

SERMON NOTES

Proverbs 29:25 – Big People, Small God

- 1. Read Proverbs 29:25, Psalm 56:11, and Jeremiah 17:5-7. What is the common theme through these texts?
- 2. What are some ways that you have been most fearful of or controlled by the opinions of others?
- 3. In what ways do you often try to fit in or how have you looked to others for their acceptance? What some ways that you may have been more concerned with looking stupid (fear of people) than acting sinfully (fear of God)?

We get trapped into peer pressure or people-pleasing because we replace _____ with _____.

- 1. As you read 1 Samuel 15:24, John 12:42-43, Ephesians 6:19-20, and Matthew 22:15-16, what gets in the way of being bold and obedient for God? How is this a struggle for you?
- 2. When you read Isaiah 33:6 and 1 Peter 3:13-15, what is the key for turning away from the fear of people?

God becomes big through his _____ revealed in the _____.

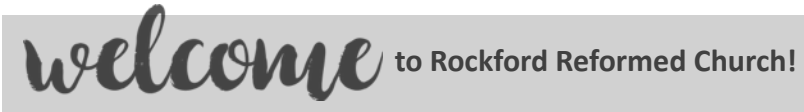
- 1. We saw from Isaiah 6 how God can be our rock when all the other things that we look to for security, approval, and identity fall apart. What are the things that you most look to as an idol or alternative to God for security, approval, and identity?
- 2. Read and meditate on Zephaniah 3:15-17 and then consider how Jesus was horribly rejected so that you can forever be accepted and approved by your Father in heaven. How does this change the influence or control that people have on you? How would you describe how God works through the gospel to influence and empower you?

Take some time to praise and thank him for the glory of his love, grace, and mercy that changes everything.



Order of Worship
Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	Scandal of Grace
Call to Worship	How Great is Our God ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs Lead Me to the Cross You Are My All in All
Offering	This I Believe
Prayer & Message	Big People, Small God Proverbs 29:25 (p. 505) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	Holy Holy Holy
Closing Blessing	
Next Week	What Are You Drinking? - John 2:1-11



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!



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PRAYER

Congratulations to **Tyler & Kayla Lapp** on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Jo Marie, on April 22.

Jean Stadt - recently suffered a stroke and is receiving hospice care at home.

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.

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: 430 • Last week’s offering: \$10,881

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
4/28 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group (final meeting)	4/29	4/30 7:00a Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women’s Bible Study	5/1 10:00a Adult Fellowship 6:30p MS Youth Group (final meeting)	5/2	5/3	5/4
5/5 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School (final meetings) 4:00p Hymn Sing	5/6	5/7 7:00a Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women’s Bible Study	5/8	5/9	5/10 7a REAL Men @ Arnie’s 34 S. Squires St.	5/11
5/12 10:00 Worship Service	5/13	5/14 7:00a Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women’s Bible Study	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18

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

Sunday School ends May 5

Sunday, May 5, 4pm in the Sanctuary



2019 Directories: The latest church directory is printed and available in your mail folder in the office hallway. You may request extras from the front office. Updates to the directory may be submitted at any time.



Pew Bibles

A number of our pew Bibles have deteriorated and need to be replaced, so we are seizing an opportunity to explore making a transition from the NIV to the ESV (English Standard Version) translation. As the consistory considers making this transition, they are glad to have your input. You will find a table in the back of the sanctuary with a number of Bible examples to look at—along with articles and information about the ESV. Additional info was also distributed in a letter from Pastor Tim via email.

Recommended Bible Apps



ESV Bible App — <https://www.esv.org/resources/mobile-apps>
The ESV Bible app was designed to be the most beautiful and intuitive Bible app available. The app includes free resources such as interactive reading plans, audio streaming, and free access to the ESV Global Study Bible.



YouVersion Bible App — <https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>
Tens of millions of people are using this Bible App to make God’s Word a part of their daily lives. Download the free app and access your bookmarks, notes, and reading plans from anywhere. Enjoy hundreds of versions, including audio, all on your mobile device.



YouVersion Bible App for Kids — <https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app-for-kids/>
Through interactive adventures and beautiful animations, kids explore the big stories of the Bible.

