

May 22, 2022

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“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

■ **“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 - Philippians 1:12-30**

■ **“Christ is Mine Forevermore”**

by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson © 2015 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall, His love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow Darkness not yet understood Through the valley I must travel Where I see no earthly good But mine is peace that flows from heaven And the strength in times of need I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for His name But mine is armour for this battle Strong enough to last the war And He has said He will deliver Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city Where beside the King I walk For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

**Come rejoice now, O my soul For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore**

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper - PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal and almighty Father, to you belong righteousness, mercy, and forgiveness. But to us belongs open shame for we are miserable sinners. We are conceived and born in sin. We are prone to do evil and incapable of any good. We have grievously sinned against all of your commandments. We have never kept any of them. By your righteous judgment, we deserve ruin and condemnation. We are grieved that we have offended you. We condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance. And we seek your grace to relieve our distress.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. For with you there is steadfast love, and with you there is plentiful redemption.

Redeem us from all our iniquities for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Work in us that godly sorrow for sin that produces repentance and leads to salvation without regret. Mortify our sins, strengthen our faith, and produce in us the fruit of the Spirit which is pleasing to you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen. .

■ **“Depth of Mercy”**

Words by Charles Wesley Music by David L Ward © 1999 ReformedPraise CCLI#801260

Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God His wrath forbear, Me the chief of sinners, spare?  
Many times my heart has strayed, From His kind and perfect ways  
Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me?

I have spilt His precious blood, Trampled on the Son of God  
Filled with pangs unspeakable; I, who yet am not in hell!  
Many times my heart has strayed, From His kind and perfect ways  
Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me?

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood! He disarms the wrath of God;  
Now my Father's mercies move, Justice lingers into love.  
Heaven find me on my knees, Hear my soul in-passioned plea  
Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me!

Now incline me to repent, Let me now my sins lament,  
Now my foul revolt deplore, Weep, believe, and sin no more.  
**Heaven find me on my knees, Hear my soul's desperate plea  
Son of David, have mercy on me! Go, thy faith hath saved thee**

■ **Message – “Prayers and Faithfulness for the Path Ahead”**

(2 Thessalonians 3:1-5) - Jason Woelm

■ **Closing Hymn**

■ **Benediction**

## How to Join Rockport Baptist Church

We as a church are committed to the biblical teaching that church membership is for believers in Christ who voluntarily band together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for worship, fellowship and service. We therefore require the following:

- (1) A credible profession of faith in Christ for salvation  
(Romans 10:9-10)
- (2) Obedience to Christ through water baptism  
(Matthew 28:18-20)
- (3) A willing commitment to the basic beliefs and practices of this church as evidenced in our Confession of Faith and Church Covenant (available upon request)

Those who are interested in seeking membership are asked to make this known to Pastor Scott and/or an Elder who will provide a copy of our Petition for Membership and explain the process.

## Why Should I Be Baptized?

Baptism is commanded by Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) for all those who would follow Him as disciples. It is a picture on the outside of what Christ does on the inside of all those who come to Him by faith. As Paul declares in Romans 6:4, “We are buried with Him through baptism into death, and raised to walk in newness of life.” Baptism, therefore symbolizes our new life in Christ as believers. It is a public declaration that my old life is dead and I now belong to him. As such, it is the first act of obedience for all who would profess their faith in Him for salvation. If you have placed your faith in Christ and need to follow through with believer’s baptism, please contact Pastor Scott.

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### Pastors/Elders

Scott Lee  
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### Deacons

Kurt Boehm	Herman Meyer
Greg Chastain	Mark Stoner
Doug Ferguson	Brad Tompkins
Ray Gawlik	

### Worship Leaders

Stuart McMillian  
Luke McAllister

**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. It would be worthwhile to memorize the whole passage from this morning's message, **2 Thessalonians 3:5**

### **2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**

5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

### **"Prayers and Faithfulness for the Path Ahead"** (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

- I. We must pray for the Lord's word to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through His heralds, and for those heralds to be rescued (3:1-2).
- A. We must pray that the Lord's word would spread rapidly and be glorified through His heralds as it did among \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1; cf. Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thess.; 2 Thess. 1:3-4, 10; 2:13).
- B. We must pray that the Lord's heralds be rescued from wicked and evil men, because \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2).
- II. Because the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_, we will be established and guarded, and we can have confidence in the Lord about obedience (3:3-4).
- A. Although evil men do not have faith and attempt to destroy ours, our faithful Lord will establish us (v. 3).
- B. The faithful Lord will guard us against Satan (v. 3).
- C. Confidence in the faithful Lord brings \_\_\_\_\_ of obedience—now and later (v.4).
- III. We are led into obedience by the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts (3:5).
- A. Paul prayed that the Thessalonians' hearts would be directed in two ways:
1. That their hearts would be directed into God's love.
  2. That their hearts would be directed into Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Isa. 50).
- B. By being directed into God's love and Christ's steadfastness, this produces love \_\_\_\_\_ God and steadfastness \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
- C. To glorify the Lord's word, let us make this prayer our own.

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

**SUNDAY - May 22**

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

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Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs	
Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,506.00
April Weekly Average.....	\$5,908.04

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Sunday May 8 → Sunday, June 19** - Please help support Hand n Hand Pregnancy Help Center by picking up a baby bottle on Mother's Day from the foyer table, filling it with change, cash or check made out to Hand n Hand, and returning it by Father's Day (**June 19**)
- **Wednesday, June 1** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at Rockport at 7 PM. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays for the summer Dates include June 1 and 15, July 6 and 20, August 3
- **Refit Exercise Class Tuesdays at 1 PM** at Rockport. Please contact Susan Jackson for more information [susanjj1966@gmail.com](mailto:susanjj1966@gmail.com) or (636) 375-1113
- **D-Groups** will not be meeting during the summer months. They will begin again in August.- watch for more info

**A Word from Pastor Scott:  
Sunday May 22, 2022**

*“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?”*

**Luke 14:28**

The point of this verse from Luke 14 really has nothing with economics. Jesus is talking about the cost of discipleship. In the verse just before this one he says, “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Following Jesus requires a full time commitment. There can be no “part time” discipleship. You are either all in, or you are not in at all.

And yet this statement from Jesus does build on a principle of wisdom. You don't just jump into a big project. You take your time. You calculate the cost. You consider before beginning whether you will be able to finish.

As we begin the process of considering what to do with our building and our need for space, we are now in the preliminary stage of preparing to count the cost. No decision has yet been made, except to begin looking at our options. Toward that end, the church approved the money needed for a preliminary report that will tell us what we are able to build on this property. Since then, we have found that we must gather a bit more information before such a report can be generated. Our plan is to ask them to look at three possible options.

Option #1 – Build a sanctuary big enough for 400 to 500 people and then remodel the current building for classes and fellowship hall. (Most expensive)

Option #2 – Remodel the current sanctuary for maximum seating by moving the offices and library to a small office building with a few extra classes. Remodel the basement to double as fellowship hall and classes. (Less expensive)

Option #3 – Something in between these two options is being considered.

We are just getting started. As we gather the necessary information, we may be calling on our various members with experience in building to help us. Please be patient, as this make take a while. And please be in prayer.

*We will keep you informed as things progress.*

**Pastor Scott**