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It is wonderful to see how God continues to provide for us each day through friends like you even from far away! Thank you for your generous gift to our family this end of the year as well as your faithful support each month. We are always humbled by God's unfailing love for our family and the generosity as a church that you have shown us and in so many ways: from surprise packages for our kids, thoughtful prayer cards, pen pals for our boys and all the outpouring of love from you we've received! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!! May He also be providing for each family and for the church as a whole as He has been for us!

In Him,
Gary and Rachel de León

1. What are some things (or “noise”) that keep you from hearing God’s Word well and having it get rooted deep in your heart and how can you reduce that noise?
2. What are some ways that we bear fruit and demonstrate that the Bible is rooted deep in your heart?
3. How do you see today’s sermon applying to your family?

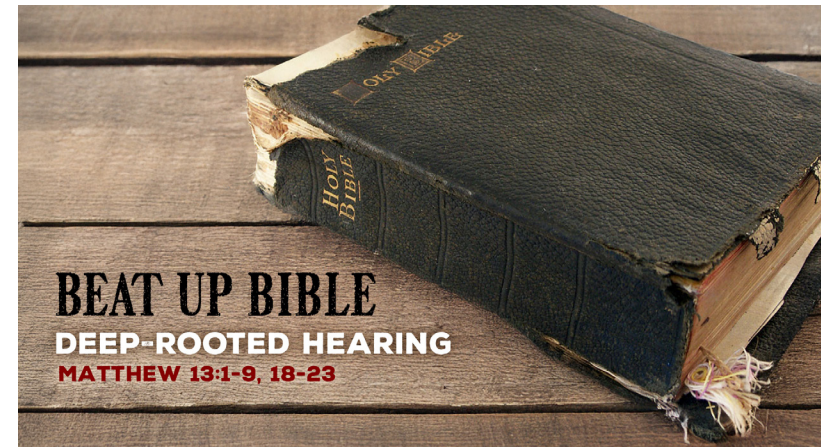


SOMEDAY
▶ through **every** day

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BEAT UP BIBLE

DEEP-ROOTED HEARING

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade, Fireside Room) and nursery (Room 241) are available.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meets following the service until noon

- **Preschool to 1st grade** meet in the Fireside Room
- **2nd to 5th grade** meet in Room 250 for a Family Sermon Discussion
- **Middle School** - may join the Family Sermon Discussion or Catechism Class
- **High School** - Catechism Class, Room 246
- **Adults** - Sermon Discussion Class, Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

focal point

Wednesday Nights 6-7:15pm

- **Preschool to 5th grade** meet in Room 101 for KidLife Club. Dinner available at 5:45. Parents may join the kids before going to Focal Point classes.
- **Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands** - Led by Pastor Tim, Fellowship Lobby.
- **Financial Peace University** - Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, January 15-March 12 in the Fireside Room. Prior registration required. For questions or to register, please contact Melissa Cool (fpu@rockfordrc.org)
- **Not What I Signed Up For** - Women’s class led by Polly Johnson, Room 247. Life can throw us off-kilter. Maybe you’ve found yourself in a season that you never would have expected. In this six-session study based on the book *Not What I Signed Up For*, Bible teacher Nicole Unice invites you into the biblical story of Joseph—a man who lived an unexpected life and trusted God through it all.
- **Starting January 29: How People Change** - Change doesn’t happen overnight for the Christian. Growth is a lifelong journey. In the How People Change DVD Seminar, Paul Tripp and Tim Lane masterfully guide participants toward biblical truths that lead to a life of repentance and faith by inviting them to consider their circumstances, as well as their responses to them, and examining their heart’s desire and turning toward Christ. Featuring twelve teaching sessions, this class guides people in understanding how Christ’s life, death, and resurrection bring lasting change. Led by Pastor Tim in the Fellowship Lobby.

SINGLE LADIES LUNCH
January 25, 1pm. Lunch at church, followed by games. We will order subs to be delivered. If you did not give your order at the December meeting, Wilma will get that information when you RSVP.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25
worship service communion sunday school	prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s prayer bkf 7-8am, fireside room women’s bible study 9:30-11:15am, fireside	kidlife club 6-7:15pm, room 101 focal point 6:15-7:15pm	word and prayer 12-1pm, Room 246	REAL men 7-8am, fellowship lobby	single ladies lunch 1pm, fireside room RSVP with Wilma Nelson YA mystery night 5:30pm @ Bazen’s
Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1
worship service sunday school youth group 6-7:30pm, youth room	prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s prayer bkf 7-8am, fireside room women’s bible study 9:30-11:15am, fireside	blood drive 2:30-7pm kidlife club 6-7:15pm, room 101 focal point 6:15-7:15pm	word and prayer 12-1pm, Room 246 ladies book club 6:30-8pm, fellowship lobby	REAL men 7-8am, fellowship lobby	
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 (sent out Sunday mornings). 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.



BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, January 29
2:30-7pm

We are partnering with Versiti Blood Center to host a mobile blood drive on January 29 to address the very high need for blood in our community. Please consider signing up for an appointment time (see website or this morning’s email for link). Walk-ins will be accommodated.



A PRAYING LIFE SEMINAR
Feb 7, 6-9:15pm
Feb 8, 8am-12:30pm

Thousands of people have already experienced the movement of A Praying Life – from reading the bestselling book by Paul E. Miller or attending a seminar at a local church. This seminar is not for victorious Christians, but Christians defeated in the trenches, asking... How do I focus when I’m distracted with so much to do? How do I pray longer than five minutes? How do I ask when I’ve tried it before and it doesn’t work? Cost: \$10 per person. Childcare will be provided. See our website or this morning’s email for more info or to register.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, February 23
8:30-9:45am

The missions team is hosting a pancake breakfast to raise funds for missionary care. Missionary care includes (but is not limited to) stamps for sending cards, sending packages to missionaries, airfare or lodging for guest missionaries to speak at RRC-hosted mission events, or a special ministry need from one of our global missionary partners. Join us before service on February 23 for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the missions team (Jeannie Remelts, Ruth Meendering, Dianne Bennett, Emily Hollingsworth, or Beth Jennings).