

Life Application

- ❖ Can you think of a time when the Holy Spirit pointed out deception or denial in your life? How did you respond? Is the Holy Spirit convicting you of anything today?
- ❖ How would your relationship with God change if you spent time daily in His Word?
- ❖ Is there anything God has shown you *to do* that you are *not* doing, or that he has shown you *not to do* that you *are* doing? How can you repair this dangerous chink in your armor?
- ❖ Are you standing in salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone? How would this bring peace?
- ❖ Ask God to give you an opportunity to share your faith with someone. Reflect on how you grew as a result of sharing the gospel of peace with another.

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Beth Ashendorf** recovering from a stroke and is hospitalized 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.
- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~Be in prayer for all **military personnel, disaster victims, and people searching for jobs.**

Extended Family:

- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma’s sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea’s sister) finished chemo and consulting w/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.

Sympathy Expressed to:

- ~**Doug & Lyn Peterman** at the death of Doug’s mother, **Evelyn Peterman**, 5/18.
- ~**Bud & Carolyn Feikema** at the death of Bud’s brother, **Don Feikema**, 5/23.

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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Sunday, May 28, 2017
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Song of the Redeemed
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP
Rising Sun, Man of Sorrows, Prodigal

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

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE
Ephesians 6:13-15 (p.893)

MESSAGE
“Spiritual Warfare: Truth, Righteousness, and Peace”
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE
The Stand

CLOSING BLESSING

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:
(8:45am) Cherri Pastula, Sarah/Olivia (11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

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

Next Sunday: “Spiritual Warfare: Our Weapons – Peace & Faith”
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!

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

This Week:

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.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm: Church Fellowship Softball League.

May 30: RRC vs Camp Lake Baptist @ Courtland Township Field

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

Communion: 1st 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.

Praise in the Park begins Sunday, June 4, 6:00pm at the Garden Park Stage in downtown Rockford with Grace Fellowship Church Praise Team

Sat, June 10, starting at 8:00pm: View From the Hill. Invite family & friends to come and enjoy the Start of Summer Celebration Fireworks from the RRC parking lot. Bring a chair or blanket. Popcorn, refreshments & children's games provided!

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!

Sat, June 17: Alpha Family Center of Cedar Springs 22nd Annual LifeWalk & 5K LifeRun. Call 616-696-2616 for registration information. More info on our website.

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.

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

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



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

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

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

KidLife Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th 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 5th grade) Register your child on our website: www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/

Volunteers needed! Contact Beth Jennings.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 233

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,525.98

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$395.00

Bergman Adoption Income to date: \$8,080.00 (includes Garage Sale & Run)



Truth, Righteousness, and Peace

Series: *Spiritual Warfare*

Text: Ephesians 6:10-18 (focus 13-15)

Sunday: 5/28/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **The belt of _____: In the light of God's Word we must be _____ and _____ with God, self and others.**

② **The breastplate of _____: We must _____ in Christ's _____ and _____ to him in all areas of our lives.**

③ **The preparation of the gospel of _____: We find _____ and _____ the gospel as we stand in salvation by _____ alone, through _____ alone, in _____ alone.**

Our Response

A _____ of honesty, obedience, and confidence in the gospel, will provide _____ against Satan's attack.