

May 18, 2025

■ **Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“The First Place”**

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Jesus the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker, of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays Your strength and beauty. Sov'reign, yes ev'ry throne knows You are God.

Every inch of this universe belongs to You, O Christ. For through You and for You it was made. Your creation endures by the order of Your hand. So You must have in all things the first place.

Victor, over sin and death You triumphed. Firstborn, You've shown us life beyond the grave. Bridegroom, we long for You in expectation. Jesus, Your church rejoices to proclaim.

■ **Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 13**

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“Ancient of Days”** by Jesse Reeves / Michael Farren / Rich Thompson / Jonny Robinson © Farren Love And War Publishing, Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Cityalight Music CCLI #801260

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall There is still one King reigning over all So I will not fear for this truth remains That my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory I will trust in His name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul He is here with me, I am not alone O His love is sure, and He knows my name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings I will watch and wait for the Saviour King Then my joy complete, standing face to face In the presence of the Ancient of Days

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper - Soli Deo Gloria!**

Pastor: The Catechism asks the question: “What is the chief end of man?” And we answer . . .

Cong: “Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”

P: Romans 5:1 says, “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand . . .

C: . . . and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”.

P: Philippians 2:9 declares, “Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

C: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that ‘Jesus Christ is Lord,’ to the glory of God the Father.”

P: And so with the angels and all creation we declare with joy,

C: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

P: Our Savior has come!

C: "Glory be to God!"

P: With the church through the ages we lift our voices to declare:

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen and amen!

■ **“You Are God Alone”**

by Billy and Cindy Foote ©2004 Billy Foote Music Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI #801260

You are not a god created by human hands
You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.
You are not a god in need of anything we can give.
By your plan, that's just the way it is.

**You are God alone From before time began
You were on Your throne You are God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.**

You're the only God whose power none can contend.
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end.
You're the only God who's worthy of everything we can give
You are God, that's just the way it is.

**Unchangeable, unshakeable, unstoppable, that's what You are.
Unchangeable, unshakeable, unstoppable, that's what You are.**

“How Great Is Our God”

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash © 2004 WorshipTogether.com CCLI #801260

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

**How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is
our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in
one, Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise

My heart will sing, “How great is our God!”

■ **Message:** “First of All, Love God Supremely”
Pastor Scott – Exodus 20:1-3

■ **Closing Hymn**

■ **Benediction**



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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. Since every Christian would benefit from memorizing the Ten Commandments, we will begin that this week. That makes this an easy one!

Exodus 20:3 (ESV)

"You shall have no other gods before me."



"First of All, Love God Supremely"

(Exodus 20:1-3)

I. First Principle: _____ the command in Its original Old Covenant context

(1) All these words are _____ v1, Jn 17:17, 2 Tim 3:16

(2) These words come in the context of God's _____ with Israel v2

(3) Israel is commanded to reverence and worship only _____ v3

Dt 6:4

Dt 32:17

II. Second Principle: Consider what the command reveals _____ that never changes Rm 15:4

(1) _____ is to be acknowledged and revered as God

Eph 4:6 : Gn1:1 : Dt 6:4-7 : Isa 45:5-6

(2) Any turn away from God to reverence or worship anything else besides God is _____ 1 Jn 5:1

The New Testament version = "Jesus Christ is Lord" Lk 9:23

(3) Putting God first means putting Him first in your _____

Mark 12:28:30

III. Third Principle: Apply the command in light of the New Testament fulfillment of _____ in the power of the _____

(1) What has _____ as we move from the old to the New Covenant?

Jer 31:31-34

Rm 7:6

Mt 22:36-40

(2) The New Testament affirms the _____ of this command

In 1 Cor 8:5-6 , Eph 4:5-6 , 1 Tim 2:5

What rivals to God have you entertained for the affection of your heart?

