

## Life Application

- ❖ Think of a "storm" you have experienced in life (a job loss or financial set back, the loss of a loved one, a major stress or change in your life). How did you handle that storm? How did you experience God in the storm? How can you wisely prepare for future storms?
- ❖ How are you wisely founding your life upon the rock of Christ? What do you need to do to become more deeply grounded? What are you going to do about it?

Sermon audio and notes are available online at  
[www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Sarah Proppe** – Recovering after surgery for a herniated disc. Still in NC.
- ~**Ruth Westrate** – home and continues recovery.
- ~**Beth Ashendorf** is home. Volunteers appreciated to visit. Call Sam (308-4596) if you can help.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** – prayer that all "numbers" will stay regulated.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – Undergoing radiation & chemo in addition to current treatment. Seeking advice from Mayo & U of M.
- ~**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) is home and continues 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) hospitalized with a lung infection. Prayer that white blood count will rise.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

### Praise & Thanksgiving:

- ~Contratulations to **Jim & Linda Tilton** who celebrated **50 years** of marriage on Sept 8.

### Sympathy:

- ~Expressed to **Scott & Pam Jacobs and family** at the death of Scott's Grandmother, **Mathilda Jacobs** on August 29.

## 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](http://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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## Septemberfest

Sunday, September 10, 2017  
Worship @ 9:30am

*Mighty Fortress*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*How Great Is Our God, Stronger, Good Good Father*

Children (ages 3 years - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to KidLife downstairs

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 7:24-29 (p.742)

**MESSAGE**

"True Discernment: Living Wisely"  
Pastor Paul Bradford

**RESPONSE**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**Today's Nursery Volunteers:**  
(9:30am) Lisa Vergouwe, Madelyn McConnon

**Today's KidLife Volunteers:**  
(9:30am) Beth Jennings

**Next Sunday:** "Little Things That Make a Big Difference: Words"  
Ephesians 4:29-30 (p.892) • Pastor Paul Bradford

## What's Going On?

### Today:

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

**Blood Pressure Screening** following the service. Rm#212.

**RRC Annual SeptemberFest.** (Fall Kick-Off) Join us for an **All-Church Picnic** on the front lawn following the morning service. Hot Dogs, Hamburgs, Drinks provided. Fun & games for all!!! Fall programming info for kids & adults will be available.

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

### This Week:

**Mondays, 7-8pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting** in the sanctuary. *Starts Sept 11.*

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study:** "Faith: Depending on God" by Dale & Sandy Larsen. Led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd. Meet in Rm#212. *Starts Sept 12.*

### Wednesday Night Activities:

*(Resumes September 27)*

6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm MS Youth Group, 6:45pm Adult Classes

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

**Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

**Worship Schedule:** Sept 17 - Back to two services, 9:30am & 11:00am

**Hurricane Harvey Donations:** RCA Global Mission is working with disaster response partners. To donate use the link in the eBeacon or mail checks to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Dept., 4500 60<sup>th</sup> St SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512 and include "Hurricane Harvey" on your check. Thank you!

**Sun, Sept 24 – Presentation of Bibles:** Bibles will be presented to all those in **Kindergarten** and **6<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please contact the church office with the name of your child. We don't want to miss anyone!

**Mentors Still Needed:** Still in need of mentors and prayer partners for our youth program. Please contact Brian Ellis for more information.

**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

**Sun, Sept 24, 5:00pm: Concert of Prayer.** Join us as we pray over all the Ministries of the church.

**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. Forms are also available in the back of church. Deadline is Sept 17 for lunch, however, you can still register for the event after the 17th. Can you help? Have questions? Contact Lori VerMerris, [lvermerris@yahoo.com](mailto:lvermerris@yahoo.com)

**Sat, Sept 30, 1:00pm: Adult Singles** meet for lunch at Grill One Eleven then back to church for dessert & fun in Rm #253. RSVP with Carol 866-4845

**Sun, Oct 1, 5:00pm: Congregational Information Meeting**

**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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto:brian@rockfordrc.org)

**Sunday School** *(Resumes Sept 17)*

**MS** Youth Group meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

*Resumes Sept 20 with a bonfire at the Jennings' home at 6:30pm*

**HS** Youth Group meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

*Resumes Sept 17 with a bonfire at Darryl DeGood's home at 6:00pm*

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org)

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Director: [laura@rockfordrc.org](mailto:laura@rockfordrc.org)

**KidLife Sunday School** for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade *(Resumes Sept 17)*

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

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 174

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,614.28

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$420.00

## Living Wisely

Series: *True Discernment*

Text: Matthew 7:24-29

Sunday: 9/10/2017

### Intro

### God's Word

① **Two types of builders:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

② **Two types of foundations:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

③ **Two potential consequences:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Our Response

Live \_\_\_\_\_ by founding your life upon the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; in him you will find the strength to  
weather the \_\_\_\_\_.