

June 6, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“For the Cause”**

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For the cause of Christ the King We give our lives, an offering  
'Til all the earth resounds With ceaseless praise To the Son

For the cause of Christ we go With joy to reap, with faith to sow  
As many see And many put their trust in the Son

**Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name: For all  
creation, Ev'ry nation, God's salvation Through the Son!**

For the King once lifted high To cries of rage, of 'crucify!'  
Endured the cross As every sin was laid On the Son

To the King who conquered death To free the poor and the  
oppressed For lasting peace For life and liberty In the Son

**Let it be my life's refrain: To live is Christ, to die is gain;  
Deny myself, take up my cross And follow the Son**

■ **“It Is Not Death to Die”**

Words by Henri Malan, music by Bob Kauflin. © 2008 Integrity's Praise/Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

It is not death to die To leave this weary road And join the  
saints who dwell on high Who've found their home with God  
It is not death to close The eyes long dimmed by tears And wake in  
joy before Your throne Delivered from our fears

**O Jesus conquering the grave Your precious blood has  
power to save Those who trust in You will in Your mercy find  
That it is not death to die**

It is not death to fling aside this earthly dust And rise with  
strong and noble wing To live among the just It is not death to hear  
the key unlock the door That sets us free from mortal years to praise  
You evermore

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 35:1-10 / Prayer for our giving

■ **“God Moves”**

Words by William Cowper, Music plus alternate and additional words by Bob Kauflin

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God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform  
He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm  
Deep in His dark and hidden mines With never-failing skill  
He fashions all His bright designs And works His sovereign will

**So God we trust in You O God we trust in You**

O fearful saints new courage take The clouds that you now dread  
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense But trust Him for His grace  
Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face

**So God we trust in You O God we trust in You**

**When tears are great And comforts few**

**We hope in mercies ever new We trust in You**

God's purposes will ripen fast Unfolding every hour  
The bud may have a bitter taste But sweet will be the flower  
Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain  
God is His own interpreter And He will make it plain

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“The Power of the Cross”**

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Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day: Christ on the road  
to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a  
cross of wood.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the  
blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the  
awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath Quakes as  
its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to  
life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds, For through Your  
suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

■ **“What Wondrous Love is This?”**

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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.

■ **Message** - “What Does Jesus Claim?” John 8:48-59 – Scott

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

## A Word from Pastor Scott

June 6, 2021

*“All my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.”*

**Psalm 139:16**

It was thirty years ago this week that Amy and I and our two girls first moved to Arnold, Missouri for me to begin serving as pastor of Rockport Baptist Church. Stef was almost five. Kim had just turned one. And I was a 28 year old kid who just wanted to serve Jesus, but really wasn't sure what I was doing. I remember praying in those first few weeks, “Lord, please don't let me kill this church!” Amy and I thought we would only be here a few years. Our eyes were fixed on future mission's service overseas. Rockport, we thought, was just a quick stop along the way – a place to serve God as long as He would have us here, but certainly not anything that would be long term.

God, obviously, had other plans. Little by little, He began to knit our hearts to this place and the people He began to draw into the fellowship. And I began to fall in love with the calling God had given to serve this church, to teach His word, and to encourage others to grow in grace and to put Christ first. One thing led to another and before we realized it, we'd been here thirty these years

Looking back over these past decades, I can remember lots of joys, many failures, moments of heartache, challenges, disappointments, surprises, celebrations and tons and tons of grace. But more than anything, when I look back, I remember the people I have been privileged to know and serve, the children I have seen grow up and begin families of their own, the young men and women God has equipped and sent out, as well as dear friends who have finished their race and now see Him face to face in glory. I know that as long as I remain here, I still have much to learn. And I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds it and I am content to remain in His hands.

*May the Lord continue his grace to us who don't deserve it!*

**Pastor Scott**

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - June 6

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM

### First Sunday Fellowship Meal after worship

For those who may not be familiar, since it's been a while, we ask everyone to bring a dish, whether soup, or desert, main course, or a couple of side dishes, with plenty to share. Then stick around to share in the meal and fellowship. If weather is nice, bring toys and games for the kids, games for adults, etc.

### Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,341.00
April Weekly Average.....	\$6,195.21

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Today's Nursery - Racheal Johnson & Grace Bird

Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

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### Announcements

- **Saturday, June 12** at 8 AM - Men's Breakfast  
Pastor Scott will lead be leading this one with a discussion of how we as men help one another be as iron sharpening iron for one another (Prov 27:17) Also, with this breakfast we'll return to sharing in a meal together. I'll bring the gravy. We'll need you to bring the eggs, sides, biscuits, etc. Let's get together and talk about how to be men who love God's word, know God's word, share God's word and live God's word.
- Summer D-Groups are coming beginning the week of **Wednesday June 16th**. So far we have three groups in South County (Pastor Scott), Arnold (Pastor Kyle and Jared Weber) and Barnhart (Jonathan Gunby). Hopefully there will be at least one maybe two more. We'll be studying 2 Timothy together. We'll send more information out next week!
- **Friday, July 30** - Women's Workshop - Front Line  
Apologetics Friday, July 30 from 4-9 PM  
Registration has begun!  
See your e-mail or contact Tynetta

## **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 week's passages are both "truly, truly" statements made by Jesus. There is great help to be found in knowing and memorizing and meditating on these verses.

### **John 8:51**

Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

### **John 8:58**

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

## **Please support**

### **Hand 'n Hand Pregnancy Help Center in Barnhart**

Take a baby bottle and fill it with change/currency or a check (made out to Hand 'n Hand PHC)

See <http://www.hnhcenter.org> for more information.

**Please return bottles (EMPTY OR FULL)**

**by Father's Day (June 20)**

## **"What Did Jesus Claim?"**

(John 8:48-59)

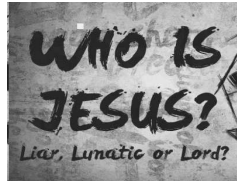
"Jesus is either who He claims to be, or He is not"

- I. Are these the claims of a \_\_\_\_\_? vv 48-53
- To the unbelieving, these claims do seem preposterous v48
  - Jesus' response is to keep speaking the simple Truth v49f
- This (v51) is an invitation to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) If \_\_\_\_\_ keeps my word (See vv31-32)
- (2) Faith in Christ's Word brings \_\_\_\_\_ Jn 11:25-26
- This claim must be received or rejected. They reject vv52-53
- II. Are these the claims of a \_\_\_\_\_? vv53-56
- An important question: Do we have a Word from God or not?
- It all comes back to Jesus. Who is He?
- One day the answer will be clear to all Php 2:9-11
  - Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God  
Jn 14:6 ; Jn 17:3
- III. Jesus claims to be \_\_\_\_\_, our only hope  
vv56-59
- When did Abraham see Christ's Day?
- He looked ahead and saw Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in the promises
  - He had a personal encounter with Jesus in the OT
- How was Abraham saved? Or anyone else in the OT?
- Just like us - we look \_\_\_\_\_ by faith to promises kept
  - They looked \_\_\_\_\_ by faith to the promise of His coming
- What does Jesus claim in v58? \_\_\_\_\_
- Before Abraham was, \_\_\_\_\_ (egō eimi)
  - A clear claim to Deity (Ex 3:14 ; Isa 41:4 , 43:13)
- The Jesus departed, leaving them in their \_\_\_\_\_
- "Woe to those from whose stony hearts God has fled!"
- Augustine

# Kid's Listening Sheet (6/6/21)

Message Title: "What Did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_?"

Bible Passages: John 8: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| Truth | Liar   | Lord    | King    |
| Egg   | Life   | Word    | Believe |
| Die   | Alarm  | Prophet | Heart   |
| Day   | Stones | Faith   | Joy     |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

## Before Abraham Was, I Am (John 8:48-59)

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H K M D N T R U L Y  
J E S U S I F S N K  
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ABRAHAM	ANSWERED	ANYONE
DEATH	DEMON	DIED
FATHER	GLORIFY	GLORY
JESUS	JEWS	KEEP
KNOW	NEVER	SAID
SEEK	TRULY	WORD