

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)

- ☐ Early Bird
- ☐ Night Owl
- ☐ Other

Last week’s winner: Turkey

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

Mark 4:1-20 – Seed and Harvest

1. What does “selective hearing” look like for you as it relates to God’s Word? What are the parts of God’s Word that you tend to hear and what parts do you tend to not hear?
2. When you consider Jesus’ explanation of this parable, what are the consequences of our “selective hearing” as it relates to the Word and the gospel? What does Jesus hold out for us when we truly hear and what does that look like for you and for us as a church?

3 ways that gospel seed works to change us:

1. _____
- a. When you consider the creation account in Genesis 1-2, and read texts like James 1:18 and 1 Peter 1:23, what do we learn about God’s Word? How does the power of the Word impact you today? What are some reasons that the power of God’s Word does not impact you and what could you do to change that?
- b. I gave an example of a time when I was publicly beaten down with words of criticism and then revealed how the gospel needs to sprout up in me at that point. What’s an example from your life that reveals how the gospel needs to work in your mind, heart and life?
- c. What’s the difference between how religion works and how the gospel works in us? What are some ways that you might settle for mechanical or external change for yourself or your family? What does real gospel transformation look like in your relationships with spouse, kids, neighbor, or co-workers?

2. Power that transforms with _____.

- a. How can you work to become “good soil” that produces fruit? What is one step you can take this week to make progress toward nurturing faith or gospel power in your heart/life?
- b. When you consider how Paul responds to Peter’s “racism” in Galatians 2:11-14, what is the key phrase in verse 14 that becomes the focus for real heart/life change? What are some ways that you might settle for behavior/external change rather than action that is not in step or in line with the truth of the gospel?
- c. What does it mean to act out of gospel instinct—with the same love and grace that we see and receive from Jesus?

3. Power through _____.

- a. What are some of the many ways that the power of Jesus and the gospel is revealed through weakness? What does the metaphor of the seed say about Jesus and the gospel and what does it reveal about how the power of the gospel seed can sprout in you (see John 12:24)?
- b. If the gospel seed is sprouting in your heart, what is your response to criticism, or cold apathy from your spouse, or a strained relationship, or a neighbor/co-worker in need? What has Jesus done and continue to do to make the gospel real and deep in your heart and life? What is your hope for real change?



<p>WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Prelude <i>Let Your Kingdom Come</i></p> <p>Call to Worship <i>He is Exalted</i> <i>Behold Our God</i> <i>Before the Throne of God Above</i> <i>In Christ Alone</i> <i>Praise to the Lord</i> <i>** Kids are invited to KidLife</i></p> <p>Offering <i>Build Your Kingdom Here</i></p> <p>Prayer & Message “Seed and Harvest” Mark 4:1-20 (p. 839) Rev. Tim Meendering</p> <p>Response <i>Let Your Kingdom Come</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11:15</p> <p>Takes place directly after the worship service and goes until 12:15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults - Fireside Room 253 - “Digging Deeper” sermon discussion. This week’s leader: Scott Jacobs• High School - Room 246• Middle School - Youth Room 153• KidLife (thru 5th grade) - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in
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*** 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30
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		thanksgiving		
Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7
worship communion		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	adult fellowship noon family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change rm 250, you'll get through this		REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant	single women's lunch 1pm @ Timbers Inn RSVP with Carol Knox 866-4845
Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14
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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 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: 221
Last week's offering: \$9,767

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TREE OF HOPE

Items due Sunday, December 8.
North Kent Connect needs your help to provide items for families in northern Kent County this Christmas season. To participate, please take a tag form the tree in our lobby. On each tag is a suggested gift item (things such as blankets, sheets, toys, clothes, etc.). Purchase the item and bring it back to the lobby by Sunday, December 8. Thank you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, POTLUCK

Sunday, December 8, 5pm in the gym.
On the agenda (details will be provided prior to the meeting): Vote of affirmation for elder and deacon candidates, 2019 Budget, and Ministry Updates. Nursery will be available for the meeting portion of the evening. Potluck: Main course (pulled pork) will be provided. **Care Groups 1/2:** salads. **Care Groups 3/4:** sides. **Care Groups 5/6:** desserts.

KIDLIFE CLUB CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 18, 6pm.
Everyone is invited to our annual KidLife Club Christmas Celebration! We start with a Christmas dinner in the gym at 6pm. The Christmas program takes place in the sanctuary at 6:45.


CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24, 4 & 6pm.
Join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4pm or 6pm in the Sanctuary. Childcare available for kids Kindergarten and under (in the nursery). Hot Chocolate Bar in between services!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Wednesday, December 4, noon in the Fellowship Hall.
Lunch will be provided. Program by Al Valk to follow: Erie Canal Expedition.

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).

☐ Just checking in! **Name(s):**

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)

What brings you here today? _____