

Life Application

- ❖ **Blessed are the poor in spirit:** *Where do you place your hope? Ponder your profound poverty in all of life, that your soul is desperate without Jesus. As you find hope and riches in Christ alone, you will know the joy of God's Kingdom.*
- ❖ **Blessed are those who mourn:** *Are you honestly facing your sadness? Acknowledge the sorrow you feel for your sin and for the sin and brokenness in the world. Mourn the loss of this world. As you repent of sin and die to this world, you will begin to experience true peace and comfort within.*
- ❖ **Blessed are the meek:** *Have you given up defending your own rightness? Are you gentle and humble, not seeking to assert yourself over others in order to advance your own causes or to look good? As you live meekly, God will work through you, and the future will be yours.*
- ❖ **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness:** *Do you long for God? Take time in quietness to allow yourself to long to know the Lord more deeply and to be pure for his glory. As you hunger and thirst for Christ and his righteousness, you will be satisfied!*

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Beth Ashendorf** is home from Blodgett Rehab after her stroke. Will need continuous supervision in case of a fall. Volunteers would be appreciated.
- ~**George Mansell** is in rehab at Porter Hills.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** is doing well after out-patient throat surgery on June 5.
- ~**Pam Herin** is in Hospice care at Vista Springs Northview.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – tumor is stable, continues treatment.
- ~**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:

- ~**Edie Walton** (Sally Bowers' mom) is in Hospice care.
- ~**Bill K.** (friend of Shankens) severe motorcycle accident – leg fractures.
- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) recovering after surgery on June 6.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) Pet Scan showed no cancer.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) Looking at new medical options – radiation, new infusion and hopefully a bone marrow transplant.
- ~**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, June 25, 2017

Worship @ 9:30am

Made Alive

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

All Creatures, There is a Fountain, Before the Throne of God Above

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

OFFERING

Song of the Redeemed

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-6 (p.793)

MESSAGE

"True Righteousness: Our Heart Towards God"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Burn Like a Star

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Jaime Mueller, Sydney Kleis, Brianna Knapp

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Megan DeVries, Lora & Maddison Jenema

Next Sunday: "True Righteousness: Our Heart Towards Others"
Matthew 5:7-9 (p.739) • 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: (*Resumes in the Fall*)

6:00pm: Praise in the Park at the Garden Park Stage in downtown Rockford.
This week: Carpenter's Cross – Christian Praise Band/Original Music

This Week:

Vacation Bible School: June 25-28, 6-8pm (Sunday-Wednesday) "Maker Fun Factory" (for kids ages 3 years through 5th grade). If you haven't already registered, show up a few minutes early to register in person.

Mondays, Tee times from 5:30pm: Open Golf at Cedar Chase Golf Club. Cost is \$15 (includes cart & 9 holes) Contact Jerry Coon @ 204-3858 for more info.

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

Tuesdays, 6:30pm: Church Fellowship Softball League.

June 27: RRC vs OLC @ Our Lady of Consolation Field

Every other Saturday, 7:15-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. "Manhood Restored" by Eric Mason. Meet in the Fireside Rm#253. Next meeting July 8.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Summer Worship Schedule: One service at **9:30am** - June 11 thru Sept 10

Wed, July 5, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and great conversation. All welcome!

Haiti Mission Trip July 5-12: A list of donation items needed is in the eBeacon or on the website. Checks can be made to Rockford Reformed Church Missions and placed in the offering plate.

Sat, July 22, 8:00am: Team Orphans Cookie 5K Run/Walk at Robinette Orchards. Run the 5K, or just walk a mile through the orchards. Milk & cookies at the finish line!! **Cookie bakers and race day volunteers needed!**

Ladies - Save the Date! Saturday, Sept 30 Ladies' Day Event with speaker Karen Hossink. Includes morning breakout sessions and ends with a delicious

lunch. Put it on your calendar and be sure to invite other women from the community.

Needed: Mentors and/or Prayer Partners for High School Youth. If interested contact Roger Hoogewind @ 401-8631.

Needed: Hosts for After-Service Socials. Several dates still available. See website for details.

Needed: Volunteers for Hillview Learning Center. More info on our website at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/hillview-learning-center.

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 (Resumes in the Fall)

MS Youth Group meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm (*Resumes in the Fall*)

HS Youth Group meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm (*Resumes in the Fall*)

July 23-29: **MS** Summer Mission Trip

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 (*Resumes in the Fall*)

KidLife Club: Wednesday Programming (*Resumes in the Fall*)

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 198

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,692.98

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$400.00

Our Heart Towards God

Series: *True Righteousness*

Text: Matthew 5:1-6

Sunday: 6/25/2017

Intro

God's Word

① Those who hope in nothing but _____ enter God's glorious _____.

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

② Christ's followers who grieve over their _____, the _____, and the _____ of all but Christ will find _____.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

③ Humble, gentle Christ followers will have _____ and _____.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

④ Those who long to _____ and to _____ will find true and lasting _____.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Our Response

As you hope in the Lord _____, longing for him _____, he will _____ your soul.