

## March 5, 2023 - Elder Ordination Service

### ■ Welcome / Call to Worship

#### ■ “How Firm a Foundation” CCLI L #801260

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say  
than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee  
O be not dismayed For I am thy God  
and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause  
thee to stand Upheld by My righteous Omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow  
For I will be with thee  
thy troubles to bless And sanctify to thee  
thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flame shall not hurt thee I only  
design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to  
shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

#### ■ Scripture Reading - Acts 20:24-35

#### ■ Offertory Prayer

#### ■ “I Surrender All” .....Hymn 366

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

**I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee,  
my blessed Savior, I surrender all.**

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, May I know Thy pow'r divine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

#### ■ Testimony of God's Calling

#### ■ “Be Thou My Vision” .....Hymn 382

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by  
night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my High  
Tower. Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine

Inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever  
befall Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

#### ■ Confession -

Almighty Lord, We find great delight in your creation and the good things you have given us to enjoy, but we rarely spend time delighting in you. We tend to enjoy you when you give us what we want, but we become anxious, fretful, and angry when life is hard and you seem unwilling to rescue us from uncomfortable or painful circumstances. We spend many days haunted by guilty fears over the sins that we have committed, forgetting the wounds that will forever scar the hands of your Son, and that plead forgiveness for us every moment of everyday. We fail to bear grief and shame patiently, because we forget that you alone are our stronghold in times of trouble, and you are working all things together for our good. Father, forgive us. We thank you for your radiant and beautiful Son, who delighted in you above all else and perfectly committed all his ways to your sovereign will. We praise you that his flawless obedience is ours through faith, and we are forever reconciled to you as your beloved children. Amen  
(Prayer of Confession adapted from pg. 44-45 of *Prone to Wander*).

#### ■ Lord's Supper

#### ■ “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

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**We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our  
hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more**

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God  
We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh, how long?  
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

■ **Message** – “The Call to Serve as an Elder” - 1 Peter 5:1-4  
Pastor Scott

#### ■ Service of Ordination

Pledge of Faithfulness

Laying on of Hands

Presentation

#### ■ Closing Hymn - “To God Be the Glory” .....Hymn 66

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; But purer and higher,  
and greater will be Our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see.

■ **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.

Church Office (636) 464-1460  
[RockportBaptist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RockportBaptist@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.rockportbaptist.org](http://www.rockportbaptist.org)



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#### Pastors/Elders

Scott Lee  
Kyle Davis  
Warren Kesselring

#### Worship Leaders

Stuart McMillian  
Luke McAllister

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#### Deacons

Kanoa Benz	Herman Meyer
Kurt Boehm	Alex Starkey
Greg Chastain	Mark Stoner
Ray Gawlik	Brad Tompkins
Scott Larson	Jared Weber

**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.

**Heb 13:17**

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

"The Call to Serve as an Elder"

1 Peter 5:1-4

- (1) An elder is a \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) An elder is a \_\_\_\_\_

I. An exhortation to our brother to take up his ministry ...

- (1) Understand the high calling of this office, and be \_\_\_\_\_  
Eph 3:8 ; 1 Pet 1:5 ; Mt 20:28
- (2) Understand this purpose of your ministry, and make that \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Pet 5:1-2 ; Acts 20:28
- (3) Keep in mind the \_\_\_\_\_ of your ministry, and let that preserve you from \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Pet 5:2-3
- (4) Keep in mind the means of tis ministry, and let that \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Thess 2:8-9 ; Rm 1:16-17
  - a) 1 Tim 4:6
  - b) 2 Tim 4:1-2
- (5) Keep in mind what the \_\_\_\_\_ is, and pursue it 1 Pet 5:4

II. An exhortation to our congregation: Receive our Brother's ministry as a \_\_\_\_\_ from God Eph 4:11-12

- (1) Seek to give him the \_\_\_\_\_ due his office  
1 Thess 5:12-13
- (2) Give him \_\_\_\_\_ as he continues to grow in ministry 1 Tim 5:19
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in need and expect God to use him  
Jas 5:14
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ his leadership as he faithfully follows Christ  
1 Cor 11:1 ; Heb 13:17
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for him 1 Thess 5:25 ; 2 Thess 3:1

