

## Our Response

**Christian \_\_\_\_\_, in the context of Christian \_\_\_\_\_, are called to lovingly and wisely \_\_\_\_\_ our children so that they might understand and live our Christian \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Life Application Questions

- ❖ Do you have a biblical vision of what God wants your child to be?
- ❖ What steps can you take this week to train your child in one aspect of God's vision for their life?
- ❖ How can you effectively connect with your child?
- ❖ Are you blessing your children in your words and actions?
- ❖ Is your faith lived out and continually talked about in your home?

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.**

~**Lucy Layman** is home and continues rehab.

~**Carol Riegling** is home and doing well.

~**Pam Herin** is in Hospice care at Vista Springs.

~**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** and all military personnel.

### **Extended Family:**

~**Don Feikema** (Bud's brother) dealing w/complications after a heart attack.

~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) Undergoing chemo & radiation.

~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) undergoing chemo treatments.

~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) undergoing chemo treatments.

~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) Has started stem cell transplant.

~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman's) doing a clinical trial and having success.

~**Barry Lambers** (Kathy's husband) experiencing more movement.

~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

### **Praise & Thanksgiving:**

~Congratulations to **Mike & Melissa Fisk** on the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Lona**, on April 7.

### **Sympathy:**

~Sympathy expressed to **Bud & Carolyn Feikema** at the death of Bud's sister, **Berdena (Dena) Visser** on April 8.

## 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, April 23, 2017**  
**Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**

*In Tenderness*  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*Hymn Medley*  
*Speak O Lord*

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

### **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**  
Ephesians 6:4 (p.893)

**MESSAGE**  
“The Christian Family: Parents Who Mold Their Children”  
Pastor Paul Bradford

**RESPONSE**  
*From The Inside Out*

### **CLOSING BLESSING**

**Today's Nursery Volunteers:**  
(8:45am) Cherri Pastula, Sarah & Olivia (11:00am) Trisha VanStensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

**Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:**  
(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Kennedy Huffman (11:00am) Nancy Steenwyk, Leigh Verburg

**Next Sunday:** “The Christian Family – The Christian in the Workplace”  
Ephesians 6:5-9 (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:** Thy Kingdom Come: Practical Applications of the Resurrection” led by Bren Shantz. Fireside Rm #253.

**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.

### Wednesdays,

6:30pm: **Middle School Youth Group** in the Youth Room #153

6:45pm: “Discovery Class” in the Fireside Rm #253 (Entrance B)

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

April Book: *Gardenias for Breakfast* by Robin Jones Gunn. Next meeting 4/27.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Mail Folders and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.**

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

**Fri, April 28: Church Office Closed.** The church will also be closed on Tuesday, May 2 for our annual Staff Retreat.

**2017 Church Directory:** Pick up a copy on the table in the office hallway near the Family Mail Folders.

**Sat, April 29, 8am-2pm: Garage Sale – Bergman Adoption Fundraiser** at RRC. Drop off donations starting April 24.

**Sat, April 29, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group.** Lunch at Real Food Restaurant on Plainfield Ave then back to church for dessert & games in the Fireside Rm. RSVP w/Carol (866-4845)

**Wed, May 3, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group.** Meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and great conversation. All welcome!

**Thurs, May 4, 8am-4:30pm: National Day of Prayer.** The sanctuary will be open throughout the day.

**Fri, May 5, 7:00pm: Ladies & Teen Girls Movie Night.** Join us in the Fireside Room #253 for a double feature: “Love’s Long Journey” and “Love’s Abiding Joy.” Beverage provided – bring a snack to share.

**Sun, May 7: Children/Youth Worship Sunday.** Kids & Youth will help lead worship at both services.

**Sun, May 7, 4:00pm: Hymn Sing** at RRC (sanctuary) followed by an Ice Cream Social at the Cruttenden’s Home, 7690 Honeysuckle Ln NE, Rockford. Ice Cream provided, bring your favorite toppings. Games in their backyard.

**Sat, May 13: River Bank Run:** Join the RRC Adoption Team (or sponsor a runner) to help raise funds for the Bergman’s adoption. More info on our website.

**Sun, May 21: Grad Sunday.** Join us as we celebrate our Graduates.

**Sun, May 21, 10:00am: Bethany Christian Services** will give a presentation about their Refugee Program and how RRC can help. (Fireside Rm#253) Light refreshments will be served. (Child care available)

**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

June 18-24: **HS** Summer Mission Trip

July 23-29: **MS** Summer Mission Trip

### 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** (Club is done for the season – see you in the Fall)

**VBS: June 25-28** (Sunday-Wednesday) “Maker Fun Factory”

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week’s attendance: 373

Last week’s Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,644.58

Last week’s FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,595.00

## Parents who Mold their Children

6<sup>th</sup> in Series: *The Christian Family*

Text: Ephesians 6:4

Sunday: 4/23/2017

### Intro

### God's Word

Ⓐ **The Biblical goal is to train our children to \_\_\_\_\_ our Christian faith and to put that faith into \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ⓑ **The Biblical way to raise children includes seven important parental principles:**

- ① Demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② Require \_\_\_\_\_.
- ③ Stay \_\_\_\_\_.
- ④ Give \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⑤ Set and consistently enforce \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⑥ Always \_\_\_\_\_ and never \_\_\_\_\_ your children.
- ⑦ Be intentional about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.