

SERMON NOTES

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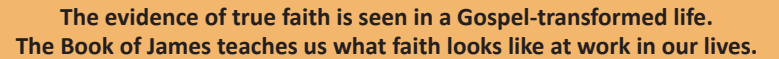
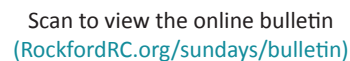
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Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

There Is One Gospel

His Mercy Is More

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

"Let Us Pray"

Series: Faith At Work

James 5:13-20 (p.1013)

Rev. James Karsten

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Closing Blessing

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

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NEW SONG: THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

We’re learning this rich anthem together over the next few Sundays (pre-service song). Feel free to listen, reflect, and sing along as you feel ready.

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).

SINGLE LADIES LUNCH

Next meeting is Saturday, September 6, 1pm: lunch at church for a Salad Buffet with games to follow. Please RSVP to Wilma Nelson (616-690-4479).

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.

NIGHT OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Friday, September 5, 6:30pm

Come join us for an evening of prayer, worship, and reflection as we seek the Lord together. Through Scripture, song, and stillness, we’ll lift our prayers like incense (Psalm 141:2) and join in the spirit of the early church—gathering with sincere hearts and praising God (Acts 2:46–47). Prayer partners will be available throughout the evening, and quiet spaces will be set up in the fellowship lobby for anyone who needs to sit, reflect, or ask for prayer. Childcare and prayer-centered activities will be available for young children. Whether you come with words or silence, with joy or weariness—you are welcome here. Any questions or if you’d like to volunteer to help see Nick Verburg or Rob Yamamoto.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
worship service	golf 5pm prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall	youth bible study 9-10am YA prayer study 7pm		YA volleyball & pool party @ Brownells' 5:30-10pm	
August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
worship service	golf 5pm prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall women's luncheon 11:30am, Boulder Creek	youth bible study 9-10am			
August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
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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.

FROM ASSURE WOMEN'S CENTER:

We are still looking for a few good people who can not only handle the truth but also live by the truth to serve on our board of directors. We are especially looking for someone with an accounting background to serve as our treasurer. We also need a few more board members in general to boost our numbers, which are currently at 5. That is the minimum number of board members we a required to have per our bylaws. We have a couple of board members who will be stepping down this year due to term limits, and we need to fill their seats to continue leading the ministry. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about what is involved in being a board member, they can call 616.696.HELP (4357) and speak with Teresa.

FOCAL POINT KIDS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Focal Point is moving back to Sunday nights this fall, with programming for all ages expected to run approximately 5-7pm, with dinner and worship together at the beginning of the evening. For our kids programming we are in need of the following:

- Leader for preschool-1st grade class (weekly commitment)
- Helper for preschool-1st grade class (weekly commitment)
- Leader for 2nd-5th grade class (weekly commitment)
- Helper for 2nd-5th grade class (weekly commitment)
- 4-6 Nursery volunteers (variable commitment, depending on number of volunteers in the rotation)

Please email Emily at rrcm@rockfordrc.org or send her a text at 319-855-8570 to let her know of your interest in participating in this ministry.