

## Our Response

Let your \_\_\_\_\_ and be prepared to share the reason  
for the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

### Life Application Questions

- ❖ How is God calling you to let your light shine?
- ❖ Who might God be placing on your heart to invite into your home or to church?
- ❖ What is your two-word story?
- ❖ How can you prepare yourself to share the reason for the hope you have in Christ?

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.**
- ~**Carol Riegling** is home and doing well.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – tumor is stable, continues treatment. MRI on March 9.
- ~**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:

- ~**Henry Van Dyken** (Karen Bazen’s father) pneumonia and heart problem.
- ~**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. Also hospitalized with pneumonia.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman’s) 6<sup>th</sup> 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 celebrated **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](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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Rockford Reformed Church  
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Sunday, March 5, 2017  
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



Man of Sorrows  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*This I Believe, Grace Alone, Come Thou Fount*

Children (ages 3 years - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

### OFFERING

*Oh God*

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:14-16 (p.740)

### MESSAGE

“Loving Others Toward Christ: Being Good News”  
Pastor Paul Bradford

### COMMUNION

### RESPONSE

*Hallelujah To Saving Grace*

### CLOSING BLESSING

### Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Madelyn McConnon (11:00am) Jaime Mueller, Emily Sansoterra

### Today’s KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Melissa Cool (11:00am) Emily De Witte, Beth & Avery Jennings

Next Sunday: “The Christian Family: The Purpose of Marriage”  
Ephesians 5:31-33 (p.893) • 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults: Feb 26** - Thy Kingdom Come: Practical Applications of the Resurrection” led by Bren Shantz. Fireside Rm #253. Starting 3/5:

**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.

**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.

## Wednesday Night Activities:

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

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

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- **Starting March 8:** “Discovery Class” – For those interested in membership at RRC. 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: *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jo Jo Moyes. Next meeting **Mar 30.**

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** “Manhood Restored” by Eric Mason. In the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting **Mar 18.**

## Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

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

**NO Blood Pressure Screening** in March.

**Leaders & Helpers needed for Nursery & KidLife Worship.** Contact Beth Jennings at [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto: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:** Pick up a basket in the Lobby and fill with candy, small toys and a personal note. An Easter coloring book is also available to add to your basket. Deadline is April 2.

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

**Sat, March 13: River Bank Run:** [Join the RRC Adoption Team](#) to help raise money for the Bergman's adoption fundraising. More info on our website.

**Sat, March 18: RRC Youth Ministry Garage Sale.** Drop off items starting Monday, March 13. (During office hours 8:00am – 4:30pm)

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

**Sat, April 15, 9:30am: Easter Egg Hunt & Family Breakfast.** **NEEDED** – *small, individually wrapped candies.* Place donations in the basket in the Lobby.

**Gardening Help Needed:** On-going help, once in a while help, maybe pick a section and take responsibility for it. Contact Roger Hoogewind (401-8631) or [rogerdhooq@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerdhooq@hotmail.com)

**Mentors needed for Kids Hope!** Contact Emillie Clayton, [emillie@rockfordrc.org](mailto: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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



## Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

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

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

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

**KidLife Club** (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

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

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 230

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,070.00

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$710.00

# Being Good News

3rd in Series: *Loving Others to Christ*

Text: Matthew 5:14-16

Sunday: 3/5/2017

## Intro

## God's Word

① **Let your** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 5:14-16*

② **Connect others to** \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 4:28-30, 39-42*

③ **Be prepared to share your** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **in a simple way.**

*www.2wordstory.com*

④ **Be prepared to share the** \_\_\_\_\_ **in a simple way.**

*1Peter 3:15-16 • Romans 6:23 (3:23, 5:8, 10:9, 10:13, 12:1-2)*

