

**A Message to
First Baptist
Rockport at Ten
Years Plus One
Revelation 1:1-8**



**1. Our future
depends on
remembering what
Christ has already
done for us and why.**



**Jesus has freed us
from our sin by his
blood.**



In him we have
redemption through his
blood, the forgiveness of
sins, in accordant with
the riches of God's
grace. Ephesians 1:7



He is the atoning
sacrifice for our sins,
and not only for ours
but also for the sins of
the whole world. 1 John 2:2



**Jesus shed his blood
to redeem us from
our sin because he
loves us.**



This is love: not that we
loved God, but that he
loved us and sent his
Son as an atoning
sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10



We remember that we are God's beloved not because we escape all the trials and sufferings of this world, but because it is our testimony that God, in Jesus Christ, loosed us from all our sin and condemnation.



**2. Our future
depends on
remembering the
mission given to us
by Christ.**



**Jesus made us
into a kingdom of
priests to serve for
God's glory. 1:6**



Therefore, I urge you,
brothers, in view of God's
mercy, to offer your bodies
as living sacrifices, holy
and pleasing to God—this
is your spiritual act of
worship. Romans 12:1



Our message and mission are urgent: Jesus is returning soon. The time to respond is now.

1:1, 7.



Worship

- Providing choir ministries for all ages.
- **Drama productions for all ages that have a Christian theme. Involving people in the church and the community. Productions for children.**
- Involving more people in the audio/visual ministry, reading scripture, praying, testimonies, Praise Band, and in Choir.
- **Equipping and encouraging individuals and families to worship on their own.**

Connect

- Create more Life Groups for all ages to provide a way for people to get better connected to the church.
- **Training and equipping teachers.**
- Encouraging you to invite people to attend Life Groups
- **Providing a clear path to church membership.**

Connect

- Life Groups providing care and support for members, sharing life together.
- **Trained and equipped deacons and chaplains to provide care in addition to the ministerial staff.**
- People gathered at church and in homes seeking the Lord together through worship, praying, and studying the word of the Lord.

Grow

- Provide a variety of learning opportunities for all ages both within and without the classroom.
- **Various camps in the summer at FBC Rockport.**
- Add opportunities for people to attend seminary-level classes in our church, simply to learn or to earn academic credit for degrees and certifications.

Grow

- Provide regional training events for churches to send their volunteers to receive top-notch equipping.
- Equip and encourage individuals and families to engage in a lifestyle of discipleship where the Spirit of God can use the word of God to shape people into the likeness of the Son of God.

Serve

- Providing various support groups for grief, divorce care, etc.
- **Planning service projects for all ages and for families to various groups in the community**
- Supporting Hands of Hope in the rebuild effort and in whatever lies beyond.
- **Providing possible job corps, life skills training, case management**

Serve

- Becoming a Disaster Relief Center for the Coastal Bend.
- Engaging in national and international mission efforts, partnering with missionaries to advance the kingdom of God on earth.
- Partnering with the BBA to strengthen the work of sister churches.

Reach

- Connecting with those Hands of Hope has helped after the hurricane.
- **Continuing the jail ministry to lead inmates and their families to Christ.**
- Implementing visitation for Life Groups
- **Talk of revivals and events with an evangelistic theme. How can we help?**
- Possibly moving to a five-day preschool to provide needed childcare and to meet and minister to families in our community.

**Church is where you go to
die to yourself and to serve
purposes larger than
yourself: we serve God's
mission on earth and we
serve those working
alongside us to accomplish
God's mission.**



**In what ways are
you living out the
mission given to
this church by
God?**

