

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 139:23–24 (ESV)

- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
- ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

2024 Christmas Missions Offering Options

- * HeartCry Missionary Society ***
- * Lottie Moon Missions Offering ***
- * Psalm 67 Missions Network ***
- * Missionaries serving in Central Asia ***
- * Missionary Volunteer Michael Hawkins to Japan ***

Please designate the amount and destination for your gift for missions, along with your regular Rockport offering.

Michael Hawkins – Missionary Volunteer in Japan



This morning we highlight our giving for the work of former Rockport Member, Mike Hawkins. Mike is serving a 2 year missionary residency at the Christ Bible Institute in Nagoya, Japan. He is serving with their media team to produce theological resources for Christians in Japan. CBI at its core is an equipping ministry in Japan, but outside of CBI,

Mike is also engaging in personal evangelism relationships with his neighbors and studying at Japanese school part-time. This is all part of Mike's greater purpose in preparing to serve Christ long-term in Japan.

“Search Me, O God!” (Psalm 139)

I. God truly does _____ through and through. vv1-18

II. God's knowledge of me can be used to _____ vv23-24

How do we get victory over these sins?

They must be _____!

(1) We need Him to expose the sins we've let remain _____

Psalm 19:12

(2) We need Him to expose the hidden _____ of our hearts

1 John 5:21

(3) Among the sins that must go would be our _____

Jas 1:14-15

(4) All _____ and unforgiveness must be put to death

Heb 12:15

III. The Goal of God's gracious gaze in our lives is the sweet grace of repentance Rm 2:4

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, December 29, 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 - Herman Meyer & Tren Groat

Today's Nursery - Jennifer McMillian &

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$6,710.00
November Weekly Average.....\$8,466.21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



WOMEN'S WORKSHOP 2025

Friday, January 17 | 4:30 - 9 PM

Saturday, January 18 | 8:30 AM - 2 PM

Fresh Joy in the Lord

Encouragement from Paul's letter to the Philippians



OR VISIT:
<https://rockportbaptist.org/discipleship/womens-discipleship/>

A Word from Pastor Scott: Sunday, December 29, 2024

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now
and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18*

The rush and hurry of the holiday season is just about done. The only thing left is the less-than-exciting task of cleaning up the mess, taking down the tree, packing away the decorations, and letting things start to get back to “normal.” But what does “normal” mean for a follower of Christ?

Certainly the world will pack away “the baby Jesus” in a box with tissue and not give him another thought ‘til next November. But we can’t do that! For us the presence of Christ is not limited to a season of temporary “peace and good will” before we jump back in to “real” life. For us presence of Christ is real life as we seek Him daily! The holidays are only the beginning of a whole year filled with the grace, mercy and love from the One we know is worthy of our praise, adoration and obedience day by day.

So my prayer for you and all our church family as we enter the New Year is that it really will be a year of new beginnings as we seek to grow together in the knowledge, fellowship and love of Christ! (2 Pet 3:18). But if we are to do so, let me remind you that a life centered on Christ does not happen by accident. The same God who calls us out of darkness into His Light by faith (Col 1:13), also calls us to continue walking in that Light through the same faith day to day (1 Jn 1:7). And walking, I remind you, is an intentional act.

So what steps are you taking to make sure your “feet” are leading you into an ever deepening walk with Christ? Is it your intention to put Him first this year, and to make knowing and obeying Him your top priority? Let me suggest that the place to begin is by renewing your trust in Him and recommitting yourself to meet with Him daily in His Word and prayer.

Looking forward to another year of serving Him with you,

Pastor Scott

December 29, 2024

■ **Announcements / Mission Moment - Michael Hawkins**

■ **Call to Worship**

■ **“All Glory Be To Christ”** CCLI #801260

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life A mist that vanishes at dawn, All glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!**

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price We'll take a cup of kindness yet, All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new. Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light And we shall ere his people be, All glory be to Christ!

■ **Scripture Reading - Matthew 2:1-12**

■ **Offering / Prayer**

■ **“My Jesus I Love Thee”**.....Hymn 364

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath, and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper – Heidelberg Catechism Question 1**

Question: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong -- body and soul, both in life and in death -- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; Indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready, from now on, to live for him.

■ **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**.....Hymn 185

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God all the vain things that charm me most sacrifice them to His blood See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were a present far too small love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all

■ **“There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood”**.....Hymn 196

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day, And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away: Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away; And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r, Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more: Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more; Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die: And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die; Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping, stam'ring tongue Lies silent in the grave,

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save: I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save; Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

■ **Message:** "Search Me, O God" – Pastor Scott
Psalm 139

■ **Closing Song**

■ **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.

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Kurt Boehm	Herman Meyer
Greg Chastain	Alex Starkey
Josh Dittmann	Mark Stoner
Ray Gawlik	Brad Tompkins

Kid's Listening Sheet (12/29/24)

Title: " Search Me _____ !"

Bible Passage: Psalm _____



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

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| Big | God | Word | Eye |
| China | Secret | Kids | Computer |
| Sin | Feet | Run | Poison |
| Search | Parent | Pray | David |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

- 1.
- 2.

Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart (Psalm 139)

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| MADE | NIGHT | PARTS |
| PATH | PSALM | RISE |
| SEARCH | TAKE | THERE |
| THOUGHTS | WHEN | WONDERFUL |