

Our Response

The Bible teaches that every Christian is a _____ of Christ's one body, therefore we can be _____ and _____ only as we live in _____ with one another and each do our _____ in our local congregation.

Life Application Questions

- ❖ Are you more likely to think too little of your importance in the local congregation, or too much of your own importance? What is the spiritual remedy to your misperception?
- ❖ What can I do to build up others in the body of Christ? How can I compassionately comfort those who are suffering?
- ❖ How can I more fully do my part in building others up and helping us fulfill God's call as a local congregation?

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Doris De Good** had hip replacement surgery on Aug 29. She is home and doing well.
- ~**Sharon Dulyea** had an MRI on Aug 16 for sciatic nerve pain. Waiting for results.
- ~**Carol Riegling** is on oxygen & consulting with doctors.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – MRI results show tumor is stable. Continues treatments.
- ~**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, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Sarah Degen** (Yurick's daughter) surgery was successful. Will start radiation.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman's) 6th battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.
- ~**Jan Lapp** (Tyler's mom) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

Sympathy Expressed:

To **Norm & Wilma Rottman** at the death of their son-in-law, **Gary Blok**, on August 25.

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.

4890 11 Mile Road NE, Rockford, MI 49341 • phone: 616-866-2308 • fax: 616-866-2269
email: office@rockfordrc.org • website: rockfordreformedchurch.org



Rockford Reformed Church
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Septemberfest

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manifesto

SONGS OF WORSHIP

This I Believe, Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone), Nothing But The Blood

OFFERING

RPM PUPPET MINISTRY: *This Little Light of Mine*

11:00am: Baptism of Madilyn Paige Evett, daughter of Robyn Evett

LITURGICAL DANCE: *Marvelous Light*

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

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 12:12-27 (p.875)

MESSAGE

"One Body, One Purpose: Members of Christ"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Build Your Kingdom Here

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson (11:00am) Jaime Mueller, Sara Zang, Kate & Aimee Zang

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings (11:00am) Beth Jennings

Next Sunday: "One Body, One Purpose: Following Jesus"
Matthew 28:18-20 (p.763) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

Sun, Sept 11: Blood Pressure Screening after both services (Rm#211)

Sun, Sept 11: RRC Annual SeptemberFest. (Fall Kick Off)

Join us for an **All-Church Picnic** on the front lawn following the 11:00am service. Music, games & prizes! Hamburgs, hot dogs, water, and tableware provided. Bring a dish or beverage to share. Fall programming info for kids & adults will be available.

Sunday School for all ages **starts Sept 18 at 10:00am.**

- Adults: "Faith & Politics – Our Past, Present, & Future," led by Ryan DeKuiper in the Fireside Room #253

High School Youth Group starts Sept 18, 6:30pm in the Youth Room #153.

This Week:

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

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study – "Discover Isaiah," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm#212. **Starts Sept 13.**

Wednesday Night Activities Start, Sept 21

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club**, 6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**, 6:45pm **Adult Classes**

Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. New study - "A Man and His Traps," **starts Sept 17.** Meet in the Fireside Rm#253

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

A Call to Prayer. Pastor Paul would like to start a weekly prayer meeting in our congregation to pray for revival in our personal lives and in our congregation. Day and time to be determined. Contact Pastor Paul with your suggestions at paul@rockfordrc.org or text/call 248-824-3662.

Weekend Women's Retreat Sept 30-Oct 2 at SpringHill Camp. Info on our website: www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/womens-retreat/. **Deadline extended to Sept 11 - TODAY.**

Sun, Sept 18, 6:00pm: Concert of Prayer. Join us as we pray over the ministries of RRC. (Child care provided)

Sun, Sept 18: Bibles will be presented to all those in Kindergarten and 6th grade. Please call the church office with the name of your child. We don't want to miss anyone!

Sat, Sept 24, 1:00pm: Adult Senior Singles. Lunch at New Beginnings Restaurant on Northland Dr then back to church in the Fireside Room for games and dessert. RSVP with Carol @ 866-4845.

Thurs, Sept 29, 7-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club planning session in the Fireside Rm#253. The Book Club will meet monthly. Join us to discuss book titles and location of meetings.

Usher Volunteers needed for the 8:45am service. Women or men welcome. Contact Wilma Nelson (866-3502) or the church office if you are interested.

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

Sun, Sept 18: Bibles will be presented to all 6th graders. Please call the church office with the name of your child. We don't want to miss anyone!

MS & HS Sunday School starts Sept 18 at 10:00am

MS Youth Group starts Wed, Sept 21 at 6:30pm (6-8th grades)

HS Youth Group starts Sun, Sept 18 at 6:30pm (9-12th grades)

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

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

Sun, Sept 18: Bibles will be presented to all Kindergarteners. Please call the church office with the name of your child. We don't want to miss anyone!

Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade **starts Sept 18** at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs) **starts Wednesday, Sept 21**

6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Clubs

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 146

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$6,486.92

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$120.00

Last week's Benevolent Fund (for Jorvens): Total to date: \$6,313.00

Members of Christ

1st Series: One Body, One Purpose

Text: 1Corinthians 12:12-27

Sunday: 9/11/2016

Intro

God's Word

① **All Christians are _____ of the body of Christ.**

Ⓐ All believers are _____ to one another.

Ⓑ You are _____ by the other members of Christ's body.

Ⓒ You _____ the other members of Christ's body.

Ⓓ Members _____ together, and members _____ together.

② **The Bible expects all Christians to function as members of a _____ of Christ.**

Ⓐ Membership in a local church is _____ in the body.

Ⓑ As we live as one body, each doing our part, we will be _____ and will accomplish _____ for our lives and our congregation.