

## Life Application

- ❖ Are you aware of the invisible war between good and evil? In what areas of life might you be experiencing spiritual warfare?
- ❖ Are you keeping your eyes on the Lord who is all powerful and all loving?
- ❖ Where do you see Satan seeking to bring discouragement, deception, division, or destruction in your life, your family, our church, our culture? What can you do to counter his attacks?
- ❖ What great truths in God's Word can give you confidence and courage in the spiritual battles you fight?

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.**
- ~**Beth Ashendorf** had a stroke on 5/7 and is in ICU at Spectrum/Butterworth.
- ~**Pam Herin** is in Hospice care at Vista Springs Northview.
- ~**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 all **military personnel, disaster victims, and people searching for jobs.**

### Extended Family:

- ~**Don Feikema** (Bud's brother) scheduled for heart surgery.
- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) finished chemo and will be consulting with doctors.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) continues chemo. Pet Scan in June.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) is home. Pray for continued healing.
- ~**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.

## 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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### GRAD SUNDAY



Sunday, May 21, 2017

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

### HONORING OUR GRADUATES

College: Danae Brownell, Jake Vander Heide

High School: Ryan Fleetham, Sam Jacobs, Sydney Kleis, Jason Majerle

*Song of the Redeemed*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*This is Amazing Grace, Amazing Grace, Mighty To Save*

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

### OFFERING

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-12 (p.893)

### MESSAGE

“Spiritual Warfare – The Adversary”

Pastor Paul Bradford

### RESPONSE

*It Is Well With My Soul*

### CLOSING BLESSING

### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Lilly Johnson (11:00am) Stephanie Bergman, Tamra Miller

### Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Julie Ringnalda, Avery Jennings (11:00am) Lora & Maddison Jenema, Melissa Vander Tuuk

**Next Sunday:** “Spiritual Warfare: Our Weapons – Truth & Righteousness”

Ephesians 6:13-14 (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: 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)

**Blood Pressure Screening** after both services in Rm#211.

**Grad Sunday.** Join us as we celebrate our Graduates. Cake reception following the 11:00am service

**10:00am: Sunday School** for all ages: (Resumes in the Fall)

### This Week:

**Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting** in the sanctuary. (Last one is May 22 until Fall)

**Mondays, Tee times from 5:30pm: Open Golf** at Cedar Chase Golf Club. Cost is \$15 (includes cart & 9 holes) Contact Jerry Coon @ 204-3858 for more info.

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

**Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club.** Fireside Rm #253. May Book: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin. Next meeting **May 25**.

**Sat, May 27, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group** meet for lunch at Kelly's Restaurant in Cedar Springs then back to church for dessert & fun. RSVP w/Carol @ 866-4845.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

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

**Sun, June 4: "One Sunday" Pentecost Special Offering.** This offering provides opportunities to support local church planting efforts. Use the special offering envelope from your packet, or a pew envelope, and mark it "Pentecost" to have it posted to your givings. Be sure your name and/or offering envelope number are on the envelope. *Make checks out to Rockford Reformed Church.*

**Sun, June 4, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting** in the gym.

**Needed: Mentors and/or Prayer Partners for High School Youth.** If interested contact Roger Hoogewind @ 401-8631.

**Wed, June 7, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck.** Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food and conversation. Following lunch enjoy a picture presentation of "The Eagles of Oakfield Pond" by Judy Gager. All welcome!

North Kent Community Services has a new name – **North Kent Connect.** Connecting people to resources – from food to job training to fellowship. Helping residents meet basic needs and work towards economic independence.

**Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser for Alpha Family Center:** Pick up a Baby Bottle (lobby or back of sanctuary) and fill with spare change/dollar bills or a check (*made out to Alpha Family Center*) and return to church on June 18.

**Summer Worship Schedule:** One service at 9:30am - June 11 thru Sept 10

**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)

**10:00am Sunday School (Resumes in the Fall)**

**MS** Youth Group meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm (Resumes in the Fall)

**HS** Youth Group meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm (Resumes in the Fall)

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** for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Resumes in the Fall)

**KidLife Club:** Wednesday Programming (Resumes in the Fall)

**Vacation Bible School: June 25-28, 6-8pm** (Sunday-Wednesday) "Maker Fun Factory" (for kids ages 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Register your child on our website: [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/) **Volunteers needed!** Contact Beth Jennings.

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 280

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,515.40

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,336.00

Bergman Adoption Garage Sale: Raised \$6,000.00 *Thank you.*

Other Adoption Income: \$2,080.00 to date *Thank you!*



## The Adversary

Series: *Spiritual Warfare*

Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

Sunday: 5/21/2017

### Intro

### God's Word

① We are involved in an \_\_\_\_\_.

② We must \_\_\_\_\_ our foe.

Ⓐ Satan is a powerful \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ We must \_\_\_\_\_ our foe but not \_\_\_\_\_ him.

③ Satan's strategy is to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ and God's \_\_\_\_\_.

④ We do not fight \_\_\_\_\_ victory; we fight \_\_\_\_\_ victory.

### Our Response

You are at war, so be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, fighting \_\_\_\_\_ the victory that is yours in Christ Jesus.