

Life Application

- ❖ In what relationship do you need to guard your heart, aligning them with God's truth?
- ❖ In what attitudes do you need to guard your heart, aligning them with God's truth?

Some attitudes to consider: thankfulness versus grumbling; trust versus fear; contentment versus coveting; encouraging spirit versus critical spirit; forgiveness versus bitterness; purity versus lust; humility versus pride; and honor versus rebellion.

- ❖ What steps can you take this week to guard your heart in God's truth?

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Deb Coon** – home recovering after knee replacement surgery on Oct 2.
- ~**Carol Riegling** – home recovering from brain surgery Sept 21 to remove a cyst.
- ~**Sarah Proppe** – home recovering after surgery for a herniated disc.
- ~**Ruth Westrate** – home and continues recovery.
- ~**Beth Ashendorf** is home. Volunteers appreciated to visit. Call Sam (308-4596) if you can help.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** – prayer that all “numbers” will stay regulated.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – Undergoing radiation & chemo in addition to current treatment. Seeking advice from Mayo & U of M.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~Be in prayer for all **military personnel, disaster victims, and people searching for jobs.**

Extended Family:

- ~**Joe Pilko** (Eric Pilko's dad) – recovering from surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor, determining next steps for treatment.
- ~**Edie Walton** (Sally Bowers' mom) – health has improved and she has been discharged from hospice.
- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) undergoing radiation treatments.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

Sympathy:

- ~Expressed to the family of **Elaine Pierson** who passed away on Sept. 21.

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 back of church after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary Welcome Bag in the lower lobby. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

Children 5th Grade & Under: Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service or may attend KidLife (available both services)! The KidLife Check-in Station is in the Fellowship Hall Room 100. ALL children attending KidLife should be checked in before the service even if they will be going down to KidLife after the first part of 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'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 Bag 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, October 8, 2017
Worship @ 9:30am & 11:00am

Create In Me
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP
Grace Alone, Nothing But The Good

Children (ages 3 years – 5th grade) are invited to KidLife downstairs

OFFERING
Come Thou Fount

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE
Proverbs 4:23 (p.484)

MESSAGE
“Little Things That Make a Big Difference: Thoughts”
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE
Be Thou My Vision

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:
(9:30am) Polly Johnson
(11:00am) Melissa Fisk, Lena Jolliffe

Next Sunday: “Little Things That Make a Big Difference: Prayer”
Mark 11:23 (p.775) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

9:05am: Prayer in Room 212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

Sunday School for all ages:

KidLife Check-in Station is located in the Fellowship Hall Room 100

- KidLife for Ages 3 - 5th Grade: 9:20-10:40am and 10:50am-12:15pm
(This includes drop-off and pick-up time not actual class time)
 - **Ages 3 – K** meet in Room 101
 - **1st – 5th grade** meet in Room 112
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) @ 9:30am in the Youth Room 153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) @ 9:30am in Room 246
- **Adults: Starting Nov 5.** 9:30-10:30am – 6-week Parenting Class led by Kevin & Polly Johnson. Fireside Rm 253.

6:30-8:00pm: High School Youth Group – meet in the Youth Room 153.

This Week:

Mondays, 7-8pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary.

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

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study: "Faith: Depending on God"
Led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd. Meet in Room 212.

Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm Family Dinner

6:30-8:00pm KidLife Club (3 years – 5th Grade)

6:30-8:00pm MS Youth Group – meet in the Youth Room 153

6:45-8:00pm Adult Classes:

- "From Big Bang to Stars and Planets – New Revelations of God's Creation" led by Steve Steenwyk, Rm 253
- "Women's Life Application Studies" led by Polly Johnson, Rm 250

Every other Sat, 7:15-8:30am. Men's Study Breakfast: "Accepting the Call to Personal Transformation." Led by Kevin Johnson. Meet in the Fireside Room 253. Continental Breakfast served. Next meeting – Oct 21

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Family Mail Folders and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Hurricane Relief Donations: RCA Global Mission is working with disaster response partners. To donate use the link in the eBeacon or mail checks to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Dept., 4500 60th St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512 and include "Hurricane Relief" on your check. Thank you!

Church Office: Limited Office Hours Mon-Thurs, Oct 9-12 & Mon, Oct 16.
Closed Fri, Oct 13.

Wed, Oct 11, 5-6:30pm: Flu Vaccination Clinic in Room 141. Contact Wilma Nelson with questions @ 866-3502.

Sun, Oct 15, 4:00pm: Hymn Sing in the sanctuary

Thurs, Oct 26, 6:00pm: North Kent Connect presents "Pastors Square Off" (our own version of Hollywood Squares!) a fun fundraiser at Meijer Gardens. Contact Dianne Bennett (h.874-8787 or c.648-4441) She has some free tickets.

Sun, Oct 29, 12:15pm: Fundraiser Dinner for our Middle School Youth. Join us for great food and fellowship. Donations help with youth events.

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:

9:30-10:30am: **MS** (Youth Room 153), **HS** (Room 246)

MS Youth Group meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm
Sat, Oct 21: Klackle Orchard (Cost is \$10)

HS Youth Group meets on Sundays, 6:30-8:00pm

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

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

KidLife for ages 3 through 5th grades. 9:20-10:40am and 10:50am-12:15pm
(Includes drop-off & pick-up time not actual class time)

KidLife Check-in Station is located in the Fellowship Hall Room 100

KidLife Club: Wednesdays - 6:00pm Family Dinner, 6:30pm KidLife Club
Preschool leaders needed. Contact Beth Jennings.

Wed, Oct 25, 6-8pm: Spark in the Dark Family Event. Games, food, prizes, candy & more! Invite friends. Costumes welcome! Small individually wrapped candy & toy donations needed!

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 264

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,595.00

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$4,084.00

Thoughts

Series: *Little Things that make a Big Difference*

Text: Proverbs 4:23

Sunday: 10/8/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **Key principle:** Above _____ else, _____ your heart,
for it is the _____ of life.

② **Key question:** How can I _____ my heart with God's
_____?

Response

① **Guarding our hearts in** _____.

② **Guarding our hearts in** _____.