

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21
worship sunday school	Parents of kids in nursery thru high school: please fill out the Informed Consent Form for 2019-20. RockfordRC.org/icf	men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah				The church is invited to Sam DeGood's bridal shower Sept. 21 at 11am in the gym. This will be a Pampered Chef party.
Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28
worship K & 6 Bibles sunday school high school bonfire 6:30-8pm @ Shantz's	Let Beth or Brian know if you have a child in K or 6th grade	men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah life group leader training 7pm, fireside room	middle school bonfire 6:30-8pm @ Triezenberg's	ladies' book club 7-8:30pm, pastor tim's office book: Code Name: Lise by Larry Loftis	REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant	single women's lunch 1pm @ Swan Inn Restaurant RSVP with Carol Knox 866-4845
Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	adult fellowship family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change room 250, enough	Wednesday Night Adult Classes How People Change - How Christ Changes Us by His Grace will be in the Fireside Room and led by Pastor Tim Polly Johnson will lead a series of women's classes in Room 250, beginning with Enough by Chonda Pierce		

More information on these activities can be found in our weekly **eBeacon** (printouts are available in the lobby and the back of the sanctuary). If you haven't signed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

Rockford Reformed Church
4890 11 Mile Road NE, Rockford, MI 49341
616-866-2308 • Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am–2:30pm
RockfordRC.org • connect@rockfordrc.org

Online bulletin & sign-in: rockfordrc.org/sunday
Online giving: link is on our home page - rockfordrc.org
KidLife email check-in: rrc.check.in@gmail.com

Last week's attendance: 154
Last week's offering: \$9,722

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BULLETIN



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GIVING





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Van drivers for Wednesday nights. Please contact Brian Ellis.
KidLife check-in desk. Please contact Beth Jennings.

LOST & FOUND

We have a lot of items in our lost and found bin. We've put them all out in the lobby. Please check if you are missing anything!

SPECIAL OFFERING


On Sunday, September 22, we will be taking a special offering for Hurricane Dorian relief. RCA Global Mission is working with their partners at World Renew Disaster Response Services to help those most affected in both the Bahamas and here in the US. To participate, please write "hurricane relief" on the memo line of your check or on the outside of your special offering envelope (checks should be made out to RRC).



LIFE GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Tuesday, September 24, 7pm in the Fireside Room.
This training is open to anyone who at some point might consider starting another Life Group group or serving as a leader of a small group. Our aim is to connect all people in real gospel community. Come to learn, encourage, and challenge one another to know Jesus and share his love in deeper and more personal ways. Led by Pastor Tim. Please RSVP so we can have materials ready for you!

CONNECTION CARD

 **FOLD** and **TEAR** at perforation. Place in the offering plate or in a connection card drop box located at each sanctuary exit.

HELLO! We're glad you could join us today! Please sign in and let us know who is here (even if they are somewhere else in the building):

NEW? First of all, welcome! Please tell us a little more about yourself, and make sure to get a welcome bag from the lobby before you leave today. If you need a little added encouragement to leave your information with us, here you go: for every first-time sign-in (with contact info), we donate \$5 to North Kent Connect! Also, the more we know, the better we can help get you connected.

Address: _____

His Phone: _____

Her Phone: _____

His Email: _____

Her Email: _____

Age group: ☐ teens ☐ 20s ☐ 30s ☐ 40s ☐ 50s ☐ 60+

Kids at home (name, birthdate, grade, m/f)

What brings you here today? _____

COMMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please indicate the degree of confidentiality you desire:

- ☐ For the Pastor only
- ☐ For the Prayer Team members
- ☐ May be shared with the congregation
- ☐ Please have someone contact me

CONNECT

- ☐ I’m interested in joining a Life Group
- ☐ I’m interested in membership
- ☐ I’m interested in baptism / profession of faith
- ☐ I need to update my contact info (use reverse side)
- ☐ Sign me up for RRC email
- ☐ Other:

This week’s poll
just for fun, results in next week’s bulletin

- ☐ M&M’s
- ☐ Skittles
- ☐ Other:

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE
(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – *Endless Encouragement*

1. What is encouragement?

In what way have you most been encouraged by others as they have come alongside you and supported you? Would you consider yourself to be an encourager? Why or why not?

2. Why encourage and _____?

a. Build _____. Reading through the five chapters of this letter, what are some of Paul’s primary concerns and commands for the believers? When you read 1 Thes. 3:2-3, why did Paul send Timothy? Do you have a friend who will genuinely encourage and work to build faith in you for your struggle? Who could you seek out to be that friend for you?

b. Keep others _____ and _____. When you consider 1 Thes. 5:6 and Heb. 3:12-14, what are the temptations, resistance, or comfort that you most struggle with or settle into while you should be engaging in a battle for your soul? How do you see these concerns showing up in your own heart and life?

3. Where does encouragement come from?

a. _____ is the source of all encouragement. What do 2 Cor. 1:3-4, 2 Cor. 1:5 and Acts 9:31 say about our source of comfort? Why is this true encouragement? What are some ways that we might provide comfort or encouragement that would come up short?

b. _____ are employed as _____. How does the teaching in our texts change the way you will think and act?

4. How can we encourage?

a. _____ and use _____. How do 1 Thes. 4:18 and Rom. 15:4 change the way you think about encouragement and what can you do to better prepare for this kind of encouragement? What do 1:5, 2:13, and 4:8 say about why the Word might be so essential for encouragement? When you consider 1 Thes. 2:5, how would you define flattery and why can it be a harmful alternative to encouragement?

b. _____ with deep _____ for one another. What does Heb. 10:24-25 say about our responsibility to one another? What is it that we should most care about for each other’s welfare? What are some essentials that enable us to move beyond merely being nice?

c. Be encouraged with the _____. When you read 2 Cor. 1:4, if we encourage/comfort others to the degree that we receive encouragement, what is often the breakdown when you are not often encouraging others? What most keeps you from encouraging others? What do you need to believe to receive and extend the encouragement of the gospel?



Sunday, September 15, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude
Our Hope is Alive

Call to Worship
Jesus
Kids
*** Kids are invited to KidLife*
Oh God

Offering
Mighty Fortress

Prayer & Message
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (p. ?)
“Endless Encouragement”
Rev. Tim Meendering

Response
Day by Day

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11:15

Takes place directly after the worship service and goes until 12:15.

- **Adults** - Fireside Room 253 - “Digging Deeper” sermon discussion. This week’s leader: Karen Bazen
- **High School** - Room 246
- **Middle School** - Youth Room 153
- **KidLife (thru 5th grade)** - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in

*** 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 - 3rd grade) - Check-in desk is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service there, 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.