

SERMON NOTES

Philippians 4:1-13 – Making Mud Pies

Sermon Series: *Time For Change* #12

1. Reflect on a time when God hit the pause button on your life so that he could bring some change into your heart. How did it lead you to go deep and examine your life? How do you see yourself focusing more on the “prospering” rather than “soul development”?
2. How would you rate (scale of 1-10) your level of contentment? What is your most common source of discontentment?
3. What do Mark 4:19 and 1 Timothy 6:8-9 say about the dangers of discontentment?

WHAT IS CONTENTMENT?

1. What contentment is NOT:

- a. What are some ways that you can see yourself being the “Stoic” who deals with circumstances through a self-sufficient, unflappable, tough, do-it-yourself perseverance? How does this impact your daily dependence on Christ?

2. What contentment IS:

- a. Contentment is _____-sufficiency.
 - What are some ways that you allow circumstances affect your contentment? If God were to strip away some of his most precious gifts, would you still be able to say that God is good?
- b. Contentment is a gracious, quiet _____ that rests in God’s _____ for all my basic needs.
 - Why should we be satisfied or content with what we have but not with what we are?
 - What are some ways that your schedule, life or parenting may be stirring discontent for yourself or family rather than leading toward contentment? What steps could you take toward change?

HOW CAN WE LEARN TO BE CONTENT?

What does it mean that contentment is not being satisfied with little but instead being satisfied with a lot? What are the most common, daily “mud pies” for which you settle?

Two keys for holy contentment:

1. Humble _____ on Jesus for all that he _____.

- a. When you consider verse 3 of “Rock of Ages,” what are the barriers that most keep you from getting weaned from self-dependence and finding grace through Jesus?
- b. What has Jesus done to provide you with the grace of contentment that carries you through whatever comes your way? What does God owe you? What does God offer and give to you? (See Romans 8:32.)

2. Passionate _____ of God’s _____.

- a. When you read through Philippians 1 and 2, what is Paul’s consuming passion and why was it his passion? What does this say about what should be our consuming passion?
- b. What do we receive through Christ and how should that change things for us (see Eph. 1:3-14)? If you were dying of cancer and then discovered the cure for all cancer, would you keep it to yourself and would your life remain unchanged? What cure has Jesus provided for you?
- c. What steps can you take to receive and then share the contentment that comes through Jesus?

Resources for further growth/study:

- *Chasing Contentment: Trusting God In a Discontented Age*, by Erik Raymond.

Sermons available online at RockfordRC.org/sermons-2



Sunday, March 24, 2019

Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>Scandal of Grace</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Holy is the Lord Jesus Messiah ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs God is Able</i>
Offering	<i>Give Us Clean Hands</i>
Prayer & Message	Making Mud Pies Philippians 4:1-13 (p. 895) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	<i>O Come to the Altar</i>
Closing Blessing	
Next Week	Coming to Jesus: Mark 5:21-43

welcome to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today’s order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag!

hello!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.

Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

Prayer teams are available in the front of the sanctuary following service for anyone who desires prayer.



WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?

If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:

KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade) - Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service here, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

Parent-Infant Room - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3/24 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	3/25	3/26 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	3/27 6:00p Family Dinner 6:30p KidLife Club (final night) 6:30p MS Youth Group 6:45p Adult Classes (final night)	3/28 7:00p Ladies Book Club - Educated by Tara Westover	3/29 7a REAL Men @ Arnie's 34 S. Squires St.	3/30 1p Single Women's Lunch - pizza party in the Fireside Rm. RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845
3/31 10:00 Worship Service <i>Spring Break - No Sunday School or Youth Group</i>	4/1	4/2 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/3 12p Adult Fellowship BBQ Lunch <i>No Youth Group</i>	4/4	4/5	4/6 8a Cleanup Day
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For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed weekly. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15-12:15

Adults - Fireside Room 253
High School - Room 246
Middle School - Youth Room 153
Children - Fellowship Hall 100

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT, 6:00-8:00

6:00 **Family Dinner** in the gym
6:30 **KidLife Club** - 3 years - K meet in Room 101; 1-5 grades meet in the sanctuary
6:30 **Middle School Youth Group** - Youth Room 153
6:45 **Adult Classes - Growing Together**, Fireside Room 253; **What Makes You Happy**, Room 250 (women's study)



- **Palm Sunday – April 14**
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday – April 18**
Communion Service: 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday – April 19**
Community Good Friday Service: 7 p.m.
Bella Vista Church, 5100 Belding Rd.
- **Easter Egg Hunt – April 20**
Egg hunt and pancake breakfast: 9:30.
Infant - 5th grade. Invite your friends!
- **Easter Sunday – April 21**
Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

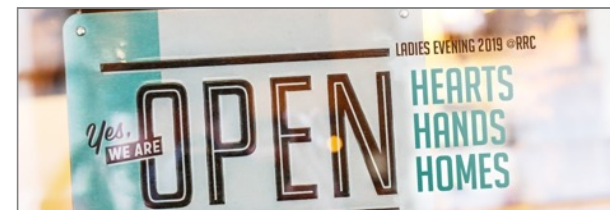
Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 6. Lunch provided! Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, etc. We will need some help cutting down a few trees from the ice storm. Free wood for helping! Let Roger Hoogewind know if you plan on coming (so we can have enough food) (401-8631).

Yard Help: Did the harsh winter leave your yard full of fallen branches and brush? Darryl and Dylan DeGood have offered free help cleaning it up! All you have to do is call Darryl at 616-340-3369.

Adult Fellowship: April 3 at noon. BBQ lunch provided. Program by Steve Steenwyk to follow.

Candy donations for Easter Egg Hunt: Small, individually-wrapped candy can be placed in the buckets in the lobby and near the elevator.

Food Drive: cereal, oatmeal, crackers, juice boxes. Place in large missions bin in the lobby.



Ladies' Evening 2019

Friday, April 12, 5-8:30pm

Open Hearts - Open Hands - Open Homes

Join us for dinner, fun breakout sessions, and guest speaker Pam Stonehouse. The evening will focus on the topic of hospitality. Register online at RockfordRC.org/ladies-day



ATTENDANCE & GIVING

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

Last week's attendance: 249 • **Last week's offering:** \$21,358