

## Life Application Questions

- ❖ How have I been more concerned about looking good than being good? What can I do about it this week?
- ❖ Towards whom am I being judgmental? What is God calling me to do now to get my heart right?
- ❖ What sins do I need to confess before God? Where can I be honest with others and receive prayer so that God might change me from the inside out?

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.**
- ~**Carol Riegling** scheduled for surgery (Endarterectomy) at U of M Feb 10.
- ~**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 **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Emily Bowers, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea’s sister) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk’s son-in-law) found new tumor, doing even more aggressive chemo.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman’s) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Barry Lambers** (Kathy’s husband) paralyzed waist down. Some movement in left leg.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma’s mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

### Sympathy Expressed to:

**Tom & Daryl Nederveld** at the death of Daryl’s mom, **Betty Ringelberg**, on January 13.

## 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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**Rockford Reformed Church**  
connecting • growing • serving

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

**Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**

*Man of Sorrows*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Nothing But The Blood, Marvelous Light, The Stand*

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

### OFFERING

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:1-6 (p.934)

### MESSAGE

“The Seven Churches in Revelation: Authentic and Alive”

Pastor Paul Bradford

### RESPONSE

*Arms Open Wide*

### CLOSING BLESSING

### Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

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

### Today’s KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings, Brianna Knapp (11:00am) Emily DeWitte, Becki Pilko, Avery Jennings

### Next Sunday:

“The Seven Churches of Revelation: Pursuing God’s Best in Faith”

Revelation 3:7-13 (p.934) • Pastor Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

## Today:

**8:20am: 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:** "Reformation Overview" – a video series led by Phil Knapp (Rm#253). Starts Jan 15.

**6:30pm: High School Youth Group.** Meet in the Youth Room #153

**NO meeting today, Jan 29.**

## 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** – "Speaking Wisely," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

**Wed, Feb 1, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck.** Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food and conversation. All Welcome! Following lunch Wilma Nelson will give a talk on Germany.

## Wednesday Night Activities:

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

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

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Letter to the Hebrews – Part 2" – Co-ed class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Women of the Bible, Part 2" – Women's study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

**Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club.** Fireside Rm #253.

Feb Book: *The Quaker Cafe* by Brenda Devan Remmes. Next meeting Feb 23.

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "Manhood Restored" by Eric Mason. In the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting Feb 4.

## Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

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

**Year-End Giving Statements** are in your church mailboxes.

**Feb 3 & 4 – Women's IF:Gathering** at Bella Vista Church. Join this 2-day event that brings women together across denominations, generations, and cultures in the name of Jesus. For more information and to register go to [register.ifgathering.com/event/ifrockford](http://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifrockford)

**Sun, Feb 5, 12:30pm: Haiti Mission Trip Info Meeting** (Fireside Rm#253).

Interested in joining the RRC Team on their annual Mission Trip to Haiti? Trip dates are July 5-12. It is a life-changing experience. Contact Rachel DeKuiper for info @ 874-3399 or [rmdekuiper@rockfordschools.org](mailto:rmdekuiper@rockfordschools.org)

**Fri, Feb 10, 7:00pm: Movie Night! For Ladies & Teenage Girls** (age 13 and older). Come enjoy a double-feature of "Love Comes Softly" and "Love's Enduring Promise" in the Fireside Room. Drinks provided. Bring a snack to share.

**Sun, Feb 12, 12:15pm: New-Comer's Lunch.** Are you new to RRC? Join Pastor Paul & Tammy Bradford for an informal lunch (following the 11:00am service) and a chance to have any questions answered. Please RSVP with the church office (866-2308) or at [office@rockfordrc.org](mailto:office@rockfordrc.org)

**Leaders & Helpers needed for Nursery & KidLife Worship.** Contact Beth Jennings at [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org) or call 866-2308.

**Mentors needed for Kids Hope!** Contact Emillie Clayton, [emillie@rockfordrc.org](mailto:emillie@rockfordrc.org)

**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** at 10:00am: **MS** (Youth Room #153), **HS** (Rm #246)

**MS** meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, **HS** meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

**Winter Retreats:** **MS** February 10-12

## 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 at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Club

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 238

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,882.39

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$350.00

# Authentic and Alive

*5<sup>th</sup> in Series: The Seven Churches of Revelation*

Text: Revelation 3:1-6

Sunday: 1/29/2017

## Intro

## God's Word

① **Jesus wants \_\_\_\_\_ not simply right**

\_\_\_\_\_.

❖ *Trying to \_\_\_\_\_ is often the enemy of*

\_\_\_\_\_.

❖ *A \_\_\_\_\_ attitude is always the enemy of both*

*true \_\_\_\_\_ and authentic*

\_\_\_\_\_.

② **Jesus commands us to \_\_\_\_\_ lest we \_\_\_\_\_.**

❖ *Remember the biblical \_\_\_\_\_, repent, and \_\_\_\_\_.*

## Response

**We must cleanse our hearts of all \_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_ with God, others, and ourselves, so that the Lord can change us from the \_\_\_\_\_.**