

Life Application

- ❖ In what area of life is the Lord challenging you to guard your heart? What radical steps might you need to take to do so?
- ❖ What relationship in your life do you need to reconcile? What steps do you need to take?
- ❖ Ask the Lord to place a person on your heart whom you need to build up with your words. Commit to speaking life giving words to that person this week.
- ❖ What radical step is God calling you to take to guard His design for human sexuality in your life?
- ❖ Where is God calling you to give your word and to keep your word? Remember: *Keeping my word means doing what I said I would do, when I said I would do it, in the manner that it was meant to be done.*

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Pray for the **Middle School Mission Trip** youth & leaders. For safe travel, growth in the Lord, and joy in serving others. They leave on July 23 and return on July 29.
- ~**Wendell Broome** had stent inserted and is home recovering.
- ~**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** – scheduled for an MRI on Tuesday, July 18.
- ~**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 16, 2017

Worship @ 9:30am

Good Good Father

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Forever, Revelation Song, Softly and Tenderly

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

OFFERING

Moment for Missions: HS Kentucky Mission Trip

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:17-37 (p.740)

MESSAGE

"True Righteousness: Fulfilling God's Law"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Karen Bazen, Cherri Pastula, Emily Sansoterra

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Lora & Maddison Jenema

Next Sunday: "True Righteousness: Radical Unconditional Love"

Matthew 5:38-48 (p.740) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

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

After Service Socials: Join us in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for goodies and great conversation. This week's hosts: Kids Hope
Next week: Missions Team

Sunday School for all ages: *(Resumes in the Fall)*

6:00pm: Praise in the Park at the Garden Park Stage in downtown Rockford.
TODAY: **Rockford Reformed Church Praise Team**
Next week, July 16: Bridgeway Community Church Praise Team

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 18: RRC vs Rockford Springs @ Rockford Springs Field
(5815 14 Mile Rd NE)

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 22.

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! Contact Rebecca Cruttenden

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

Sat, July 29, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group. Meet for lunch at Cheers Restaurant then back to church for games & dessert. RSVP w/Carol 866-4845.

Wed, Aug 2: Adult Fellowship Group. Lunch at Snug Harbor in Grand Haven (pay your own). RSVP w/Wilma Rottman 866-2389. Meet at church to carpool.

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

Paper Gator. You may have noticed we no longer have a Paper Gator. We were not collecting enough to meet the requirements of the program. You can still find Paper Gator bins at Our Lady of Consolation, Rockford Baptist Church, and North Rockford Middle School.

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: 175

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,862.40

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,891.00

Fulfilling God's Law

Series: *True Righteousness*

Text: Matthew 5:17-37

Sunday: 7/16/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **God's righteous standards** _____.

② **Righteousness is from the** _____, **so we**
must _____.

③ **As Christ followers we** _____ **lives and**
_____ **relationships.**

④ **As Christ followers we urgently seek to uphold the**
_____ **in our lives.**

⑤ **As Christ followers we** _____ **and**
_____.

Our Response

Jesus calls us to _____ **our hearts so that we might build**
_____, **stay** _____, **and keep** _____.