

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Packets are in the back of the sanctuary.	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	consistory nominations due 12pm	men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	adult fellowship 12pm 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		
Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
worship communion 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	flu shot clinic 5pm family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change room 250, enough	NKC Pastor's Feud 6pm @Meijer Gardens		

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 singed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at [connect@rockfordrc.org](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org) and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

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616-866-2308 • Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am–2:30pm  
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Online bulletin & sign-in: [rockfordrc.org/sunday](http://rockfordrc.org/sunday)  
Online giving: link is on our home page - [rockfordrc.org](http://rockfordrc.org)  
KidLife email check-in: [rrc.check.in@gmail.com](mailto:rrc.check.in@gmail.com)

Last week's attendance: 220  
Last week's offering: \$9,785

ONLINE BULLETIN



ONLINE GIVING



ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Potluck at noon on October 2 in the Fellowship Hall.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

We are going to be holding a membership class (Discovery Class) some time soon, probably in October. We will post information as soon as it is available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

LIFE GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Tuesday, September 24, 7pm in the Fireside Room.  
Led by Pastor Tim. Please RSVP so we can have materials ready for you! Open to anyone who might want to lead a life group or other small group.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Wednesday, October 9, 5-6:30 in Room 141.  
Offered by the Spectrum Health Continuing Care Visiting Nurse Association. Have insurance information with you when you come.


THE HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC IN AMERICA  
October 13, 20, and 27.

Al Valk is putting together a special 3-week Adult Sunday School class that will examine the evolution of church music in America from 1600 to the present. Details are in the ebeacon and on our website.

HARVEST HOEDOWN

Saturday, October 19, 4-8pm in the gym.  
Come join us for a fun evening of food, games, and dancing! A great opportunity to invite friends or make new ones.

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).

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
  
☐ Just checking in

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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What brings you here today? \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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)

- ☐ Great Lakes
- ☐ Ocean
- ☐ Other:

Last week’s winner: M&M’s

## NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Genesis 24 – Strangers Committed to Strangers

### Questions for family/small group discussions:

How might God’s call on Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3), where he is blessed to be a blessing, shape and impact what may be God’s call on your life?

If your life were to end today, what do you think your legacy would be? What changes or life adjustments could you make to ensure that you are investing your life in treasures that are infinitely valuable and eternal? What are the greatest barriers or struggles toward a life that revolves around God’s work in blessing you and making you a blessing for others?

### 1. God perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for those who trust and follow him.

a. When you consider the story of the search for a wife for Isaac, what were the key elements that made it possible? What can we learn from the servant’s prayer (Gen. 24:12) for our own prayers and dependence on God’s guidance and provision?

b. How would you make some adjustments in your prayers if you were to increasingly work to have your desires align with God’s passion and purpose? What do you believe are God’s passion and purpose for your life?

c. What is the common alternative to following and praying toward God’s passion and purpose for your life? What are some natural results of working and praying toward a life that revolves around you and your wants?

d. Recall and share a story of how God wonderfully guided or provided in response to your prayers—perhaps in unexpected ways.

### 2. God works his plan through \_\_\_\_\_ who are committed to \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Ever since Adam and Eve’s fall into sin, what is God’s overall plan that he is working in and through us? How does Rebekah play a role in this overall plan?

b. What do the extreme measures of Rebekah to serve a stranger say about God and how he works his grand plan to gather strangers into one great city to live with him for eternity? What does Rebekah’s commitment to a stranger say about our roles in serving God with our hospitality?

c. Since God works his plan and hospitality through you, what adjustments or steps could you make in your workplace, or with friends, neighbors, or others?

d. What does Deut. 10:18-19 say about God and us? How should this shape or impact your way of life today?

e. How has Jesus acted and how does he continue to act as a servant who made the ultimate commitment to you as a stranger? What does this reveal about God’s love and commitment to you?

f. How could all of what we learn here in this text change your life and legacy? What is one step that you can take this week to invest in strangers who will greet you at the great wedding feast of Jesus?



Sunday, September 22, 2019

### WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Prelude

*Oh Great is Our God*

#### Presentation of K & 6th Grade Bibles

#### Call to Worship

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Man of Sorrows*

*\*\* Kids are invited to KidLife*

*How He Loves*

#### Offering

*Lead Me to the Cross*

#### Prayer & Message

Genesis 24 (p. 17)

“Strangers Committed to Strangers”

Rev. Tim Meendering

#### Response

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

### 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: Eric Pilko
- **High School** - Room 246
- **Middle School** - Youth Room 153
- **KidLife (thru 5th grade)** - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in

#### Special offering for Hurricane Dorian

**relief:** 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).

*\*\* 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.