

## Life Application Questions

- ❖ *Is God reigning in your life? In what specific area do you need to surrender to God's rule?*
- ❖ *Where is God calling you to bring his shalom to others by sharing the good news?*
- ❖ *Where is God calling you to bring his shalom to others by being the good news?*
- ❖ *How can you be an ambassador for Christ's Kingdom to the world around you?*

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Gary Gingrich had knee replacement surgery on Sept 19.
- ~Scott Weir home recovering with a broken neck & leg after an accident.
- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.
- ~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) undergoing radiation.
- ~Kathy Lambers (friend of Bergman's) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~Barry Lambers (Kathy's husband) suffered spinal injury, paralyzed waist down.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Jan Lapp (Tyler's mom) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

### Sympathy is Expressed to:

Steve & Nancy Steenwyk at the death of Nancy's mother, Hermina Witteveen, 10/17

### Congratulations to:

Eric & Kesha Zeemering on the birth of their son, Kai Westley, on 10/5.  
Grandparents are Ken and Wilma Nelson.

## 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, October 23, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*It Is Finished*

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*This Is My Father's World, Hallelujah to Saving Grace, Be Thou My Vision*

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

### OFFERING

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:23-31 (p.833)

### MESSAGE

"One Body, One Purpose: Advancing the Kingdom"

Paul Bradford

### RESPONSE

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

### 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 Ringnald (11:00am) Lora & Maddison Jenema, Melissa VanderTuuk

Next Sunday: "The Five Solas: Saved by Grace Alone"

Pastor Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

## Today:

**8:15am: 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:** "Faith & Politics – Our Past, Present, & Future," led by Ryan DeKuiper in the Fireside Room #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** – "Discover Isaiah," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

### Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club** (ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

This week – Spark in the Dark, 6:00-8:00pm

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes (no classes this week)**

- "Christianity, Cults, & World Religions" – Co-ed class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Keep It Shut" – Women's study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

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

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Oct 29.

## Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.**

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

**Adult Singles Lunch:** Saturday, Oct 29, 1pm. Lunch at Bravo's, then back to church (Fireside Room) for games and dessert. RSVP with Carol – 866-4845.

**Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction:** Sunday, Nov 6 in the gym following the 11am service. Please contact Brian Ellis if you can donate items for the silent

auction. This is a fundraiser for the Middle School Youth to raise funds for church events/mission trips.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:** Pick up a box in the lobby and a flyer/envelope with information on how to pack your box. *Deadline to return boxes is Nov 13.*

**Discovery Class, Sat, Oct 29 & Nov 5:** This two-session class is for those **interested in membership** or learning more about the church. We will meet from 9-11am at the home of Steve & Nancy Steenwyk. They have NO pets, so people with pet allergies can come. Childcare will be provided, if needed. Contact the church office (866-2308) if you are interested.

**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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



## Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto:brian@rockfordrc.org)

**MS Griffins Red Kettle Game:** Nov 11, 6-9:45pm. Please turn in your event form by Nov 6.

**MS Fundraiser Dinner:** Nov 6. Sign up for your spot to serve.

**HS All-Nighter at 3 Mile Project:** Nov 4-5

## 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)

**Spark in the Dark Party:** Wednesday, Oct 26, 6-8pm in the gym (in place of KidLife Club). Food, candy, games, prizes. Costumes welcome.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 252

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,112.59

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$4,180.00

# Advancing the Kingdom

7<sup>th</sup> in Series: *One Body, One Purpose*

Text: Isaiah 9:6-7 and 61:1-4

Sunday: 10/23/2016

## God's Word

① The Kingdom of God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓐ In the \_\_\_\_\_, those who are born again are under God's \_\_\_\_\_, and should bear the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ In the \_\_\_\_\_, Christ will come again & establish his Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ over all creation.

② Because we are in \_\_\_\_\_ and in his \_\_\_\_\_, we share in his \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓐ We spread the Kingdom by God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ released through \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ We spread the Kingdom by \_\_\_\_\_.

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③ We must be \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom in the midst of the Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Our Response

As members of Christ's body we share in his \_\_\_\_\_ as we spread his \_\_\_\_\_ into every \_\_\_\_\_ he has given us.