

Our Response

We must honor the _____ of marriage in our personal lives and in the lives of others, upholding _____, _____, and _____ in marriage, for the _____ of God and for the highest _____ of all.

Life application Questions

- ❖ Where do I need to repent for violating the God created covenant of marriage, whether when single or when married?
- ❖ What is one specific way I can commit to showing unconditional love or honor to my wife or husband this week?
- ❖ Whether single or married, how can I honor and uphold the covenant of marriage?

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.**
- ~**Carol Riegling** is home and doing well.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – tumor is stable, continues treatment. MRI results March 16.
- ~**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:

- ~**Henry Van Dyken** (Karen Bazen’s father) pneumonia better, on meds for A-fib.
- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma’s sister) bone/kidney/brain cancer. Started chemo & radiation treatments.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea’s sister) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk’s son-in-law) aggressive chemo treatments.
- ~**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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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, March 19, 2017
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



Man of Sorrows
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

All Creatures of Our God and King, Nothing But The Blood, Stronger

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

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:31-33 (p.893)

MESSAGE

“The Christian Family: The Covenant of Marriage”

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Jesus Paid It All

CLOSING BLESSING

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Cherri Pastula, Sarah, Olivia (11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

Today’s KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Chris Knapp, Kennedy Huffman (11:00am) Lora Jenema, Leigh Verburg

Next Sunday: “The Christian Family: Wives Who Respect Their Husbands”
Ephesians 5:21-24, 33 (p.892) • 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:** Thy Kingdom Come: Practical Applications of the Resurrection” led by Bren Shantz. Fireside Rm #253.

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

This Week:

Mon, March 20, 7-8:30pm: Jewelry Show Fundraiser Open House to help Rob & Stephanie Bergman with adoption costs. (Fellowship Hall)

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 – “The Ten Commandments,” 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**

- “Discovery 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.

March Book: *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jo Jo Moyes. Next meeting Mar 30.

Sat, March 25, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group – lunch at Thousand Oaks

Restaurant then back to church for desert & games. RSVP w/Carol 866-4845

Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. “Manhood Restored” by Eric Mason. In the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting Apr 1.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

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

2017 Church Directory: Pick up a copy on the table in the office hallway near the Family Mail Folders.

Mentors needed for Kids Hope! Contact Emillie Clayton, emillie@rockfordrc.org

Easter Baskets for NKCS: Pick up a basket in the Lobby and fill with candy, small toys and a personal note. An Easter coloring book is also available to add to your basket. Deadline to bring baskets back is April 2.

March 27-April 14: Lenten Prayer Walk (Self-guided) 8:30am-4:30pm, Mon-Fri

Sat, April 1, 8am-noon: Spring Clean Up of Grounds. Lunch provided.

April 9 – Palm Sunday (8:45am & 11:00am)

April 13 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:00pm)

April 16 – Easter Sunday (8:45am & 11:00am)

Sat, April 15, 9:30am: Easter Egg Hunt & Family Breakfast. NEEDED – small, individually wrapped candies. Place donations in the basket in the Lobby.

Sat, May 13: River Bank Run: Join the RRC Adoption Team to help raise money for the Bergman’s adoption fundraising. More info on our website.

Gardening Help Needed: On-going help, once in a while help, maybe pick a section and take responsibility for it. Contact Roger Hoogewind (401-8631) or rogerdhoog@hotmail.com

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

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

Derby Car Race: Wed, April 12, 6:30pm **VBS: June 25-28**

Attendance / Finance:

Last week’s attendance: 218

Last week’s Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,658.07

Last week’s FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$611.00

The Covenant of Marriage

2nd in Series: The Christian Family

Text: Ephesians 5:31-33

Sunday: 3/19/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **According to the Bible, what is needed to form a valid marriage?**

Ⓐ C _____ to marry.

Ⓑ C _____ that is _____ and _____ binding.

Ⓒ C _____ of the marriage.

② **What commitments do a couple make when they enter a covenant of marriage?**

When I entered my marriage covenant I committed to...

Ⓐ Living with my spouse in a _____, _____ and _____ relationship.

Ⓑ Being attentive to my spouse’s _____.

Ⓒ Loving and honoring my spouse _____.

③ **What are the benefits of the biblical covenant of marriage?**

Ⓐ Covenant love in marriage _____.

Ⓑ Covenant love in marriage brings _____, _____, and _____ to marriage.