

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. Memorize it and use it for the good of your soul! There are two passages to consider this week

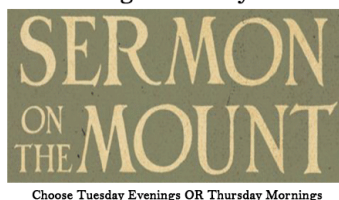
Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

The **ACTS 4 FUND** at Rockport is to help our members in need. It's funded by designated offerings and administered by the deacons. If you're led to contribute to this fund, please designate your offering and amount accordingly.

Women's
DISCIPLESHIP
Ministry

Two studies beginning in February
Register today:



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The Good Growth of a Healthy Church
Ephesians 4:11-16; Acts

- I. The Good _____ of a _____ Church Eph 4:11-16
- (1) God _____ the church by fostering healthy growth in its members vv 11-13
- 1) The _____ of the Faith
 - 2) A growing _____ of Christ
 - 3) Growing _____ in Christ
- (2) Growing Maturity creates a _____ that fosters good growth vv 14-15
- (3) Where the members are _____ you will see good growth v 16; 1 Cor 3:6-7; Col 2:19; Eph 2:19-22
- II. God-given growth is good, but bring _____ and _____
- Explosive growth in ACTS:
- 120 people in Acts 1:15
 - 3000 in Acts 2:41
 - Over 5000 in Acts 4:4
 - It continued, Acts 5:14; 9:31; 11; 14; etc.
- What was that like?
- Growth created changes and challenges Acts 6:1-5
- III. The Challenges and Changes we face at Rockport
- We Love Rockport. Rockport is changing.
- (1) Are there practical issues _____ good growth?
- Administration -
 - Building -
- (2) Are we willing to do something to make room even if it is a hassle?

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:40 AM
Fellowship Meal / John Hessel Presentation (after Morning Worship)

Today's Greeters - Mark Stoner & Stephanie Tompkins

Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla Ferguson

Today's Nursery - Amanda Boyer & Ellen Bonnel

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal \$5,689.00

January Weekly Average \$5,722.86

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mondays at 2:00pm *new time*** - Exercise Class at Rockport.
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
susanjj1966@gmail.com or (636)375-1113
- **Women's Discipleship Ministry Classes** to begin February 20th & 22 (Tuesday Evenings or Thursday Mornings) – Register Today with the QR code or see Tynetta with questions.
- **A Marriage Class is coming on Sunday Evenings at 6pm** - a study through Paul David Tripp's book, *What Did You Expect: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*... please see Mike Booker if interested. Childcare provided.
- **Wednesday, February 21 - Abolish Abortion Rally** -
We are meeting at the Rotunda within the State Capitol building @1pm. Reach out to the Benz's, the Stevens', or Adrian Cookson for more info. Carpooling possible.
- **Founder's Conference Midwest** is Tuesday, Feb. 27 and Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at FBC Fenton, MO. Sign up information is in the foyer.
- **Grace Bible Conference 2024** - "Citizens and Exiles" - April 19-21, 2024
- **SEMO Scripture Fest** - "The Gospel Revealed" May 17 & 18 at FBC Park Hills, MO (for more info, contact the Pfleegors)

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday February 18, 2024

"The whole body, joined and held together . . . when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

Ephesians 4:16

So where are we in our process of considering how we can provide the additional space our congregation needs? As most of you know, we have asked our Building Finance Team to continue the process of looking into the options available to us to be able to fund construction of a new auditorium/worship center. They are taking stock of the funds we have on hand and trying to get a clear handle on (a) how much we can reasonably expect to borrow and (b) how much we should be able to raise through a capital campaign within our church. One resource we are exploring for this process is to secure the help and experience of Bro John Hessel, a former pastor and church stewardship consultant who has helped many churches navigate this process. Several of us have known John for more than 30 years since John served as the interim pastor of Rockport in the year of transition between the previous pastor, Tommy Chapman, and my becoming pastor in 1991. John's goal is to help churches like ours assess what they can do financially and then prayerfully put together a Capital Stewardship Campaign as a way to lead the congregation in giving. John has been invited to join us this afternoon following a fellowship meal to explain what he does and answer any question you may have. After that, we will call the church to two weeks of prayer before asking you to affirm the proposal that we hire John as our consultant.

