

Our Response

The Bible teaches that you are a _____ in Christ,
that the old sinner is _____, and that you must _____
that truth and _____ that truth!

Life Application questions

Where in your life is there a sinful habit of the old self that you need to put off? What is holding you back from putting off that old habit?

What steps can you take today to be renewed in the spirit of your mind?

*What behavior consistent with your new self do you need to put on?
What can you do this week to put on that new character trait?*

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

~**Dennis Vander Kuyl** is recovering from knee replacement surgery on April 13.

~**Rebecca Cruttenden** is recovering from surgery on March 18 to repair a torn tendon in her left ankle.

~**Dave Mundwiler** is undergoing treatments.

~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.

~**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: **Phil Scholten**, **Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

~**Bob & Marilyn Mellema** (Bob is Carol Knox & Ruth Hosler's brother). Bob is under Hospice Care for COPD and Marilyn is dealing with back pain.

~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.

~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Perry & Cherri Pastula** at the death of Perry's mother, **Virginia Pastula**, on April 9.

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, April 17, 2016
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

Children (ages 3-7) are invited to Children's Worship downstairs

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:17-28 (p.891)

MESSAGE

"Life Together: Living in Our New Humanity"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website
rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Cora Vanden Heuvel

(11:00am) Megan DeVries, Sara Zang, Kate & Aimee Zang

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Abby Vanden Heuvel

(11:00am) Emily De Witte, Landen Jennings

Next Sunday: "Life Together: Life Giving Words"
Ephesians 4:29-30 (p.892) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages.

Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #122

Grades K-5th meet in Classroom #101

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

Adult Class: "The Four Gospels," led by Bren Shantz. Meet in the Fireside Room #253.

Sun, April 17, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting

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

This Week:

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

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: "What's So Amazing About Grace" (by Phillip Yancy), led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

Wednesday, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group

Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study – "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. [Next meeting is April 22.](#)

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study – "Unglued" (Lysa TerKeurst) led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

Sat, April 23, 8:30am: Ladies Day 2016. Guest speaker is Rev. Leslie Holmes.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards have been moved to the church office hallway. We have devised a new system and now each family has a hanging file folder. We are seeking to create a more uncluttered feeling for the worship space and think the office hallway is a convenient area for these items. Consistory, Staff, Ministry Teams, Bible Studies, etc. still have a designated mail area and there is a table in the hallway for flyers, sign-ups, etc. We hope this is a solution that will work for everyone.

Sun, May 1: Worship Team Meeting/Lunch following 2nd service.

Kids Hope Book Drive: New books needed for Valley View Elem. Kids Hope reading incentive. Deadline is May 1.

Sun, May 1: Communion will be served at both services.

Wed, May 4, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies and great conversation. Everyone welcome!

Thurs, May 5: National Day of Prayer. The sanctuary will be open 8:00am to 4:30pm for those who would like to come and pray.

"Buy A Brick" – Purchase a brick for our Memorial Prayer Garden with the name of your loved one. (\$40) Order forms available on the table in the church office hallway. [Orders due May 30.](#)

On-line Giving now available. 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

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School.

Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group in Youth Room #153.

Wednesdays, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group in Youth Room #153.

Mission Trips: **HS** June 12-18, **MS** July 31-Aug 6

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: laura@rockfordrc.org

Sun, July 24 – Wed, July 27, 6-8pm: "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School for ages 3 years through those who have completed 5th grade.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 245

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,019.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,681.00

Living in Our New Humanity

5th in Series: Life Together

Text: Ephesians 4:17-28

Sunday: 4/17/2016

Intro

God's Word

① The Bible teaches that the human problem is _____.

② Through faith in Christ the believer has _____ the _____ man and _____ the _____ man.

③ God's truth _____ our minds, transforming our _____.

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