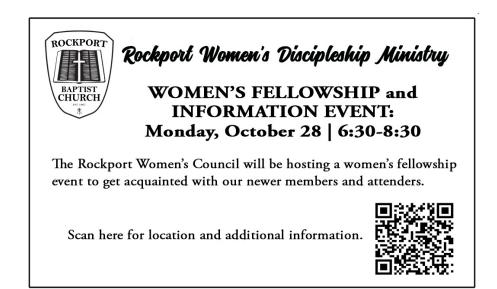
This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each

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! .

#### Psalm 139:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.



# Motion from our elders to be voted on at the end of today's Service.

We affirm our elders' decision to transfer our associational affiliation as Rockport Baptist Church from the Jefferson Baptist Association to St Louis Metro Baptist Association as these two associations merge on January 1, 2025.

# "Every Little Life is Precious to God" Psalm 139:13-18

I. The Precious Value of Every Little Life	Ps139
(1) The intimate care of God in creating	v13
Ps 22:10	
(2) The precious value of the	v14
Ps 27:10; 127:3	
(3) The precious child in the womb is	
vv 15-16a	
Gen 2:7; Isa 49:1; Jer 1:4-5; Gal 1:15	
Jesus: Luke 1:31-35	
(4) The Infinite precious value of in the wo	mb vv17-18
II. The Biblical and Historic opposition of God's People to	
- Example from the Church Fathers	
- This is a worldview issue.	
III. Our Moment to stand against the	Est 4:14
(1) Reasons we are morally obligated to oppose	
1) Every Abortion ends the life of a	
made in God's image.	
2) Abortion brings harm to	
3) God commands us to for the	least of
these. Mt 25:40; Prov 24:11-12	
(2) Reasons to oppose Amendment 3	
(See full-page Insert in Church Bulletin)	

#### THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

#### Sunday, October 6, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Systematic Theology Class	6:00 PM

Today's Greeters - Stephanie Tompkins & Kyle DavisToday's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla FergusonToday's Nursery - Amy Lee & Phoebe Davis

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
September Weekly Average	\$7,781.08

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Systematic Theology Class Join us tonight as we continue our study at 6pm. We will be looking at "The Authority of Scripture" Childcare is provided.
- Women's Discipleship Ministry Fellowship & Information Event Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to 8:30pm (see inside page)
- Rockport Trunk-or-Treat This year we are planning to engage our community with a Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 6-8pm. The church will be available from 4:30 to 5:45pm for setup. Reach out to Kim Ditto with any questions or ideas! Even if you are unable to help, please come, get candy, and engage with the people who attend... and please pray God would use this for His glory!

# A Word from Pastor Scott: Sunday October 20, 2024

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
<sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.
Psalm 139:17-18

Today, I thought I would use this space to point out a few things that are coming up in the life of our church over the next few weeks!

- Today at the end of the worship service, we will ask you as a congregation to affirm our church's move with our Jefferson Baptist Association into a merger with the St Louis Metro Baptist Association. To a degree this is merely a formality, but as an antonymous church we must give approval
- This Monday through Wednesday, Oct 21-23, I will be attending the regional FIRE conference (Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals) hosted by our sister church, Heritage of Grace in Illinois.
- Next Monday and Tuesday, Oct 28-29, Pastor Warren and I will be attending the Missouri Baptist Convention in St Peter's MO. We have room to appoint two more messengers to this meeting. If interested see me ASAP.
- On Thursday October 31, Halloween/Reformation Day, our church will host a Trunk or Treat event here from 6 to 8 PM. You can still sign up to help and or attend with your children and neighbors.
- On Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will ask you to affirm Bro Josh Dittmann for Deacon service. If you have not yet gotten to know him, please do so.
- As you know, Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day in this country. Let me encourage you to be praying for our nation, so very divided politically and morally. Let me also encourage you to vote *against* the awful Amendment 3 that would enshrine abortion as a constitutional right in our state. Lord willing, I will address this topic this morning. And also consider voting against Amendments 2 and 5 on gambling (see insert in the bulletin).

#### October 20, 2024

#### Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship

 "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa ©2020 Getty Music Publishing CCLI #801260

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

#### O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him And we will rise to meet the Lord Then sin and death will be destroyed And we will feast in endless joy When Christ is ours forevermore

- Scripture Reading 1 Cor. 4:1-9
- Offering / Prayer
- "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" by Henry Francis Lyte © 2001 Bill More Music CCLI #801260

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shall be. Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known, Yet how rich is my condition God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior too Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like them untrue Oh while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast, Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest. Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me, Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain In Thy service pain is pleasure. With Thy favor loss is gain I have called Thee Abba, Father I have stayed my heart on Thee. Storms may howl and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care, Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear. Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine Think that

Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

### Confession / Lord's Supper - Psalm 139

Pastor: LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

# Cong: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely

- P: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- C: If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me
- *P:* If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be as night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.
- C: For you formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
- *P:* My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- C: Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
- *P:* How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.
- C: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

#### "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Words by Julia H. Johnston and Music by Daniel B. Towner ©1986 Word Music CCLI#801260

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within, Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater - yes, grace untold Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus He came to love heal and forgive He lived and died to buy my pardon An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby and feel the pride and joy he gives. But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain And then as death gives way to victory I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

Message: "Every Little Life is Precious to God" Pastor Scott – (Psalm 139:13-18)

- Closing Song
- Benediction

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Worship Leaders Stuart McMillian Luke McAllister

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Don Arbogast

Greg Chastain

Kurt Boehm

Ray Gawlik

Scott Larson

Herman Meyer Alex Starkey Mark Stoner Brad Tompkins

#### Kid's Listening Sheet (10/20/24)

Title: "Every Little Life is Precious	
Bible Passage: Psalm 139:	

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

David	Psalm	Baby	Person
Child	Life	Red	Little
God	Book	Me	Born
Love	World	Begin	Birth

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.



# Every Little Life is Precious to God (Psalm 139:13–18)

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