November 15, 2026

- **Pre-Service Hymn** (Everyone can remain seated)

- **Announcements / Call to Worship**

- **"O Church Arise"** by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music CCLI #801260

O Church Arise and put your armour on Hear the call of Christ our Captain For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies An army bold whose battle-cry is Love Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure And Christ will have the prize for which He died An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet As the Son of God is stricken Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet For the Conqueror has risen And as the stone is rolled away And Christ emerges from the grave This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride Give grace for every hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful As saints of old still line the way Retelling triumphs of His grace We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory

- **Scripture Reading** – Mark 12:1-12 (ESV)

- **Offertory Prayer**

- **"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"**

Words by John Newton, Music by Laura Taylor ©2001 Laura Taylor Music CCLI #801260

Let us love and sing and wonder Let us praise the Savior's name He has hushed the law's loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame **He has washed us with His blood** He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us Pitied us when enemies Called us by His grace and taught us Gave us ears and gave us eyes **He has washed us with His blood** He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation Threatens hard to bear us down For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown **He, Who washed us with His blood,** Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice Join and point to mercy's store When through grace in Christ our trust is Justice smiles and asks no more **He Who washed us with His blood** Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high Here they trusted Him before us Now their praises fill the sky **Thou hast washed us with Thy blood** Thou art worthy Lamb of God

- **Confession / Prayer / Lord's Supper –**

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[Confess silently]

C: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

- **"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?

■ **"The Love of God"**.....Hymn 210

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.

■ **Message: "The Pursuits of a Godly Man (or Woman)"**
Pastor Scott - (1 Tim 6:11-12)

■ **"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"**

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

■ **Benediction**

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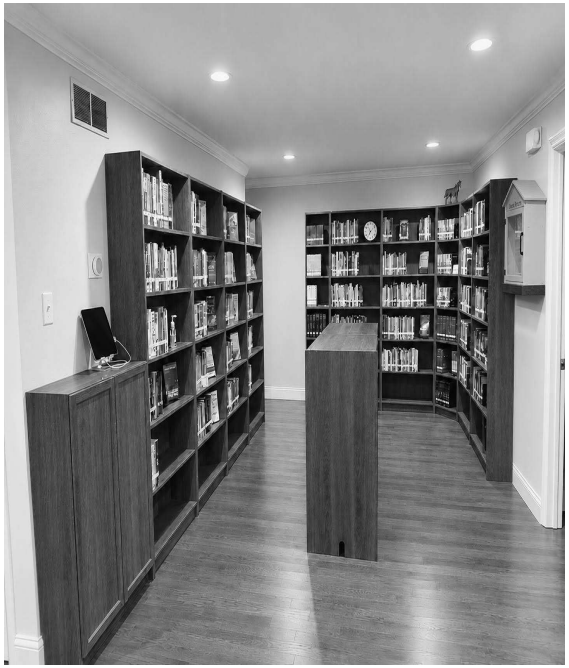
<u>This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture</u>! Each week's '<u>Fighter Verse</u>' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith.

<u>1 Timothy 6:11–12</u> (ESV)

[11] But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

We're happy to announce that the Rockport Library is up and running!

It is located in the Annex — just come in the front door and turn right, you can't miss it!



Please see the Rockport News email that went out last week on how to sign up for a Library Account to check out books.

<u>Once you have an account</u>, I'll set up a time to meet you in the library to show you how to check out books. Until then, just take a photo of the barcode on the back of the book and text it to me at 314-795-5268. I'll check it out to you remotely.

The system will send an automatic reminder about three weeks after the item is checked out letting you know it's due to be returned. You can renew your items as many times as you'd like through your online account as long as someone else does not have it on "hold."

PLEASE REMEMBER <u>NOT</u> TO RE-SHELVE BOOKS YOU HAVE CHECKED OUT. JUST PLACE THEM IN THE BOOK RETURN ON THE WALL.

Let me know if you need help with anything.
Happy Reading!
-Tynetta Chastain

"The Pursuits of a Godly Man (or Woman)"
(1 Tim 6:11-12)

I. A Godly Man or Woman Must Consciously _____ _____ v11a

- A man of God stands firm in faith and serves God in his generation
- Examples:
  Moses (Dt 33:1); Samuel (1 Sam 9:6); Elijah, Elisha, David, etc.

