February 20, 2022

■ Welcome / Call to Worship from Psalm 105:1-3

1 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

■ "To Christ the Lord"

Words by Samuel Stennett and Laura Taylor, Music by Laura Taylor © 2001 double v music CCLI #801260

To Christ the Lord let every tongue Its noblest tribute bring When He's the subject of the song Who can refuse to sing? Survey the beauties of His face And on His glories dwell

Think of the wonder of His grace And all His triumphs tell

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned Upon His awful brow His head with radiant glories crowned His lips with grace overflow No mortal can with Him compare Among the sons of men And fairer He than all the fair That fill the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress He fled to my relief For me He bore the shameful cross And carried all my grief His hand a thousand blessings pours Upon my guilty head His presence gilds my darkest hours And guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath And all the joys I have He makes me triumph over death And saves me from the grave To Heaven the place of His abode He brings my weary feet Shows me the glories of my God And makes my joy complete

Since from His bounty I receive Such proofs of love divine Had I a thousand hearts to give Lord, they should all be Thine A thousand men could not compose A worthy song to bring Yet Your love is a melody Our hearts can't help but sing!

■ "Receive The Glory"

Music and words by Bob Kauflin © 2004 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Not to us, but to your name alone Be all the glory, the glory forever For your faithfulness and steadfast love Receive the glory, the glory Belongs to you.

All that we've accomplished you have done for us And any fruit we harvest is a gift from your hand We are only jars of clay That hold a priceless treasure And we exist to bring you pleasure, O God

Only by your mercy can we come to you Though we deserved your judgment You have called us by name So we glory in the cross of Christ That made us yours forever That joined our lives together to sing

■ Scripture - Ephesians 1:15-23

■ "In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend ©2001Kingsway's Thankyou Music CCLI #801260
In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my

song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. "Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

■ Confession / Lord's Supper Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

You have raised Jesus from the dead to life, and crowned Him Lord of all things

We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule over our lives as we ought

We have gone along with the world in its ways and failed to give Him the glory He is due

Forgive us and raise us from our sin that we may be your faithful people obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ For He alone rules this world and is head of the Church, His body In His Name we pray, Amen

■ "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."

■ "O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

Music and Words by Nathan Stiff © 2017 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul My God, like You there is no other; true delight is found in You alone Your grace, a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart. My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, and my shield against his hateful darts. My song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise. My joy when trials are abounding Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died You rose! the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer May all my days bring glory to Your Name

- Message Warren Kesselring from Col 2:6-7
- Closing Hymn TBA
- Benediction Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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A Word from Pastor Scott: Sunday February 20, 2022

"For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 3::13

One thing I have greatly appreciated during my thirty plus years at Rockport has been the faithfulness of the men who serve our church as deacons. Not every pastor can say that. For sadly, there are congregations where the deacons "serve" in name only and can even be more of a hindrance to effective, Christ-centered ministry than a help. Our deacons have been a help to me and to the work of Christ in this church for many, many years. For that I am grateful.

In fact, the only "complaint" I would ever really consider about our deacons is that there have often been too few to accomplish all that needs to be done in order to care effectively for the needs within our church family. Even good men can only do so much before they become spread too thing.

That's why I am encouraged to see four addition brothers step up to become deacons-in-training. These men have been meeting with our elders and current deacons since the end of December and are currently being trained in what I would call "Deacon basics" both through the use of a really good study book and by being paired with a current deacon in order to get first hand experience in some of the tasks they will face.

With that in mind, I want to present their names to you so you can begin (1) to pray for them as they continue this process of training, and (2) to observe them since you will be asked later this Spring to affirm them for this service according to the requirement of 1 Tim 3:10 that they "be tested first; and then let them serve as deacons." These men are: Kanoa Benz, Scott Larson, Alex Starkey, and Jared Weber. Please take time to get to know any of these men you may not know. Pray for them. And if you have any questions you'd like to ask about these men, please ask them or the elders as appropriate.

May the Lord provide faithful men who are willing to serve. Pastor 5. Scatt Lee

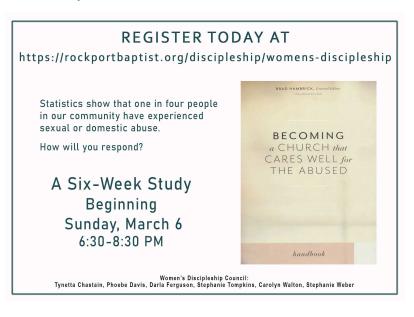
This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's 'Fighter Verse' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith.

Col 2:6-7

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D-Groups will meet the weeks of February 9,23, Mar 9,23, Apr 6,20 We will be studying "6 Steps to Encouragement". The focus of this study will be on how God's Word changes us and through us changes others. Come join us for this practical study on how to encourage one another in Christ. Currently, we are planning five groups

- Festus-Crystal City led by Kyle Davis and Alex Starkey -- Thursday at 7 PM in the Starkey home
- Barnhart led by Jonathan (PJ) Gunby -- Friday at 7 PM in the Gunby home
- South County/Arnold led by Mike Booker and Scott Lee -- Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Blunt home
- Saint Charles and online led by Warren Kesselring and Kurt Boehm -- Wed at 7 PM at the Kesselring home
- Arnold and online group led by Greg Chastain and Jared Weber
 Fridays at 7 PM at the Weber home.



THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - February 20

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs
Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,506.00
January Weekly Average.....\$3,794.51

Today's Nursery - Ellie Boehlke & Gracie Jackson Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Winter/Spring Theological Study: Learning From the Puritans is Sundays at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **D-Groups** will meet the weeks of February 9,23, Mar 9,23, Apr 6,20
- Wednesday, March 2 Monthly 1st Wednesday Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7 pm
- Becoming A Church that Cares Well for the Abused Church Cares Study

Begins Sunday, March 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for 6 weeks

- Biblical Eldership Study. If you are a man interested in learning Biblical Eldership please see Pastor Scott.
- Refit Exercise Class Tuesdays at 1 PM at Rockport. Please contact Susan Jackson <u>susanjj1966@gmail.com</u> or (636) 375-1113
- Grace Bible Conference, April 8-10. "The Love of Christ" will be our theme. Speakers include Bro Don Currin from HeartCry, Geoff Kirkland from Christ Fellowship and Jason Arens from Journey South County.

Sermon Notes (Col 2:6-7)