

# SERMON NOTES

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WOMEN'S SUMMER LUNCHEONS

Attention RRC women and friends! Mark your calendars for any or all of 3 Summer Luncheons hosted by the RRC Women’s Bible Study Group. It will be a time of fun and fellowship! We will meet at 11:30am on the second Tuesday of each month at the Boulder Creek Golf Club (separate checks): June 10, July 8, and August 12. 5750 Brewer Ave NE, Belmont. RSVP to Jen Klaasen (jenklaasen@hotmail.com).

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER PRAYER STUDY

7pm on Wednesdays – July 9, 16, 30; August 6

We’re planning to hold a four-week prayer study (in place of our Young Adult Bible study) created by Sherry Harney, co-author (with her husband Kevin) of the “Organic” series, including *Organic Disciples* and *Organic Outreach*. This study will meet weekly and requires only a one-month commitment. A vibrant prayer life is essential for growing closer to Jesus and becoming deeper disciples. Prayer is not just talking to God—it’s partnering with Jesus in His Kingdom mission, seeking His will, and being transformed by His presence. This study will help deepen our understanding of prayer and its vital role in our walk with Christ. If you’re interested, please let Tim VanderZwaag know.

YOUNG ADULTS BONFIRE AND BARBECUE

Friday, July 11, 6:30-10pm at the Claytons'

Join us for a chill summer evening of food, fire, and friends at the Claytons’! We’ll have a barbecue, yard games, and plenty of time to hang out around the bonfire. Come ready to relax and connect. We look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to invite non-RRC friends as well—We’d love to have them. Please RSVP to tim.v@rockfordrc.org so we can plan dinner and snacks accordingly. Looking forward to a fun summer night with you all!

SUMMER 2025 YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY

9-10am on Wednesdays — June 18, 25; July 9, 16, 30; August 6, 13, 20.

For whoever is interested, we will be meeting for a relaxed, hour-long Bible study focused on growing in the skills needed to read and understand God’s Word. Each week we’ll look at a different passage and ask questions like: What does it say? How does it reveal Jesus? How does it connect to the rest of Scripture? What does it mean for me? Students will spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on the passage before coming together to discuss what we’ve learned. This isn’t a deep dive into one book—it’s about building a toolkit to help students confidently approach any passage of Scripture on their own and apply it to life.

| Sunday          | Monday                                             | Tuesday                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                 | Thursday | Friday                                | Saturday |
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| June 29         | June 30                                            | July 1                                                                                           | July 2                                                    | July 3   | July 4                                | July 5   |
| worship service | golf<br>5pm<br><br>prayer partners<br>7pm via zoom | men’s devotional bkf<br>8-9am, fellowship hall                                                   |                                                           |          |                                       |          |
| July 6          | July 7                                             | July 8                                                                                           | July 9                                                    | July 10  | July 11                               | July 12  |
| worship service | golf<br>5pm<br><br>prayer partners<br>7pm via zoom | men’s devotional bkf<br>8-9am, fellowship hall<br><br>women’s luncheon<br>11:30am, Boulder Creek | youth bible study<br>9-10am<br><br>YA prayer study<br>7pm |          | YA bonfire @<br>Claytons<br>6:30-10pm |          |
| July 13         | July 14                                            | July 15                                                                                          | July 16                                                   | July 17  | July 18                               | July 19  |
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More information on these activities can be found in our weekly eBeacon (sent out Sunday mornings). If you haven’t signed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.