

**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 is one everyone should know.

**Luke 10:27**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

**Rockport  
Men's Ministry  
Breakfast**

**Saturday  
December 10  
at 8:00 AM**

Please bring food  
to share

***"Disciples Making Disciples  
of Jesus"***

***We'll discuss Chapters 5 and 6  
of The Trellis and the Vine.***

*"Jesus said all power is given to me  
in heaven and earth. Go therefore  
and make disciples of all nations ...  
teaching them to observe all things  
I have commanded you ... "*  
***Matthew 28:18-20***



***Rockport Women's Discipleship Ministry***

**STATISTICALLY, ONE IN FOUR WOMEN WILL  
EXPERIENCE SEXUAL OR DOMESTIC ABUSE**

The Rockport Women's Council has participated in training to help us recognize and respond biblically to situations of abuse. If you need help or information, or if you would like to participate in training to be an advocate for the abused, please see or contact one of us.

Books on the topic of abuse and a Resource Guide listing local and national organizations, people, and helplines are available in the library.

Tynetta Chastain  
Phoebe Davis  
Darla Ferguson

Stephanie Tompkins  
Carolyn Walton  
Stephanie Weber



Julie Bird  
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**"Loving Your Neighbor in an LGBTQ+ World"**  
(Mt 22:34-40)

I. The first and most important command in life is to

\_\_\_\_\_ vv37-38 ; Dt 6:4-5

(1) At the heart of biblical faith stand this command to \_\_\_\_\_  
Dt 30:6

(2) A new heart for God brings a new commitment to \_\_\_\_\_

(3) This love we have for God leads to a life of \_\_\_\_\_  
Dt 11:22 ; Josh 22:5 ; John 14:15

II. If we love God, we will love those \_\_\_\_\_

vv39-40, Lev 19:18 ; 1 Jn 4:19-20 ,4;7-8

The Question: "Who is \_\_\_\_\_?" Lk 10:25-37

Mt 5:43-48: We must love even \_\_\_\_\_!

Love fulfills \_\_\_\_\_ Rm 13:9 ; Gal 5:14

III. We must choose to love our neighbors in an \_\_\_\_\_ way  
to the glory of God. What about LGBTQ neighbors?

(1) Love them with the \_\_\_\_\_ we give any other neighbors  
Col 3:12

(2) Love them as fellow image bearers not \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Love with the love of Christ which is \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Tim 1:15-16

(4) Love them with \_\_\_\_\_ Eph 4:15

It is not loving to leave someone in the dark about \_\_\_\_\_

Eze 18:20 ; Rm 6:23 ; Rev 21:8 ; 1 Cor 6:9-10

The call to love others with the Gospel needs we must be honest with  
them about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - November 27

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

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Today's Greeters -  
Today's Tellers - Darla Ferguson & Mysti Jackson  
Today's Nursery - Debbie & Lily McClure

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

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### Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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| Rockport Weekly Budget Goal..... | \$5,263.00 |
| Oct Weekly Average .....         | \$6,150.37 |

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tuesdays at 1:30 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class** .  
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information  
[susanjj1966@gmail.com](mailto:susanjj1966@gmail.com) or (636) 375-1113
- **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Congregational Prayer Meeting  
at 7pm
- **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**- Ladies Cookie Exchange and  
Christmas Party. Please sign up on the google form sent out  
Nov 16. Please bring an appetizer to share and 3 dozen  
cookies to exchange. Hope to see you there!
- **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM** - Men's Discipleship  
Breakfast - Trellis and the Vine Chapters 5 and 6 - Bring food  
to share
- **Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>** - Rockport Christmas Celebration  
at 6:30pm
- **Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** - Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service
- **Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>** - NO Sunday School, Worship at 10 AM
- **Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>** - NO Sunday School, Worship at 10 AM

## A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday November 27, 2022

*"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:  
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

### Galatians 5:14

At the heart of all Christian conduct stands the command that we must be a people of love. First and foremost we must be a people who love God. When Jesus was asked "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" (Mat 22:36) He answered with a quote from Deuteronomy 6:5, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." He then added "This is the great and first command." So first and foremost, we must be a people who "love God with all we got!" And central to that call to love God is the necessity of obeying Him from the heart (John 14:15).

Then, growing out of that love for God, we must also be a people who love those made in the image of God. Jesus continued by quoting Leviticus 19:18 and saying, "And a second [commandment] is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." So everything God has to say about how we must live our lives before Him and before others can be summed up in the twin commands "Love God and put him first" and "Love others out of reverence for God."

But how does that work when love for God requires us to hold positions that are considered unloving by the culture around us? How do we love people who openly celebrate what God condemns and expect us to do the same? And how do we demonstrate the kindness of Christ to people with whom we fundamentally disagree about many very serious moral and social issues? And what does that look like in a practical, day to day kind of way?

These are just some of the questions we want to begin thinking about this morning as we look at how to apply the command to "love your neighbor as yourself" in the context of an LGBTQ+ affirming world

*Seeking to be faithful to Him in all things for His glory!*

*Pastor Scott*