

February 4, 2024

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

■ **“Before the Cross”**

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My Savior’s sacrifice paid for all my sin So in my suffering I look to
the cross again No need, no want, no trial, no pain Can compare to
this The wrath of God, once meant for me Was all spent on Him
Before the Cross, I humbly bow I place my trust in the Savior
Your finished work captures my gaze You bore the wrath, I know
the grace

In my darkest hour, Your presence is my peace In my days of
joy, Your grace carries me Jesus, my Great High Priest The One
who pleads for me My heart is filled with faith in You Here at Calvary
on my knees

■ **Scripture Reading / Offering - Romans 7:1-12**

■ **“Completely Done”**

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What reason have I to doubt Why would I dwell in fear
When all I have known is grace My future in Christ is clear
My sins have been paid in full There’s no condemnation here I
live in the good of this My Father has brought me near
I’m leaving my fears behind me now

The old is gone, the new has come What You complete is
completely done We’re heirs with Christ, the victory won What
You complete is completely done

I don’t know what lies ahead What if I fail again You are my
confidence You’ll keep me to the end I’m leaving my fears behind me
now

■ **Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad
adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not
seen how all thy longings have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend
thee.

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath
life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen
sound from His people again: Gladly for aye we adore Him.

■ **“O for a Thousand Tongues”**Hymn 76

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise, The
glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows
cease, ‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoners free; His
blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues
employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

■ **Message - “Our Mission As Christ’s Church”**

Matthew 28:18-20 – Pastor Scott

■ **The Apostle’s Creed**

We believe in God the Father
the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into the grave
And on the third day rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and now sits at the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty;
from which He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit.
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen

■ **Lord’s Supper**

■ **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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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! This week's passage is one every Christians should know by heart, a.k.a. the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Our Mission as Christ's Church
Matthew 28:18-20

I. Our Mission is Defined by _____ as _____ of the Church vv18-19

- 1) The _____ for this Mission: _____ v18
- 2) The Central _____ of this Mission: "to _____" vv18-19

What is a Disciple?

- Our Mission as a church is " _____" Mt 28:18
- Your Mission as a Christian is " _____" Mt 16:24

3) The Gospel Center of this Command and the _____ it creates.

What is the Church?

II. Our Mission as Christ's Church is "to _____" vv19-20

- 1) The Church is called to _____ people into fellowship who come to Christ by faith. Acts 2:41-42
 - Baptism =
 - Lord's Supper =
 The Church is an Embassy of Heaven's Kingdom Mt 16:19; 18:17-18
- 2) The Church is called to _____ the baptized how to obey all that Christ commands

2 Tim 2:2; 1 Tim 5:17; 2 Tim 4:2; Eph 4:15-16

III. Your Mission as a Believer is "to _____" living in obedience to Christ v20

- Teaching them to _____
- What is an Ambassador? 2 Cor 5:20

- 1) Our Mission together as a Church = "to _____"
- 2) Your Mission as a believer = "to _____"

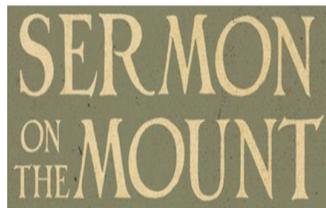
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DISCIPLESHIP

Ministry



Two studies beginning in February
 Register today:



Choose Tuesday Evenings OR Thursday Mornings



Tuesday Evenings



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THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY, February 4, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
First Sunday Fellowship (after Morning Worship)	

Today's Greeters - Herman Meyer & Michael or Erin Pfleegor
Today's Tellers - Sherie Eagleburger & Stephanie Tompkins
Today's Nursery - Debbie McClure & Lily McClure
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 7:00pm** - Exercise Class at Rockport.
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
susanjj1966@gmail.com or (636)375-1113
- **Rockport D-Groups** start This Week!
- **Women's Discipleship Ministry Classes** to begin SOON...
Tuesday Evenings or Thursday Mornings – Register Today!
- **Marriage Class on Sunday Evenings at 6pm** (beginning in February) - a study through Paul David Tripp's book, *What Did You Expect: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*... please contact the Bookers 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, Feb. 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 4, 2024

