

September 8, 2024

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

■ **“Speak, O Lord”** by Keith & Kristyn Getty © 2005 Thankyou Music CCLI #801260

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word Take Your truth, plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes For Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience Holy reverence, true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity And by grace we'll stand on Your promises And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

■ **Scripture Reading - 1 Cor 2:1-11**

■ **Offering / Prayer**

■ **“The Love of God”**Hymn 67

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell, It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win: His erring child He reconciled And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure The saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men, who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure shall still endure, All measureless and strong: Redeeming grace to Adam's race The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill And were the skies of parchment made, Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill And ev'ry man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry, Nor could the scroll contain the whole Though stretched from sky to sky.

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper –**

CONFESSION FROM JOHN 15

(lead) *Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and*

every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more.”

(cong) **Father, forgive us for resenting your pruning. We have grumbled at our difficulties Instead of recognizing your good work.**

(lead) *You say, “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”*

(cong) **Too often, we have let the cares of this life keep us from Word and prayer. Forgive us for living in our own strength. Forgive us for letting other things displace you.**

(lead) *You say, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”*

(cong) **In our self-reliance, we have failed to ask and failed to believe your generous love toward us.**

(lead) *You say, “Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

(cong) **Forgive us for letting fear, pride, or anger displace love. Thank you, Jesus, for your example and the redemption you bought with your blood.**

■ **“A Debtor to Mercy”** by Bob Kauflin © 1998 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

A debtor to mercy alone Of covenant mercy I sing.

I come with Your righteousness on My humble off'ring to bring

The judgments of your holy law With me can have nothing to do. My Savior's obedience and blood Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which Your goodness began The arm of Your strength will complete Your promise is yes and amen, And never was forfeited yet.

The future or things that are now, No power below or above, Can make You Your purpose forgo, Or sever my soul from your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands Eternity will not erase Impressed on Your heart it remains, In marks of indelible grace.

Yes, I to the end will endure, Until I bow down at Your throne, Forever and always secure, Forever and always secure, Forever and always secure, A debtor to mercy alone

■ **“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”**

Music and words by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa © 2014 Messenger Hymns CCLI #801260

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm When the

winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief Hopeless somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

■ **Message:** *"Walk by the Spirit"* – Pastor Scott
(Galatians 5:16-18)

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**



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Title: “_____ by the Spirit”

Bible Passage: Galatians 5:_____



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

Live	Law	Walk	Spirit
Feet	Child	Bible	Pray
Promise	Flesh	Angel	Devil
War	New	Run	Old

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

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P	A	T	H	I	F	I	K
O	T	H	E	R	A	N	N
S	F	T	H	I	N	G	S
E	G	R	A	T	I	F	Y
D	E	S	I	R	E	S	L

DESIRES	DOING	EACH
FLESH	GRATIFY	KEEP
OPPOSED	OTHER	SPIRIT
THINGS	WALK	WANT


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! .


Galatians 5:16


But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 PM **OR** Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Sept. 10 - Nov. 12 Sept. 12 - Nov. 14



 Scan QR Code To Register

 Scan QR Code for FAQs on Jen's Approach

Membership Matters

9/1 - 9/22



a four-week Sunday School on life at Rockport

Non-members and new members - this is for you!

A new member's class will be offered 4 Sundays in September for those who have joined Rockport in the last year or who are considering joining Rockport. This class will be led by Pastor Warren and will meet in the present "Women's Sunday School Class". The Women's Class will take a break for the first four weeks of September. Ladies, please attend either the couples class or the auditorium class during this time.

"Walk by the Spirit" Galatians 5:16-18

I. As you walk by the Spirit you will not _____
_____. v16

(1) Walk by _____. What Spirit? The _____
Spirit. Gal 3:2, 14; Gal 4:6-7

(2) We are to _____ with Him _____ "Keep walking ..."

- Walking is a Biblical image of daily living Gen 17:1; Rm 6:4; Col 1:10
- Walking is _____ Col 3:14-16

(3) There is a _____

- Command: Walk by the Spirit
- Promise: You will not _____.

1 Cor 10:13

II. You must walk _____ in the power of the Spirit because the flesh makes _____ against you daily.

(1) There is a conflict you must face _____
_____.

- You are a new creature in Christ 2 Cor 5:17; Col 3:9-10
- The promise of the New Covenant Eze 36:26-27; Rm 6:4

(2) It is the _____ that is at war with your old desires.

- These are not _____ forces 1Jn 4:4
- This is a sharp contrast. Rm 8:8-11

Our new desires have power to push out the old lusts.

III. If you are led by the Spirit, you gain a freedom _____ cannot give v18

What does "led by the Spirit" mean? Rm 8:12-17
Law-centered living vs. Spirit-Empowered Living

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, September 8, 2024

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

Today's Greeters - Kathy Blunt & Mike or Kristy Booker
Today's Tellers - Sherie Eagleburger & Stephanie Tompkins
Today's Nursery - Kimberly Fels & Grace Dittmann

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
August Weekly Average.....	\$7,039.68

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Systematic Theology Class** will begin tonight at 6pm and will run through the Fall. During this session we will be answering the questions: "Why Study Theology?" and "What is the Bible?" If you are interested in this class, please see Pastor Scott.
- **Fall D-Groups Study of Ruth** – D-Groups start this week. There is still room to join a few of the groups (though some are full). Sign up online via Rockportnews or speak to one of our pastors about group options. Study books are available in the foyer.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday, Sept. 14th at 8am. We will be looking at "How To Husband Your Wife"
- **Next Prayer Meeting** is Wednesday, Sept 18th at 7pm. Please join us for this important time of seeking the Lord and His help.
- **Family Camp** - September 26th-29th... Theme: "The Fruit of the Spirit" Please be praying for the leaders/helpers & the speakers as they prepare, for good weather & safety for all, and above all God's presence among us.

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Wedding Bells!

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother,
and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

If everything went as planned this weekend, then our daughter Kim is on her honeymoon as Mrs Jason Hayden. Obviously that's what has been on our minds lately. A wedding, as many of you know, is a lot of work. But the wedding of a child is also a time to reminisce. Let me share a few quick thoughts with you.

The first is just how quickly it all goes! I know from Kim's perspective, this has been a long time coming. She has always wanted to serve the Lord through marriage, but had to wait on God's timing for the right man to come along. But from my side of things, where did it all go? I still remember that little blue-eyed, blonde-haired girl who used to crawl up in my lap and cuddle with me. Parents, treasure those moments! They come and go so fast!

Second, it has made me grateful for all of you that God has used in Kim's life over the years! From her Sunday School teachers and other good friends, to all the adults who took time for her when she was young and sometimes struggled with depression. So many of you have loved her well through these years, and I am so grateful. That's one of the benefits of a good church family! And then to watch you pitching in to help with the wedding and the reception and everything else these past few weeks. Amy and I are grateful for each one of you.

Third, I am grateful to God for His work in Jason's life. Many of you know Jason was a student of mine when I was still teaching for Missouri Baptist University. He was not yet a Christian, but always seemed to have questions after class. We got to know one another. He even visited Rockport a few times. But then we lost touch. Until one day God saw to it that he bumped into Jonny Jackson at the gym. Jonny invited him to church. He began to come, confessed his faith in Christ, met Kim and....well I guess the rest is history.

Grateful to God for all His Faithful Providence!

Pastor S Scott Lee