus is the good Samaritan who gives his life for us
- Jesus in his earthly life served the homeless, widow, orphan and all those in need
- We are to go and do likewise

Most Families

- Support each other in this way
- God supports us in this way
- Church is called to go and do likewise
- We are called to support each other and to reach out in love to those who need the love of Christ

Jesus simply did what He saw His Father do for us in creation, so we are called to go and do likewise.

We struggle in life like the man left by robbers when we are afraid we are alone in life.

But the Incarnation and Resurrection of Jesus Christ lets us know that he is always with us, to help us through hard and difficult times.

NOW GO AND DO LIKEWISE!