BECOMING
a CHURCH that
CARES WELL for
THE ABUSED

SIGN UP



Tuesday evenings | 6:30-8:30 pm | June 3 - July 8

Rockport Baptist Church

This six-week study will equip participants to respond with excellence and implement best practices for handling the variety of abuse scenarios at church, school, or ministry.

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

Today's Greeters - Heather Sloan & Mark Stoner
Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla Ferguson
Today's Nursery - Amanda Boyer & Ellen Bonnel

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
April Weekly Average.....	\$8,329.67

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Coffee or Tea for Three: A Fellowship Opportunity for Women of Rockport Spring/Summer 2025 – For more information and to sign up online, use the QR code in the announcement slideshow.
- Save the Dates for Upcoming Baby & Wedding Showers
Saturday, June 7th for Tony Koranda & Sydney Dinwiddie (Wedding)
Saturday, June 21st for Jonathan Dickmann & Riley Coumerilh (Wedding)
Saturday, July 19th for Ernie Dickmann & Lillie Clinton (Wedding)
- Church Cares 2025 – A 6-week Study to equip participants in the handling a variety of abuse scenarios in the church, school, or ministry setting. The study will be on Tuesdays, June 3rd thru July 8th 6:30pm to 8:30pm (see inside bulletin page to sign up with QR code)
- Mark your Calendars – Rockport's Annual Family Camp dates have been set for Thursday, September 25th through Sunday, September 28th. Watch for more details!

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday May 18, 2025

You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

I love the encouragement of the Heidelberg Catechism which was originally published in 1563. If you're familiar with it, you may remember how it begins with a wonderful question and an even more wonderful answer. The question is What is your only comfort in life and in death? And the expected answer is, "That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ!" It then goes on to marvel how he has fully paid for all my sins, set me free from the power of the devil, keeps me in faith and assures me of eternal life through the Holy Spirit! If you've never done so, I would urge you to get a copy and read these wonderful, encouraging words. (BONUS: There is a new devotional version that came out last year called My Only Comfort that is very much worth having!)

Among the many things the Heidelberg Catechism does well is take the reader through each of the Ten Commandments to show how the truths they contain can be applied in the life of the believer. Let me give you just a portion of what it says concerning the First Commandment in Exodus 20:3, "You shall have no other gods before me." This can be found in the Catechism in the section called "LORD'S DAY 34". Here I am told that I must learn to "avoid and flee from all idolatry, sorcery, soothsaying, superstition, invocation of saints or any other creatures; and that I rightly acknowledge the only true God, trust in him alone; with humility and patience submit to him; expect all good things from him only; and love, fear, and honor him with my whole heart; so that I renounce and forsake all creatures, rather than commit even the least thing contrary to his will. Idolatry is to contrive or place our trust in any other object, instead of, or besides, the one true God who has revealed himself in his Word."

May the Lord encourage you today through His Word!

Pastor Scott Lee

Kid’s Listening Sheet (5/18/25)

Title: “First of All _____ God Supremely”

Bible Passage: Exodus _____

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

First	Love	Table	Old
New	Word	gods	Idol
Face	Earth	Dagon	Baal
Israel	Bible	Worship	Law

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 New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31–34)

F D T H O U G H B P H I W
R T O O I H O U S E A C H
B G O J Y R L S P O N E E
D B K K L P O B T P D K N
L Y B I I S R A E L A N D
R H P M L U D N A E A M F
D F B R I N G D C T P A F
B B R O K E B E H O L D A
E L J U E I J C M A K E T
C O M I N G O L J U D A H
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E G Y P T B B R O T H E R
H E N S C O V E N A N T S
T R H E A R T S T I L O B

BEHOLD	BRING	BROKE
BROTHER	COMING	COVENANT
DECLARES	EACH	EGYPT
FATHERS	HAND	HEARTS
HOUSE	HUSBAND	ISRAEL
JUDAH	KNOW	LAND
LIKE	LONGER	LORD
MADE	MAKE	NEIGHBOR
PEOPLE	TEACH	THOUGH
TOOK	WHEN	WRITE