

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)

Did you build a snowman yet? ☐ yes ☐ no
Last week: no outages reported!

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

Mark 5:1-20 – *The Power of Jesus and Your Story*

Our story and its context reveals how Jesus goes on the offensive in a cosmic spiritual war between two kingdoms. How do you see that war going on in our culture, our own community, and in your own life, and how can we go on the offensive?

We see that demons are like rats that are attracted to the garbage of emotional wounds, sinful influences/habits, wrong thinking, and other sins that we carry throughout our lives. Read Eph. 4:25-27. What is the “garbage” that Paul warns against here and how does it open the door for the “rats”? What is some of the garbage in your own heart, mind, and life that opens the door to the “rats”?

Two lessons:

1. No one’s heart, _____, or past is too ugly for the _____ of Jesus.

What aspects of Jesus and the gospel are revealed when you consider the dramatic change for the man who is restored in our story? What are some struggles/sins in your own heart and life that you could surrender to Jesus for this same kind of healing and power?

What does Jesus’ pursuit and healing of this horribly sick man reveal about our mission? And what is the hope we have for this kind of mission?

2. You can _____ your _____.

Read Mark 5:19-20. What were the credentials and training that this man had for sharing the gospel? What is at the heart of what Jesus instructed him to do? What would you share with not-yet-believing friends about how God has had mercy on you and what he has done?

Practice sharing your story with someone.

What is essential for compelling/motivating you to tell others about God’s mercy? Pray for this for yourself and your church family.



THE POWER OF JESUS AND YOUR STORY | MARK 5:1-20

Sunday, January 19, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude: *Our Hope is Alive*

Call to Worship:

*Oh Great is Our God
God of Wonders
Grace Alone
The Solid Rock
You Are My All in All
** Kids are invited to KidLife*

Offering: *I Surrender All*

Prayer & Message:

“The Power of Jesus and Your Story”
Mark 5:1-20 (p. 840)
Rev. Tim Meendering

Response: *O Come to the Altar*

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: Scott Jacobs
- **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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25
worship sunday school 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		REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant hoops for haiti 6pm @ RHS	single women's lunch 1pm @ Red Bird Bistro RSVP with Carol Knox 866-4845
Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
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	ladies book club 7-8:30pm, fireside room book: <i>The Reckoning</i> by John Grisham		organic outreach workshop 9am-4pm
Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8
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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: 198
Last week's offering: \$8,315

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We need your photos! It's time to update our church directory, so if we don't have your family photo yet, or if you want to update what we currently have, please get it to the front office asap! They don't need to be formal portraits, just a photo with a nice, clear view of everyone's faces. If digital, please send the full-size photo to connect@rockfordrc.org. Thanks!

Save the dates! Trivia Night is Friday, March 13. VBS will be June 28-July 1.

Missions Chili Cook-off: Sunday, Feb. 16 in the gym following Sunday School. This year we are looking for 20 people to enter! Contact the front office to reserve your spot.

Organic Outreach Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 1, 9am-4pm. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary or register at rockfordrc.org/organic-outreach.

Kids Hope needs more mentors! We are in need of mentors for some great students at Valley View Elementary School. Please prayerfully considering getting involved and opening your heart and an hour of your life to a student who is struggling. 1 John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Please contact Emillie if you will consider being a mentor or prayer partner.

Birthday Blessings is looking for a few new helpers. Each year, this RRC ministry helps 25 to 40 children celebrate their birthday. Families are referred by North Kent Connect and can pick from a gym party, party package, Chuck E. Cheese gift card, or a North Star Cinema gift card. Currently, Sue Kalee is running this by herself. If you think this ministry might be a good fit for you, please contact Sue at 799-2969.

2019 givings statements are in your church mail folder.

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? _____