

## Life Application

- ❖ Allow the Lord to bring to your heart several people with whom you experience tension, competition, or strife. Pray for each of them by name.
- ❖ This week, answer a harsh word with kindness and understanding.
- ❖ This week, show kindness in a tangible way towards a person with whom you have experienced tension.

Sermon audio and notes are available online at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Pray for the **Middle School Mission Trip** youth & leaders. For safe travel, growth in the Lord, and joy in serving others. They leave on July 23 and return on July 29. They are serving in Lorain County, OH
- ~**Beth Ashendorf** is home and needs some supervision in case of a fall. Volunteers appreciated to visit. Contact Sam (308-4596) if you can help.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** dealing with hand issues and prayer for stable kidney "numbers."
- ~**George Mansell** is in rehab at Porter Hills. Visitors appreciated.
- ~**Pam Herin** is in Hospice care at Vista Springs Northview.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – had an MRI on Tuesday, July 18.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~Be in prayer for all **military personnel, disaster victims, and people searching for jobs.**

### Extended Family:

- ~**Edie Walton** (Sally Bowers' mom) is in Hospice care.
- ~**Bill K.** (friend of Shankens) foot amputated and full knee replacement. In rehab.
- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) undergoing radiation treatments.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) Looking at new medical options.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

### Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Molly Campbell and family** at the death of her husband, **Pastor Antoine (Tony) Campbell.**

## 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, July 23, 2017

Worship @ 9:30am

*Good Good Father*  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*How Great Thou Art, Made Alive, Hallelujah to Saving Grace*

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

### OFFERING

*Song of the Redeemed*

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:38-48 (p.740)

### MESSAGE

"True Righteousness: Radical Unconditional Love"

Pastor Paul Bradford

### RESPONSE

*The Solid Rock*

### CLOSING BLESSING

### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Stephanie Bergman, Jen Klaasen, Elizabeth Knapp

### Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Beth Jennings, Jacob Hallenbeck

**Next Sunday:** "True Worship: Money, Stuff, & God"

Matthew 6:1-4 (p.740) • Pastor Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

## Today:

**9:05am: Prayer** in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

**After Service Socials:** Join us in the gym for goodies and great conversation.

This week's hosts: RRC Missions Team

Next week: Team Orphans

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

**6:00pm: Praise in the Park** at the Garden Park Stage in downtown Rockford.

TODAY: Bridgeway Community Church Praise Team

Next week, July 30: Rockford Baptist Church Praise Team

## 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.**

July 25: RRC vs First Congregational @ Art Van Field #5  
(3300 10 Mile Rd NE)

**Every other Saturday, 7:15-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "Manhood

Restored" by Eric Mason. Meet in the Fireside Rm#253.

Next meeting Aug 5.

**Sat, July 29, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group.** Meet for lunch at Cheers

Restaurant then back to church for games & dessert. 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

**Church Office:** Marcia Shanken is on vacation most of the next 2 weeks. The office will be closed on **Friday, July 28 and August 4.** Limited office hours the rest of the days. Call 866-2308 to be sure someone will be there.

**Worship Survey:** A survey was emailed on Saturday asking you to let us know which of the two services (9:30am or 11:00am) you would most likely attend when we go back to two services in the Fall. This information will greatly help us in planning for Fall activities. A hard copy of the survey was put in the Family Mail Folder (church office hallway) of those who do not have email. *Thank you!*

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

**Wed, Aug 2: Adult Fellowship Group.** Lunch at Snug Harbor in Grand Haven (pay your own). RSVP w/Wilma Rottman 866-2389. Meet at church to carpool.

**Ladies - Save the Date! Saturday, Sept 30 Ladies' Day Event** with speaker Karen Hossink. Includes morning breakout sessions and ends with a delicious lunch. Put it on your calendar and be sure to invite other women from the community. Help needed for set-up, tear down, food, decoration, lead a fun craft, be a small group facilitator, etc. Contact Lori VerMerris, [lvermerris@yahoo.com](mailto:lvermerris@yahoo.com)

**Paper Gator.** You may have noticed we no longer have a Paper Gator. We were not collecting enough to meet the requirements of the program. You can still find Paper Gator bins at Our Lady of Consolation, Rockford Baptist Church, and North Rockford Middle School.

**Needed: Volunteers for Hillview Learning Center.** More info on our website at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/hillview-learning-center](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/hillview-learning-center).

**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** *(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)*

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 *(Resumes in the Fall)*

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

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 196

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,478.98

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$260.00

# Radical Unconditional Love

*Series: True Righteousness*

Text: Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday: 7/23/2017

## Intro

## God's Word

① **We are to overcome evil with \_\_\_\_\_.**

② **We are to love and pray for our \_\_\_\_\_.**

③ **Our standard of love is our \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.**

## Our Response

**Overcome evil with \_\_\_\_\_, and conquer with \_\_\_\_\_.**