"Jesus came and said to them, "All Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, therefore go and make disciples of all nations . . . "

Matthew 28:18-19a

Anybody who knows me, knows that I really do not like to step away from a verse by verse series like the one we just began in Galatians in order to do anything else! In fact, nothing would please me more than to be able to continue that with study this morning. That's because we are committed to the regular verse by verse exposition of Scripture as the main way we engage the Word of God week to week here at Rockport. That's something that will not change. However, there are times when it becomes necessary for us to step away from our normal approach to the study of Scripture to focus on an important topic from a biblical point of view. That's where we find ourselves this morning.

Beginning today we will engage in a four week series that grows out of our recent elder's retreat as we joined together to seek the Lord and His wisdom for our church. As we thought about where we are as a body, and the decisions we need to make about our future growth and faithfulness to Christ, we became convinced that it would be important for us to take the time to re-center our church on it's God-given mission in order to gain a clearer understanding of who we are as Rockport Baptist Church and why it matters that we not lose sight of this core mission. With that in mind, we will spend the next four Sundays looking at "*Who We are As Christ's Church and Why It Matters.*" The messages in this series will focus on the following:

- 2/4 *Who We Are and Why It Matters: Our Mission as Christ's Church*
- 2/11 *Who We Are and What We Do: Our Values as Christ's Church*
- 2/18 *Who We Are Becoming: Change and the Growth of Christ's Church*
- 2/25 *Who We are and What We Pursue to be Faithful as Christ's Church*

I'm looking forward to sharing these biblical studies with you!

Then Galatians!

Seeking to be faithful to Christ in all things!

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (2/4/24)

Title: "Our Mission as Christ's _____"

Bible Passage: Matthew _____



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

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| Mission | Preach | Go | Teach |
| Baptize | Mouth | Church | Club |
| Feed | Keys | Kingdom | Nation |
| Day | Life | King | Team |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

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Deacon Selection

Next week, you will be asked to nominate men to serve as deacons. As a reminder, the biblical qualifications for deacons may be found in **Acts 6:3** and **1 Timothy 3:8-13**.

Acts 6:3 (possibly refers to deacons)

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ 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.

For further guidance, our constitution defines the office and responsibility of deacons as follows:

Section 4 - Deacons The Deacons exist to serve the physical and fellowship needs of the Church. The Bible teaches that the deacons may consist of those qualified men whom the church duly elects to serve in this capacity.

A) The Office of Deacon. The office of deacon is described in I Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-7. The church shall recognize, in accordance with the constitutional provisions on elections, men who are giving of themselves in service to the church, who possess gifts of leadership, and who are called to further service. These members shall be received as gifts of Christ to His church and set apart as deacons. The number of deacons shall be determined by the needs of the ministry and by the call and qualification of men in the church.

B) The Responsibilities of the Deacons . The deacons shall advise and be ready to assist the elders in any service that shall support and promote the ministry of the Word, new and existing ministries of the church, and the care for the members of the congregation.

Their responsibilities shall include but are not limited to:

1. administering a fund to assist the poor and needy and otherwise providing aid in times of crisis or distress;
2. the greeting and welcoming ministries of the church;
3. assisting in administering the ordinances of the Gospel;
4. assisting at fellowship gatherings of the church;
5. visiting and ministering to the needs of the sick and shut-in and especially widows;
6. helping maintain compassionate contact with those members who seem to be in danger of falling out of active fellowship with our congregation.
7. serving as members of the Stewardship Committee to oversee the finances of the church
8. oversee the Building and Grounds (Properties) Committee for maintenance of church property

It is our prayer to see the Lord raise up additional qualified men to serve along with our current body of deacons. Once candidates have been identified, we will meet with them to determine their qualifications and willingness to serve. Following that, we will present the church with the names of nominees to prayerfully consider and affirm later this Spring.

God bless