What are the sins we must flee? vv4-10

- 2 Tim 2:22 Paul mentions _____ (see Mt 5:30)
- What is it for you? Heb 12:1; 1 Pet 2:11

II. The Man or Woman of God Must Pursue _____ _____ in Christ v11b

Two Commands: _____ and _____ Eph 4:22-24

What must we pursue:

(1) We must pursue _____

(2) We must pursue _____

(3) We must pursue faith/_____

(4) We must pursue _____

(5) We must pursue _____

(6) We must pursue _____

III. The Man or Woman of God Must _____ Daily to Live All of Life in Light of _____ v12

(1) We must _____ the good fight of faith

- Fight =
- 1 Cor 9:24-27

(2)We must Take Hold of the _____ _____ to which we are Called

Eph 4:1

Rm 10:9-10

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, November 15, 2026

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

Today's Greeters -- Andrea Harbit, Claira Davis, Eric Fels, Jonah Pfleegor, & Kathy Blunt
Today's Tellers -- Marilyn Chandler & Audrey Poirrier
Today's Nursery -- Amanda Boyer & Victoria Bartels
(Please Note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2)

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

2026-2027 Weekly Budget Goal.....$8,648.00
October Weekly Average..... .....$9,074.08
October Average Attendance.....SS - 147 / Worship - 285

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next **Bi-Lingual Fellowship** is tonight at 6pm in the Women's Classroom. See Aaron Sutton for more details.
- Mark your calendars! We will be having this year's **Christmas Celebration on 12/20 at 6:30pm**. As we have done in previous years, we will give everyone the opportunity to sign up to play a song or read/recite a passage of Scripture. The deadline to sign-up is December 1st. Please sign up through the Rockport News email sent last week... see Luke McAllister if you have questions.
- **Ladies, mark your calendars** now for two events coming up in 2027!!
  - Ladies Winter Cookie Exchange on Friday, February 12th at 6pm.
  - Ruthie Skersick's Baby Boy Shower will be Friday, February 26th, at 6pm.

  Watch for more details to come next year for both events!!

A Word from Pastor Scott:
Sunday, November 15, 2026

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.
Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.
1 Timothy 6:11

One of the great dangers you face when you're busy fighting the errors around you is that, in the midst of the fight, you can lose your way. That's easy to do. When your focus is set on countering all that is *wrong* in the world, you can forget to *love* what is right! That's why Paul suddenly turns to focus on his dear friend Timothy here in 1 Tim 6:11.

For the better part of this letter, Paul has been instructing Timothy about the sin and error he must oppose from those who "devote themselves to myths and genealogies" rather than the gospel of Christ (1 Tim 1:3-4). Thus, to confront them, Timothy must "teach and urge" the truth of Christ (1 Tim 6:2f) over against the false doctrine of those who do not agree with "the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness" (1 Tim 6:3). So yes, Timothy has a mission to stand for the truth and defend it against error. But the danger in that stance is that, in fighting *against*, we can forget what we're *fighting* for! In opposing error, we can forget to love the truth. In fighting against the godless, we can lose our grip on godliness.

So Paul, in this passage, intends to call his young friend Timothy back to that central pursuit of the Christian life, which is to know and walk with God in the reality of a new life that leads to greater joy and deeper Christ-likeness! This morning we want to look at The Pursuit of a Godly Man (or Woman) who knows and walks with Christ! In that pursuit, as we will see, there are sins we must *flee*, Christ-like qualities we must pursue, and a *fight* on our hands as we seek to seize the eternal life that is ours in Christ.

May the Lord make us faithful to flee sin, pursue life and fight for faith, Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (11/15/26)

Title: "The Pursuits of a _____"

Bible Passage: 1 Timothy 6:_____



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

Man	Woman	Run	Flee
Pursue	Chase	Love	Tiger
Monster	Snake	Faith	Arms
Prize	Fight	Hold	Good

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

1 Timothy 6:11–12

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F D O S T A K E S R E F

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CALLED CONFESSION ETERNAL

FAITH FIGHT FLEE

GENTLENESS GODLINESS GOOD

HOLD LIFE LOVE

MADE MANY PRESENCE

PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS STEADFASTNESS

TAKE THINGS WITNESSES