

Life Application Questions

- ❖ *Where in your life are you hiding your faith in Jesus? How might the Lord be challenging you to honor and acknowledge him before others?*
- ❖ *Are you living in expectant faith that God will indeed open doors in your life for ministry and Kingdom influence? What in your life would change if you were living each day with expectancy that God was going to work through you for his glory?*
- ❖ *Where might the Lord be opening doors in your life for ministry and Kingdom influence?*
- ❖ *Are you living for reward in this world, or for reward in the world to come?*

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Middle School Winter Retreat Feb 10-12.
- ~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) 6th 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.

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, February 5, 2017
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Oh God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Burn Like a Star, My Lighthouse, Prodigal

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

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:7-13 (p.934)

MESSAGE

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

Pastor Paul Bradford

COMMUNION

RESPONSE

Jesus Paid It All

CLOSING BLESSING

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Lilly Johnson (11:00am) Tamra Miller

Today’s KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Julie Ringnald, Avery Jennings (11:00am) Lora & Maddison Jenema, Melissa Vander Tuuk

Next Sunday:

“The Seven Churches of Revelation: Finding Life in Christ Alone”

Revelation 3:14-22 (p.935) • 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-5th 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).

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

Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club** (ages 3 years – 5th 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.

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

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: 1st Sunday of every month

Year-End Giving Statements are in your church mailboxes.

Leaders & Helpers needed for Nursery & KidLife Worship. Contact Beth Jennings at beth@rockfordrc.org or call 866-2308.

NEW DATE! Sun, Feb 12, 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

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

Sat, Feb 25, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group. Lunch at Bravo's then to church for games and dessert in the Fireside Room. RSVP w/Carol @ 866-4845.

Fri, March 3, 6:15-9:00pm: Trivia Night. (6:15 appetizers, 7pm Trivia). Registration is free at rockfordrc.org/trivia-night or sign-up in the lobby at church (deadline is Feb 26). Childcare by our Youth Ministry. Donations accepted.

Fri, March 3, 6:00-9:00pm. Parent's Night Out. Drop off your kids (ages infant – 5th grade) and enjoy a few hours of freedom. Snacks provided. RSVP to Beth Jennings at 866-2308 or beth@rockfordrc.org. Donations go towards youth accounts.

Mentors needed for Kids Hope! Contact Emillie Clayton, 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



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: 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

HS Fundraiser Dinner & a Movie: Sun Feb 25 following the 11am service.

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 at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

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

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 247

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,853.00

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,270.00

Pursuing God's Best in Faith

6th in Series: The Seven Churches of Revelation

Text: Revelation 3:7-13

Sunday: 2/5/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **The Lord desires his Church to be _____ and**

_____.

② **The Lord will open _____ for effective _____ and**

_____ **that no one can shut.**

③ **The Lord will _____ as his own.**

Our Response

As we are _____ and _____, Jesus will

open before us _____

_____ **that no one can shut.**