

Life Application

❖ **Blessed are the merciful:** Have you truly received God's mercy by trusting in Jesus alone as your Savior from sin, apart from any good works of your own? Are you living in an awareness of God's mercy towards you, and showing that same kind of mercy to others? Are you merciful to your family? To those who are different? To those in need? What is a specific way you can show mercy to another this week? As you show mercy, you will experience mercy.

❖ **Blessed are the pure in heart:** Do you have an undivided heart towards God? Spend some time in quietness and pray, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24). Allow the Lord to reveal any area where you are double-minded. Consider how he may be leading you to deepen your heart's purity. As you move towards deeper purity, you will experience the blessing of God's presence more deeply.

❖ **Blessed are the peacemakers:** When in conflict situation, do you tend to be a peace-faker (more interested in avoiding a conflict than in resolving it) or a peace-breaker (more interested in winning a conflict than in preserving a relationship)? In what relationship do you need to courageously become a peacemaker (willing to face conflict and lovingly resolve it in order to break through to true relationship)? As you lovingly and courageously work for peace, you will know God's blessing.

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

~**Participants of Haiti Mission Trip.** Leave July 5 and return July 12.

~**Wendell Broome** is scheduled for a Heart Cath on July 5.

~**Beth Ashendorf** is home and needs some supervision in case of a fall.

Volunteers appreciated to visit. Contact Sam (308-4596) if you can help.

~**George Mansell** is in rehab at Porter Hills. Visitors appreciated.

~**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) foot amputated and full knee replacement. In rehab.

~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.

~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) undergoing radiation treatments.

~**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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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, July 2, 2017

Worship @ 9:30am



Good Good Father

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

How Great Is Our God, How Great Thou Art, Jesus Paid It All
Children (ages 3-3rd grade) are invited to Children's Worship downstairs

OFFERING

Vacation Bible School Video

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:7-9 (p.739)

MESSAGE

"True Righteousness: Our Heart Towards Others"
Pastor Paul Bradford

COMMUNION

RESPONSE

Lord I Need You

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Stephanie Bergman, Tamra Miller

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Beth Jennings



Communion

Next Sunday: "True Righteousness: Our Heart Towards the Lost"
Matthew 5:10-16 (p.739) • Pastor Tony Campbell

What's Going On?

Today:

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

After Service Socials: Officially start next week, July 9, in the Fellowship Hall. However, this week join us for light snacks in the back of the sanctuary, hosted by Ken & Wilma Nelson. Next week's hosts: RRC Consistory members

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: Marty Miller – Christian Praise/Original Music

This Week:

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.

July 11: RRC vs Rockford Baptist @ Our Lady of Consolation Field

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

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

Haiti Mission Trip July 5-12

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!! Can't attend? Sponsor a Team or make a donation @ www.TeamOrphans.com All proceeds go toward orphan adoption grants.

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. Help needed for set-up, tear down, food, decoration, lead a fun craft, be a small group facilitator, etc. Contact Lori VerMerris, lvermerris@yahoo.com

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

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: \$11,519.40

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,735.00

Our Heart Towards Others

Series: *True Righteousness*

Text: Matthew 5:7-9

Sunday: 7/2/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **As we show others the _____ we have _____ from God, we will experience _____.**

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

② **As we allow the Lord to _____ us and _____ our hearts, we will know the joy of his _____.**

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

③ **As we work to bring true _____ in relationships, we will have the joy of sharing in God's _____.**

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Our Response

You will experience God's _____ as you show _____, seek _____, and strive for _____.