

January 17, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”**.....Hymn 585

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumbering on the brink of woe; Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go? See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down; Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him; Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin? Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found; Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too; Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new. Then He'll call us home to Heaven, at His table we'll sit down; Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

■ **“Give Us Clean Hands”**

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We bow our hearts We bend our knees O Spirit come make us humble We turn our eyes From evil things O Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another

O God let us be a generation that seeks That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob O God let us be a generation that seeks That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob

■ **Scripture**

■ **“Grace Unmeasured”**

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Grace unmeasured, vast and free, that knew me from eternity, That called me out before my birth, to bring You glory on this earth. Grace amazing, pure and deep, that saw me in my misery, That took my curse and owned my blame, so I could bear Your righteous name.

Grace paid for my sins and brought me to life.

Grace clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.

Grace leads me to heav'n where I'll see Your face,

And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

Grace abounding, strong and true, that make me long to be like You, That turns me from my selfish pride, to love the cross on

which You died. Grace unending, all my days, you'll give me strength to run this race. And when my years on earth are through, the praise will all belong to You.

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“The Church's One Foundation”**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?” and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore, till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

■ **“Behold Our God”**

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Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him

Behold our King nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)

■ **Message - “Feeding on Jesus”** John 6:48-59 Scott

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott
January 17, 2021

Behold, God is my Helper
The Lord is the upholder of my life.
Psalms 54:4

I was encouraged this past Wednesday night as a number of us gathered here at Rockport to pray. With all that's going on in our world, it was a help to me, spiritually, to hear my brother and sisters raise their voices in unity to ask God for help! And then to know, based on His sure promises, that when we cry to Him He hears us and comes to aid in our time of need. (Ps 145:18)

We're going to need that reminder, I think. Every indication is that the times ahead could be perilous, humanly speaking. But as we pray, we are reminded that we are not left with "humanly speaking," for God has spoken in His word and hears us speak as we pray. So when we make our needs known to Him, we do so in confidence that He hears, that His mercy still reigns, His sovereignty still rules and our future is secure in His hands. In Psalm 54:4 (above) David reminds himself that the God who upholds him is near. Notice how he says to himself, "*Look!* (That's what "*behold*" means). "*Look up there!*" He says to himself. "*Look up and see that God is reigning, that He is my Helper and the One who upholds me!*" By "upholds" he means that God is someone we can always lean on. He is steadfast and immovable. He won't give way under the weight of our burdens. He's able to take them from us and carry them, just as Peter reminds us when he says "*cast all your burdens on Him, because He cares for you*" (1 Pet 5:7). This is the God to whom we come! This is also what He promises in the New Testament when Jesus pledges to send the Holy Spirit to be our "Helper" who will come to our aid, stand beside us and carry us through thick and thin. By the grace of God we have all we need for this and every day, through Him.

Praying for you in confidence of God's faithfulness in Christ!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - January 17

Worship 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM
Meeting for those interested in Puritan Study 6:00 PM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00
December Weekly Average.....\$5,838.65

Announcements

- Meeting for those interested the Puritan Study
Today 1/17 at 6 PM
- Congregational Prayer meeting - Wed 1/27 @ 7 PM
- Please pray for our elders as we seek the Lord for wisdom about many thing as we move into the new year.

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.

John 6:53

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

"Feeding on Jesus"

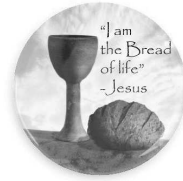
(John 6:48-59)

- I. Jesus Himself is the Bread of Life we must _____ to have eternal life vv48-51
- (1) The bread you need is not the manna of Moses, it's ____! vv48-50
 - (2) To gain this life you must _____ vv50-51
Eating is a metaphor (picture) of _____
"You are what you eat"
 - (3) The bread we're talking about is Christ's own _____ laid down for us v51b
This is not about the supper of the Lord, but the _____ of the Lord
- II. There is no Eternal Life apart from _____ His flesh, _____ His blood vv 52-55
- If taken literally, this is _____
 - These are symbols of our need to take in His _____ by faith
- Blood pictures Christ's sacrificial _____
Whoever "feeds" on my flesh
- A picture of a life depending on Christ v40
 - We keep coming, keep believing, keep "feeding" on Him
- III The Christian Life is lived by feeding on Christ in _____ communion with God vv56-58
- "Feeding" is a picture of _____ with God
- (1) An _____ union with Christ v56
 - "Abide" Jn 15:4-5
 - Jn 17:20-26
 - (2) A _____ union with Christ v57
1 Pet 1:4 ; Jn 5:26
- He sums it all up in v58 Are you "feeding on Christ"?

Kids' Listening Sheet (1/17/21)

Message Title: "_____ on Jesus"

Bible Passages: John 6: _____



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

Eat	Drink	Flesh	Blood
Bread	Manna	Life	Faith
Day	Door	Lamb	Cow
Trust	Depend	Feed	Branch

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

- 1.
- 2.

Join a D-Groups

It's time to get started with our first D-Group Session of the new year. As a reminder, the goal of these groups is to meet for fellowship centered on God's word and prayer as we help each walk with Jesus. Most groups will meet in homes, but there will also be a Z-Group (Zoom Group) led by Greg Chastain on Fridays. Each group will meet six times as we work our way through the Old Testament books of Obadiah and Malachi. This is not just a Bible study. Our hope is to have healthy discussions from God's word about how it impacts our daily lives. Each meeting will include a time for worship, study, fellowship and prayer. We'll let you know the passage we'll be studying in advance along with thought questions we hope will encourage you to study on your own and come prepared for discussion. By engaging God's word daily we will see it shape our lives and help us become more like Christ.

At present, we are planning five "in person groups" and one Zoom group.. If needed, we can always start an additional group, assuming someone else is willing to lead and host. Here is this sessions schedule and topics. (Date given is for the Wednesday groups).

<u>Wk</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Psg</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1	2/3	Obadiah	Brothers Divided: Edom's Sin
2	2/17	Mal 1:1-5	How Have You Loved Us?
3	3/3	Mal 1:6-2:9	Treating God's Name as Holy
4	3/17	Mal 2:10-16	Breaking Faith
5	3/31	Mal 2:17-3:18	Wrestling with God's Justice
6	4/14	Mal 4	The Day of His Coming

Here are the D-Group locations currently planned along with contact information for the group's leader.

1. **Kyle Davis meets in Festus/CC/DeSoto** Wed.
Talk to Kyle about meeting location
kndavis001@gmail.com
2. **Jonathan Gunby meets in Barnhart** in the Gunby home. Wed.
7019 Tuckahoe Barnhart
jgunby@gmail.com
3. **Scott Lee meets in Arnold/SC** at the Blunt Home Wed*
4555 Kerth Forest St Louis (South County)
Radicallee63@gmail.com
4. **Jason Woelm meets in Pevely** at the Struckhoff Home. Wed.
867 Riverview Dr Pevely
jasonwoelm@gmail.com
5. **Kurt Boehm and Warren Kesselring meet in Saint Charles**
237 Huntleigh Crest Dr St Charles
kandcboehm@gmail.com (Ask Kurt about the day)
6. **Greg Chastain Zoom Group** - Contact Greg for Zoom link etc.
Greg.chastain6124@gmail.com