At the same time, we will be asking our Building Design Team to consider what modifications may be necessary to bring our proposed building in line with our finances. Please pray as they do their work. Ask the Lord to help us be wise in determining (1) what we are able to build to provide space for our congregation, and (2) how we can be faithful in raising the funds we need.

Seeking Him and His Wisdom in this process..

Pastor Scott

February 18, 2024

■ **Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“I Asked The Lord”** Words by John Newton, Music by Laura Taylor ©2004 double v music CCLI #801260

I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith and love and every
grace Might more of His salvation know And seek more earnestly His
face

Twass He who taught me thus to pray And He I trust has answered
prayer But it has been in such a way As almost drove me to despair
I hoped that in some favored hour At once He'd answer my
request And by His love's constraining power Subdue my sins and
give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart And
let the angry powers of Hell Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed Intent to aggravate my
woe Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, Cast out my feelings, laid
me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to
death? "Tis in this way" The Lord replied "I answer prayer for grace
and faith"

"These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou mayest seek thy all in
me, That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

■ **Scripture Reading / Offering - Romans 8:1-11**

■ **“When Trials Come”** Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty © 2005 ThankYou Music CCLI #801260

When trials come no longer fear For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told

Within the night I know Your peace The breath of God brings
strength to me And new each morning mercies flow As treasures of
the darkness grow As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to Wisdom not my own For every battle You have known My
confidence will rest in You Your love endures Your ways are good Your
love endures Your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross So in its
shadow I shall run Till You complete the work begun Till You complete
the work begun

One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope You called me to
And in Your kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper – Confession of Sin**

Merciful God,

You pardon all who repent and turn to you.

We confess our sins and ask for your mercy.

We have not loved you with a whole heart,
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you.
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from all sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and renew us with your Holy
Spirit Through Jesus, our Lord, we pray Amen

■ **“His Forever”** by Pat Sczebel © 2003 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

Jesus, friend of sinners Loved me 'ere I knew Him

Drew me with His cords of love Tightly bound me to Him

'Round my heart still closely twined The ties that none can sever

For I am His and He is mine Forever and forever

Jesus, friend of sinners A crown of thorns You wore for me

Bruised for my transgressions Pierced for my iniquities

The wrath of God that I deserved Was poured out on the Innocent

He took my place, my soul to save Now I am His forever

Jesus, friend of sinners I love to tell the story

Redeeming love has been my theme And will be when in glory

**Not death nor life nor anything Can ever separate me O love that
will not let me go Yes, I am His forever**

■ **“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!**

■ **Message - “The Good Growth of a Healthy Church”**

Ephesians 4:11-16; Acts – Pastor Scott

■ **Closing Hymn**

■ **Benediction**

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

Worship Leaders

Stuart McMillian
Luke McAllister

Kid's Listening Sheet (2/18/24)



Title: "The Good _____ of a Healthy Church"

Bible Passage: Ephesians _____

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

Grow	Health	Good	Family
Kids	Faith	Shepherd	Teacher
Mature	Truth	Love	Change
Walk	Watch	Map	Bible

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Good Growth -- Ephesians 4:11-16

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BUILDS	CARRIED	CHILDREN
CHRIST	DOCTRINE	EQUIP
EVANGELISTS	EVERY	FAITH
FULLNESS	GAVE	GROW
HUMAN	KNOWLEDGE	LONGER
LOVE	MANHOOD	MATURE
MEASURE	MINISTRY	PROPHETS
SAINTS	SHEPHERDS	STATURE
TEACHERS	TOSSED	UNITY
WAVES	WIND	WORK