

## Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

Sunday, August 22, 2010

*Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you*

### **2 Thessalonians 3:1**

I've never considered myself to be the 'conference speaker' type, nor do I expect that to change. My calling, for the most part, is to be faithful week after week in opening the Scriptures to God's people at Rockport, seeking (along with our elders) to promote the growth and maturity of this flock. When I do get the chance to speak outside of our congregation, I consider it an honor and am glad to be able to do so. But this church is home and, Lord willing, always will be.

But as God's Providence would have it, several invitations to participate in local events held by churches in our area have recently been extended. I want you to know about them so that (a) you can pray for me to be faithful in preaching the Word and, (b) some of you might want to go with me to these events. Here, then, is a list of these upcoming opportunities:

- **This Tuesday, 6 PM @ Countryside Family Church, Millstadt, IL** "*Family Reformation Conference*" August 22-27 I'll be speaking on fathers as Sacrificial Shepherds (Ezekiel 34)
- **This Saturday @ Jefferson Heights Baptist Church, 5106 Old Hwy 21** "*Lessons from the New Testament Church*" Conference" 9 am to 2:30 pm Brady Harden will also be sharing a testimony, Doug Ferguson singing.
- **Saturday, Sept 11 @ Heartland Baptist Church, Oakville, MO** "*The Church as Community Conference*" September 10-11 Joe Braden is the main speaker, I'll be participating in a Q/A Panel Sat. morn
- **Friday, October 15 @ Bethesda Baptist Church in Saint Charles, MO** "*Bethesda Bible Conference*" October 15-16 Other speakers include John Greever and Bill Savage.

I really do appreciate your prayers! If you are interested in attending either of the conferences coming up this week and need more information please let me know. And a big thank you to Brother Bob who was willing (and ready!) to preach this morning so I could have the extra preparation time for these upcoming commitments.

*Grace and Peace, in the Name of Our Great and Faithful, Lord!*

*Pastor Scott*