

Life Application Questions

- ❖ What possible fears did Abraham have to overcome to welcome the stranger?
- ❖ What possible fears will Rockford Reformed Church have to overcome to welcome the stranger?
- ❖ How can we respond in Faith and not in fear to the other person?
- ❖ When has your family practiced Hospitality that gave someone new hope?
- ❖ What does Hospitality look like at Rockford Reformed and how can we make a very hospitable church even better?

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** recovering well (in the hospital) after surgery on 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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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, February 19, 2017

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Oh God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

How Great Thou Art, Be Thou My Vision, Arms Open Wide

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

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Multiple verses

MESSAGE

“Loving Others Toward Christ: Being Hospitable”

Pastor Tony Campbell

RESPONSE

Come Thou Fount

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings, Brianna Knapp (11:00am) Stephanie Bergman, Jacob Hallenbeck

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Chris Knapp, Nicholas Knapp (11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Cathy Hallenbeck

Next Sunday: “Loving Others Toward Christ: Being There”

Luke 10:25-37 • Pastor Tony Campbell

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). **Feb 26: "Tony Talks"** – Pastor Tony will share about what he's seeing in the RCA in the church worldwide as he travels and interacts with leaders.

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.

NOTE: NO Prayer Meeting Feb 20 or 27

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.**

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

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.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Church Office: Limited Office Hours on Thurs, Feb 23. **Closed Fri, Feb 24**

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

Sun, Feb 26, 12:15pm: Fundraiser Dinner & a Movie (Disney's Lilo & Stitch). Join us for a great meal & fun movie. Donations benefit the High School Youth.

Wed, March 1, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

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 toward youth accounts.

Discovery Class for Church Membership starting Wed, March 8. Info soon.

Easter Baskets for NKCS: We will be filling baskets again this year. Info soon.

Sun, March 12, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting in the gym.

Sat, March 18: RRC Youth Ministry Garage Sale. Watch for donation drop off information.

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

HS Fundraiser Dinner & a Movie: Sun, Feb 26 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: 250

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,065.00

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,260.00

Being Hospitable

1st in Series: Loving Others Toward Christ

Text: Hebrews 13:2

Sunday: 2/19/2017

Genesis 18:

- Abraham welcomes strangers and cares for them
- Because Abraham welcomes strangers:
 - He saves Lot and his family
 - He is blessed with a child
 - His hospitality blesses us

Strangers Welcomed in the South, a Family Story

Hospitality is more than Tradition in Israel

Hospitality is a Command from GOD

- Hebrews 13:2
- Romans 12:13
- I Peter 4:9
- I Timothy 3:2
- Titus 1:8
- Isaiah 58:7

Need for Hospitality is still present in:

- Families
- Congregations
- Communities
- World

Churches That Welcome

- Grow
- Thrive
- Blessed to be a blessing

Must respond to a stranger – not with our fears, but with our Faith.

Good Hospitality can change our lives.