

# 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)

- ☐ crossword puzzles
- ☐ sudoku
- ☐ other

Last week: lots of snowmen, thanks for the drawings! :)

## NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

John 3:1-15 – *Nic at Nite*

### Five questions about the new birth:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is it for?

What do we learn when we consider that Jesus teaches Nicodemus, who seems to have his life/morality together, that he needs to be born again, and yet in John 4, he makes no mention of it to the woman, whose life is a sinful, chaotic mess? What might this say about your need for new birth?

2. \_\_\_\_\_ does it come from?

When you read John 3:5, Mt. 19:28, and Titus 3:4-5, where are we headed and how do we get there? Where does the power for all of this come from and what does this power mean for you today?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is it?

What do John 3:5 and Ezek. 36:27 say about where this new life comes from? When you consider that this new life involves a new identity, where have you most often looked to for your identity? What has been the impact as you have searched for your identity outside of Jesus and his love for you?

Can you remember a time or times when God’s love became more real to you than any of the other things that you have looked to for love? What have you seen differently since your new birth?

4. \_\_\_\_\_ do you get it?

How might you see yourself trying to contribute or save self through your efforts rather than through the gift of God’s grace? How has Jesus gone through the “labor” that provides for your new birth? Take time to repent of the things/efforts that you have trusted in to gain God’s acceptance and claim what Jesus has done for you!

When you see in John 16:21 that Jesus compares himself to a woman giving birth, what do you learn about what he has done and what he has gained for you? Why does Jesus go through this pain for you?

5. \_\_\_\_\_ do you know?

When you consider the transformation of Nicodemus’ heart and life, what are the characteristics that most stand out? Do you see these changes in your own heart and life? Take time to confess any pride and timidity and ask God for a spirit of courage, boldness, and humility.

When you consider the tombstone of John Berridge, have you made the transition from living “proudly on faith and works for salvation” into fleeing “to Jesus alone for refuge”? If not, let this be the day!



Sunday, January 26, 2019

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

#### Prelude:

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

#### Call to Worship:

*This Is My Father’s World*

*Holy Holy Holy*

*In Tenderness*

*Your Grace is Enough*

*Our God Reigns*

*\*\* Kids are invited to KidLife*

**Offering:** *Blessed Be Your Name*

#### Prayer & Message:

“Nic at Nite”

John 3:1-15 (p. 887)

Rev. Tim Meendering

**Response:** *Grace Alone*

### 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Two new classes:  <b>Learning from the Word and Loving Jesus</b> Pastor Tim / Fireside Room  Books and sign-up sheets are available in the Sanctuary. If you would be able to help cover the cost of the book (\$10 suggested), you can bring the money to the first night of class.  <b>Go Fish (Women's Study)</b> Polly Johnson / Room 250	Feb. 7	Feb. 8
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm	Note: Communion will take place this month on February 16	men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall  women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	adult fellowship potluck 12pm  family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm		REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant	
Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12		Feb. 14	Feb. 15
worship blood pressure screening 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		high school retreat >>	

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

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

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: 190  
Last week's offering: \$10,955

ONLINE BULLETIN



ONLINE GIVING



**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](http://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.

Please be in prayer for the family of **Alice Van Luinen**, who went to be with the Lord on January 18. Please also be in prayer for **Corinne Brower** who lost her nephew to cancer.

If you haven't gotten your updated picture or contact information to the office yet, please do so ASAP! As soon as all updates are in, we can print the new directory.

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? \_\_\_\_\_