

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

Sunday, January 3, 2010

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:4

This statement in Acts 6:4 (above) was made by the Apostle Peter to express the priority he knew he and the other apostles had to give to the Word of God and to prayer if the infant church was to accomplish its mission in the world. For it is by means of these two things – God’s Word and our prayers – that the power of God continues to triumph and move forward in this world and in our individual lives. That’s why the elders of Rockport want to encourage you to make both of these matters a priority in your life during this coming year.

First of all, give your attention to God’s Word. **Psalm 119:11** says, *“Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.”* A Bible Reading Guide (M’Cheyne’s) been placed in the foyer for your use, or there are a number of good resources available online. The point is to get into God’s Word, or better, let it get into you. In addition to daily reading the Scripture on your own, it is important to be a part of a regular Bible study group, and to place yourself regularly under the faithful preaching/teaching of God’s Word. After all, *“faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ”* (Rm 10:17)

Second, along with the Bible, it is vital that we give attention to seeking God through prayer this year. Certainly every believer knows this is true. We each need the regular communion and correction prayer brings to our lives to re-orient us to God after being pulled by so many other competing interests in the world. We must make individual and corporate prayer a priority in our lives. For that reason we urge you to join us tonight at 6:30 as we begin **Prayer Week** with a video about *“The Place of Prayer in Spiritual Awakening”* followed by a time of prayer. Then, join your brothers and sisters at Rockport by becoming a part of one of our weekly C- groups meeting throughout our area?

Soli Deo Glory (To God Alone, be Glory)

Pastor Scott