

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)

New Year’s Eve...stay up until midnight? ☐ yes ☐ no
Last week’s most mentioned song: ☐ Holy Night

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

Ephesians 6:10-20 – War and Prayer

When you read through the reality that Paul describes in Ephesians 6:10-20, how much does it describe the daily reality in which you live, think, pray, and engage in mission?

1. Life is _____ and _____.

a. Read 1 Tim. 6:12, 1 Thes. 3:5, 1 Pet. 5:8. How much do you think about your life as a war, constant fight, and a grasping of eternal life with the devil incessantly seeking to destroy you/ your family? What are some of the primary ways that you are distracted from the reality of the devil’s work in your heart and life and what keeps you from courageously and forcefully acting against Satan’s destructive work?

b. What are some ways that the devil works and what might be some evidences that he has made progress in your own heart, mind, and life?

c. We easily become deceived, oblivious, comfortable, and contented with a life that revolves around self, family, and all of its busyness and yet God calls us to be actively engaged in mission to take back territory from Satan and bring shalom into our community. What does this tension look like for you and/or your family?

2. _____ like a _____.

a. When you read Eph. 6:18, Mk. 14:38, and Lk. 21:36, how does prayer work for the war for your soul and our community?

b. When you read through the list of texts below, what are some of the right things that we should pray for? How does this list compare to what you usually pray for? (Eph. 6:19, Mt. 9:38, Mt. 6:13, Lk. 21:36, Col. 4:3, James 5:16, Mt. 6:11, Phil. 4:6)

c. When you look at Eph. 6:18, in what ways are we to pray? What are some steps you can take this week to have your prayers reflect what is described in this verse? Why are we to turn to God with our prayers?

3. The _____ is decapitated and writhing.

a. In what ways does Satan work against the truth of the gospel and its impact in our hearts and lives?

b. As Satan works to undermine and destroy the renewing work of the gospel, what is his position today and in the future?

c. How does the gospel work for facing whatever comes our way in life and death? What has Jesus done to empower and equip us for the temptations, challenges, and mission to which we are called? What are some ways that you can change the way that you pray this week and into the New Year?



Sunday, December 29, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

All Creatures
Grace Alone
My One Comfort

Offering

In Christ Alone

Moment for Missions: Mike Knox

Prayer & Message

“War and Prayer”
Ephesians 6:10-20 (p. 979)
Rev. Tim Meendering

Response

Let Your Kingdom Come

Closing Blessing

There is no KidLife Worship or Sunday School today. The nursery is available for kids Kindergarten and under.

*** 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
Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4
worship		Note: The Men's Prayer Breakfast and the Women's Tuesday Bible Study will not meet on December 31.	Happy New Year! Note: Adult Fellowship will not meet in January			
Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
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	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm			
Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18
worship communion sunday school high school w/adults discovery class 5-7pm high school youth group 6:30-8pm		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm			

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

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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: 263
Last week's offering: \$12,798

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

All ballot items were passed. We welcome to consistory Kevin Johnson, Stephanie Bergman, Eric Ringnald, Dan Jenema, and James VandenHeuvel. They will be ordained and installed on January 5 at the 10am service. Thank you to outgoing members Meg DeVries, Dan Uthoff, Perry Pastula, Fred Bazen, and Amanda Gerhardt.


DISCOVERY CLASS

Sunday, January 12 & 19, 5-7pm.
If you are thinking about membership with Rockford Reformed Church, or if you just want to learn more about us, this class is for you! Attending class in no way obligates you to join. Dinner will be provided. Childcare available if needed. Registration required. Please contact the office (connect@rockfordrc.org, 616-866-2308) if you would like to participate.

ORGANIC OUTREACH WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 1, 9am-4pm at RRC.
Come join other Christ-followers from other local churches at the Organic Outreach for Ordinary People Workshop. Together, we'll join hearts and minds for a day of inspiration, fun, collaboration and practical insights. Learn more and register at rockfordrc.org/organic-outreach.

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? _____