**Rockport  
Men's Ministry  
Breakfast**

**Saturday  
March 11  
at 8:00 AM**

Please bring food  
to share

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

***We'll discuss Chapters 11 & 12  
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***

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - March 5

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

First Sunday Fellowship

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Today's Greeters -Kathy Blunt & Kyle Davis  
Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Stephanie Tompkins  
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

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$5,263.00
January Weekly Average.....	\$5,557.27

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, March 5** - Warren Kesselring Elder Ordination Service  
First Sunday Fellowship
- **Saturday, March 11** - Men's Discipleship Breakfast - Bring food to share - Chapters 11 & 12 of The Trellis and the Vine
- **Sunday, February 19 - March 12** - New Membership Matters Class meets in the fellowship hall. Other adults classes are Jason Woelm's class in the sanctuary and Bake's Class
- **Sundays at 6 PM** - Study of "The Mortification of Sin"
- **D groups are meeting - check with your leader!**
- **Feb 21 - Apr 18**, Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 PM Women's Bible Study
- **Feb 23 - Apr 20**, Thursdays 9 - 11 AM Women's Bible Study
- **Saturday, April 15 at 10 AM** - Baby Shower for Marj Starkey
- **Grace Bible Conference 2023** with Brian Borgman - April 21-23
- **Saturday, May 27 at 12:30 PM** - Baby Shower for Victoria Bartels
- **Family Camp 2023** - September 21-24
- **Tuesdays at 1:30 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class** .  
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information  
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## A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday March 5, 2023

*"Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;*

### ***1 Pet 5:1-2***

It is our joy, today, to share together in the service of ordination for our brother, Warren Kesselring, as he begins his "official" service as one of the elders at Rockport Baptist Church. If you know anything about Baptist tradition, you know that such "ordinations" usually takes place in a "special service" on a Sunday afternoon or evening. We have chosen to make this a more central event in the life of our church by holding it as a part of our regular morning worship. Our reasons for doing so are as follows:

(1) We want this to be a time of celebration and instruction for the whole church family rather than for the limited few who would be able to come back for a "special" service later in the day.

(2) We view this as a time for the whole congregation, both leaders and members, to join together in confirming our brother's call to pastoral ministry. [Traditionally, one reason such ordinations were held in the afternoon was to make it possible for pastors and deacons from other congregations to attend and help form an "ordination counsel" to question and confirm the candidate. Such counsels are rare today.]

(3) We believe this should be a worship service focused on Christ and his gifts and callings to the church, rather than a service focused on any particular man being ordained. Warren, Kyle and I agree the focus needs to be on Christ alone any time the church gathers. So Lord willing, that's what we will do this morning as we join our brother in rejoicing in God's calling and setting him aside to serve us all here at Rockport Baptist Church!

*Celebrating God's faithfulness.*

*Scott Lee (just one of your pastors)*

## Kid's Listening Sheet (3/5/23)

Message Title: "The Call to Serve as \_\_\_\_\_"

Bible Passages: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Elder	Pastor	Serve	Glory
Honor	Flock	Shepherd	Dog
Work	Sheep	People	Preach
Word	Pray	Respect	Blood

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

## Elders Are to Pastor the Flock (1 Peter 5:1-4)

P A R T A K E R W U R D G B  
E O C R O W N F I N E O O C  
A P P E A R S L L K C M I F  
G U E V L W L O L B E I N G  
E B X E X E R C I S I N G S  
R C H A R G E K N W V E U H  
L D O L W E L L G H E E O A  
Y T R E X A M P L E S R V M  
E F T D G L O R Y N C I E E  
L E C O M P U L S I O N R F  
D L H S U F F E R I N G S U  
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R O W F W U N F A D I N G E  
D W I T N E S S G A I N H K  
C H I E F P O C H R I S T N

APPEARS	BEING	CHARGE
CHIEF	CHRIST	COMPULSION
CROWN	DOMINEERING	EAGERLY
ELDER	EXAMPLES	EXERCISING
EXHORT	FELLOW	FLOCK
GAIN	GLORY	GOING
OVERSIGHT	PARTAKER	RECEIVE
REVEALED	SHAMEFUL	SHEPHERD
SUFFERINGS	UNFADING	WELL
WHEN	WILLINGLY	WITNESS