

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. This year's fighter verses are drawn from our weekly catechism (See "The New City Catechism")

Luke 3:16

John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

This week's Catechism # 45

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Next week's Catechism # 46

What is the Lord's Supper?

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

"A Prayer for the Church in Divisive Times"
(Romans 15:5-7)

I. A Prayer for Christ-centered _____ in a divided church v5

- We see their division in Rm 14:1 - 15:4
- We agree that unity matters 1 Cor 1:10 ; Eph 2:14,4:3

How does Paul handle their division?

- (1) He knows where help must come from so he _____
- (2) He prays God will give them a heaven-sent _____
 - Harmony = "the same mind-set" on Christ
 - Php 2:3-5

II. The Goal of our unity in Christ is the _____ v6

- "Together" = "in a common _____" or "common _____"
 - We must be in harmony to sing this Gospel song well
- As the church in Acts was (Acts 2:46 , 4:24 , 1:14)

III. Application: We must choose to _____ each other into fellowship despite our differences of opinion v7

"Accept one another" = "Welcome one another warmly"

- (1) Don't demand others change their _____ to fit yours before you'll welcome them into fellowship 14:1
- (2) Never judge a brother or sister in Christ for not _____ about secondary matters Rm 14:4,10,13,14
- (3) We must _____ each other freely in Christ just as Christ has embraced us through the Gospel v7

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - November 8

Worship 9:00 AM
(Please enter/leave w mask & strict social distancing)
Worship (less strict social distancing) 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY - November 11

Congregational Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

SATURDAY - November 14

Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00
October Weekly Average.....\$4,385.55

Announcements

- **Wednesday, November 11** - Congregational Prayer meeting at 7 PM
- **Saturday - November 14** - Men's Breakfast at 8 AM
Bring your own Breakfast
- **The nursery** rooms are currently available for parents for diaper changing or for use as a cry room or nursing room. There is a speaker in the room that will allow you to listen in on the service. In the near future we hope to have the nursery staffed again. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mayci Loving
smilnbabyblue65@aol.com
- During the 10:45 service there is an overflow area in the fellowship hall that displays a video feed of the worship service. This is also available for those with squirmy little ones who may need room to move around, or for anyone else who may need to go there.
- **D-group Study of 2 Peter Schedule** for those meeting
Wednesdays-11/18; 12/2; 12/9; 12/16

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday November 8, 2020

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

Have you ever had a song stuck in your head that you just couldn't shake? Romans 15:5-6 has been that way for me the past few weeks. It began when I read a really good article on the "*Gentle Reformation*" website called "*Don't Quarrel Over Opinions But Welcome One Another*" by Warren Peel. Something about that article and especially this passage of Scripture got "stuck" in my heart in a way that just wouldn't let me go. I found myself praying this prayer (for that's what these verses really are) over and over again, asking God to give us the kind of "heaven-sent harmony" that glorifies God in the midst of these divided and divisive times.

At first, I thought God meant this passage of prayer just for me. But the more I thought about it and prayed through it, the more I realized it *was* meant for me, but also for you. So, Lord willing, we'll look at this prayer together this morning and what it can teach us (and encourage us to do) as we seek to be a people whose unity is found in Christ alone for the glory of God alone!

And while I'm thinking about prayer, I want to remind you to join us this Wednesday (11/11) at 7 PM here at the church building for a special time of seeking God through prayer. If you've been conscious at all though this past year, you're surely aware our nation is in big trouble spiritually. The election has not solved this (and can't). Protest marches and anti-march marches can't fix it. The things we need are simply beyond our control! But at the risk of using a cliché, "we know the One who is in control" and who calls us to gather in His name to cry out for His promised help in our time of need. The need is clear. The help is promised. So let us gather in His name to ask as He commands.

Hoping to see you on Wednesday!

Pastor S. Scott Lee

November 8, 2020

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Oh How Good It Is”** Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend © 2012 Gettymusic and Parakeet Boots Music and Townend Music CCLI #801260

Oh how good it is When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, Of acceptance and love
Are the fruits of His presence Here among us.

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

Oh how good it is On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is To embrace His command
To prefer one another Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father And the Spirit.

■ **“My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness”**

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend © 2003 THANKYOU MUSIC CCLI #801260

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth Is given by the King; So I will give my
life, my all, To love and follow him.”

■ **Catechism**

■ **“Nothing But the Blood”**Hymn 195

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For
my cleansing, this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of
Jesus; This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“What Wondrous Love is This?”** Public Domain CCLI #801260

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To God and to
the Lamb I will sing To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm
free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

■ **“His Goodness”** Psalm 146 Trinity Hymnal CCLI#801260

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, And his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing On the Lord his God is stayed.
Heaven and earth the Lord created, Seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, Righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, Sets the mourning prisoner
free, Raises those bowed down with anguish, Makes the sightless
eyes to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, And the stranger he
befriends, Helps the fatherless and widow, Judgment on the wicked
sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns for ever, Through all ages he is King;
Unto him, thy God, O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing.

■ **Message - Romans 15:5-7**

“A Prayer for the Church in Divisive Times” - Scott

■ **Closing Song / Benediction**

Kids' Listening Sheet (11/8/20)

Message Title: "A Prayer for _____?"

Bible Passages: Romans _____



Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

Song	Prayer	Bible	Love
Ham	Church	Harmony	Christ
Care	Sing	God	Truth
Patience	Welcome	Brother	Sister

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.