

February 23, 2025

■ **Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“God Moves”** Words by William Cowper, Music plus alternate and additional words by Bob Kaufflin

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God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm
Deep in His dark and hidden mines With never-failing skill
He fashions all His bright designs And works His sovereign will

So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

O fearful saints new courage take The clouds that you now dread
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face

So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

When tears are great And comforts few

We hope in mercies ever new We trust in You

God's purposes will ripen fast Unfolding every hour
The bud may have a bitter taste But sweet will be the flower
Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain
God is His own interpreter And He will make it plain

■ **Scripture Reading** - 1 Cor 9:1-15

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“How Firm a Foundation”** CCLI L #801260

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His
excellent Word What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee oh be not dismayed For I am thy God and will
still give thee aid I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous Omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of sorrow
shall not overflow For I will be with thee
thy troubles to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie My grace all-sufficient
shall be thy supply The flame shall not harm thee I only design Thy
dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not
desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper –**

Confession based on Psalm 119:1-16

*Pastor: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!*

Cong: **Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

*P: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!*

**C: Then I will not be put to shame,
but will keep my eyes fixed on your commandments.**

*P: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.*

C: I will keep your statutes; Do not let me stray from your side!

P: How can a young person keep their way pure?

**C: By guarding it according to your word!
Let your truth shape our lives! And forgive us when we sin.**

*P: With my whole heart I will seek you;
let me never wander from your commands!*

**C: I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.**

*P: Blessed are you, O LORD; Teach me your statutes!
With my lips I will declare all the commands of your mouth.*

C: Teach me to desire your Word more than great wealth!

P: I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

C: I will delight in all your statutes; I will never forget your word.

P: Father, sanctify us by the Truth;

C: Your Word is Truth

■ **“At the Cross”**.....Hymn 188

Alas! and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!

**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light And the
burden of my heart rolled away It was there by faith
I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!**

Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in, When
Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe
Here, Lord, I give myself away 'Tis all that I can do!

■ **“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”**

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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul My God, like You there is no other; true delight is found in You alone Your grace, a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver and my shield against his hateful darts My song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise My joy when trials are abounding Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died **You rose! the grave and death are conquered**

You broke my bonds of sin and shame

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer **May all my days bring glory to Your Name**

■ **Message: Message: “Be Real”**

Pastor Warren – James 1: 22-25

■ **“Trust and Obey”**.....Hymn 349

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do, where He sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.

■ **Benediction**



Pastors/Elders

Scott Lee
Kyle Davis
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Don Arbogast Scott Larson
Kurt Boehm Herman Meyer
Greg Chastain Alex Starkey
Josh Dittmann Mark Stoner
Ray Gawlik Brad Tompkins

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Stuart McMillian
Luke McAllister

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 is a repeat of our anchor verse in Jude. If you have not memorized it yet, you might want to do so.

James 1: 22-25

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.
24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Women's Bible Studies begin next week

First Samuel

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

Thursdays at 9:00 AM

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"Be Real"

James 1:22-25

Who we are does not flow from what we do;
what we do flows from who we are.

- I. Do what God says to _____ who you are (v. 22)
- Obeying the word does not _____ new realities; it _____ them.
 - There is a danger of being _____ - _____
- II. Do what God says to _____ who you are (v. 23-24)
- Including v. 25, we have a sketch of two men:
The second is _____ the first is _____
KEY! – "He forgets what he _____"
 - The mirror is not used for self-examination and self-improvement.
It's job is to show you _____
- III. Do what God says to _____ who you are (v. 25)
- James has a positive view of the _____ because he has a positive view of the _____.
You are new!
- A. The law is not _____ but _____
- B. The law does not _____ us; it _____ us
- C. The law is not a _____ but a _____

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, February 23, 2025

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

Today's Greeters - Mike or Kristy Booker & Marilyn Chandler

Today's Tellers - Jennifer McMillian & Mysti Jackson

Today's Nursery - Ellie Boehlke & Gracie Jackson

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
January Weekly Average.....\$6,991.94

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **D-Group Study of 1 Peter** – Books available in the church foyer. Groups are beginning to meet this month and spots are still available.
- **Pre-Conference** (held here at RBC) for the 2025 Midwest Founder's Conference – February 24th at 6pm and February 25th at 8:30am – 4 sessions to discuss "A Deep Dive Into Baptism" with Dr. James Renihan
- **2025 Midwest Founder's Conference** – February 25th & 26th at FBC Fenton
- **Grace Bible Conference** is coming – April 4th- 6th with Dr. Nathan Currey "Biblical Counseling: Gospel Solutions for Life"
- **Save the Dates for upcoming baby showers**
Friday, April 25 for Paige (& Nate) Baechle and
Friday, May 16 for Julian (& Will) Pierce

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday February 23, 2025

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ . . . that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."

Colossians 4:3-4

There is a lot going on over the next two weeks, so let me catch you up. First, I would ask that you be praying for our **Psalm 67 Mission Team** at the Texas-Mexico border to take part in a Church Leadership Conference. Our team includes Aaron Sutton, Rick Clausel, Amy and me. I will be teaching the pastors about biblical church order and the calling and qualifications of elders. Amy will be teaching the women. Aaron, as always, will be leading, teaching and encouraging. Rick is organizing things and leading in worship. We will be there all weekend and return Sunday night.

When we get back, beginning Monday evening (2/24), Dr James Renihan, President of International Reform Seminary will join us for a series of meetings here at Rockport sponsored by Founder's Ministries. The topic will be *Baptism*. These meetings are free to all and do not require registration. There will be four sessions (two Monday evening and two Tuesday morning). Topics covered will be: *"Baptism in the Old Testament"* *"Baptism in the New Testament"* *"Why Only Baptize Professing Believers"* followed by a Q/A session. We start Monday night, Feb 24th at 6 PM. (For more info, see the bulletin insert.)

Finally, the **Annual Mid-West Founder's Conference** begins Tuesday afternoon (2/25) at First Baptist Church of Fenton. The subject will be *"Learning from the Life and Ministry of Charles Spurgeon."* Speakers will include Pastor Brandon Rhea; Geoff Chang, Curator of the Spurgeon Library, and Dr Jim Renihan of International Reform Seminary. This conference does require registration at foundersmidwest.org/conference.

May the Lord honor His Word wherever it is faithfully proclaimed!

Pastor Scott