

Scripture Meditation

- ❖ Read slowly through Matthew 6:25-34, taking time to pause and ponder. Repeat verses that are particularly meaningful to you. Then ask the Lord what he wants to say to you personally through the text. Write down in a journal what you feel the Lord speaks to your heart.
- ❖ Read slowly through the following excerpt from Psalm 62. Follow the same rhythm as above – pondering, repeating, listening, and journaling.
Psalms 62: 5 Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken... 11 One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, 12 and that you, O Lord, are loving.

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Beth Ashendorf** is home. Volunteers appreciated to visit. Call Sam (308-4596) if you can help.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** had been hospitalized to get calcium levels regulated. Now home.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – MRI showed the tumor has grown. Will undergo radiation & chemo in addition to current 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.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

Sympathy Expressed:

- ~To the family of **Pam Herin** who passed away on July 31.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

- ~Congratulations to **Chris & Megan TerVeen** on the birth of their son, **Jonah Maxwell**, on July 17.

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, August 13, 2017

Worship @ 9:30am

Once and for All

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

How Great is Our God, Cornerstone, Good Good Father

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

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34 (p.741)

MESSAGE

"True Worship: Seeking First God's Kingdom"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Build Your Kingdom Here

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Lisa Vergouwe, Stephanie Bergman, Madelyn McConnon

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Beth Jennings

Next Sunday: "True Worship: Discerning Our Own Character"

Matthew 7:1-6 (p.741) • 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 gym for goodies and great conversation.

Hosted by: Men's Prayer Breakfast Next week: Adult Ministries Team

Blood Pressure Screening today following the service. Rm#211

Sunday School for all ages: *(Resumes Sept 17)*

6:00pm: Praise in the Park at the Garden Park Stage in downtown Rockford.

TODAY: The Point Church Praise Team

Next week, August 20: Blythefield Hills Baptist 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.

Every other Saturday, 7:15-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. "Manhood

Restored" by Eric Mason. Meet in the Fireside Rm#253.

Next meeting Aug 19.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Consistory Nomination Forms are available in the back of church. One form can be filled out by each communicant member. A list of eligible members is also available. A Form and List were also emailed recently. You can email your nominations to office@rockfordrc.org or fill out a form and place it in the box in the back of church. **Deadline** is noon on Sunday, September 3.

Worship Survey: A survey was emailed on July 22 asking you to let us know which of the two services (9:30am or 11:00am) you would most likely attend when we go back to two services in the Fall. This information will greatly help us in planning for Fall activities. *Thank you!*

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

Sun, Aug 20, 11:00am: Worship Team Party at the Shantz home.

Sun, Sept 10: RRC Annual SeptemberFest. (Fall Kick-Off) Join us for an **All-Church Picnic** on the front lawn following the morning service (still one service at 9:30am). Watch for details! Fall programming for kids & adults will be available.

NEEDED: Cook(s) for Wednesday Night Simple Suppers. Is your passion cooking for others? Do you have a gift for cooking? Terri Katsma, who has been our all-around cook at RRC for many years, is stepping down. Work includes organizing menu, picking up food, cooking, and kitchen cleanup. Create a team. We have people who set up tables & chairs and take them down, and buy plates, utensils, cups, etc. You would be responsible for the meal itself. Contact the church office if interested. Suppers start Sept 27.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Terri Katsma for her many years of faithful service in this ministry. Her gift of hospitality has been a real blessing to the church. Words cannot express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

Sat, Sept 23, 6:30pm: Fundraiser Event for Brandon Homrich (Newkirk's son-in-law). Assumption Family Life Center, 6390 Belmont Ave, Belmont MI. Music/Heavy Appetizers/chance drawings/games. \$10 per person

Saturday, Sept 30, 8:30am: Ladies' Day Event with speaker Karen Hossink. Includes morning breakout sessions and ends with a delicious lunch. Invite other women from the community. Registration on the RRC website. Can you help? Have questions? Contact Lori VerMerris, lvermerris@yahoo.com

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 Sept 17)*

MS Sat, Aug 19 Trip to Rebounderz. Contact Brian to sign-up.

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm *(Resumes Sept 20)*

HS Tues, Aug 22 White Caps Game. Contact Brian to sign-up

Youth Group meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm *(Resumes Sept 17)*

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 Sept 17)*

KidLife Club: Wednesday Programming *(Resumes Sept 27)*

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 180

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,174.98

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,590.00

Seeking First God's Kingdom

Series: True Worship

Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Sunday: 8/13/2017

Intro

God's Word

① **If we could but see the _____ and _____ of our Heavenly Father, we would be _____.**

② **Prioritize pursuing an _____ with God; _____ he will take care of the rest.**

Our Response

Because God is all _____ and all _____, we can joyfully prioritize seeking his _____, knowing he will _____ all we need.

Life Application

- ❖ Where in your life is God calling you to stop trying to control what you cannot control? Where is the Lord calling you to trust his sovereign power and unfailing love?
- ❖ How can you prioritize seeking God's rule in your life this week? What most important things do you need to put first?