



We hope you are blessed by being with us today. If you would like to let us know more about you and your family, fill out a Connect Card from the pew pocket and drop it in the offering plate.

## About Us

**Pastor:** Ron Luce  
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**Music Director:** Danny Moore  
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**Elders:** Brett Brewer, Tim Eden,  
Graham Hale, Ron Luce, Bill McDowell,  
Don Walker, Jonathan Wilson

**Deacons:** Shorty Jackson, Johnny Rainey

## Services and Upcoming Events

**Sunday Morning Service:** 10:00 am (Nursery & Toddler care available)

**Sunday Night Discipleship:** Fellowship Meal @ 5:00 pm, Children's and Adult Studies @ 5:30 pm (Nursery & Toddler care available)

**Wednesday evenings:** Cancer support group meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights.

**March 8, 5:00-6:30 PM:** Church picnic

**May 3, 5:00-6:30 PM:** Neighborhood block party

**TBD Spring of 2026:** Church work day to paint the basement and put in a fenced playground and swings.

Call the church office at 903-683-0383 for more information.

## Contact Us

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Tuesday—Friday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM  
(Closed on holidays)

Visit our website and email us with prayer requests, comments or questions at:  
[ruskbiblechurch.com](http://ruskbiblechurch.com)

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RBCMembers Password: RuskBible@25

## Announcements

### Going deeper - Bible Reading for this week:

- ◇ Matthew 5:10–16 Jesus teaches that persecution for righteousness is a mark of belonging to Him and a cause for eternal hope, not discouragement.
- ◇ 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Paul declares that all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will face persecution, confirming that opposition is normal for faithful believers.
- ◇ Acts 4:12–31 The early church responds to threats with prayer for boldness, and the Holy Spirit empowers them to continue proclaiming the word of God.
- ◇ Romans 8:9–17 The Spirit testifies that we are God's children and reminds us that suffering with Christ is part of being glorified with Him.
- ◇ 1 John 3:11-24 John reminds believers not to be surprised that the world hates them and contrasts the world's hatred with the love that marks true believers.

### Church Picnic



We will have our first annual church picnic on Sunday March 8th beginning at 5:00 PM at the Texas State Railroad off Hwy 84W. We will meet in the "Clubhouse" group dining hall in the campground for a covered dish dinner, horseshoes, Giant Jenga, Bounce house and time to just visit. This will be a great time together as a church to grow closer and enjoy our fellowship

### Sunday Night Discipleship classes (except Mar 8!):



Ladies' class: Bible Study through the book of James and practical living in Christ.

Co-Ed Class: Ray Vander Laan series on how people in biblical times understood Jesus' teaching.

Men's class: Discipleship class on biblical principles for our lives as men, husbands as fathers

Children's class: Fun and learning about Jesus on the top floor and child care for babies and toddlers in the basement.

### Our Church App



Our new app includes quick links to the church calendar, prayer requests, the church directory and web site and now our Livestream on YouTube! Find it in the Apple App store or Android Google Play as [Our Church](#) or scan the QR codes below. Once the app is installed, type Rusk Bible Church in the text box.



**TODAYS SERMON:  
Kept by the Spirit in a Rebellious World**

*February 22, 2026*

**John 15:18-16:4**

**The World's Hatred of Christ and His People (Jn 15:18-25)**

Truth: Because the world is in \_\_\_\_\_ against Jesus, those who truly belong to Him should expect \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

Application: Do not be surprised when the world pushes back against your faith. If you are clearly identified with Jesus—believing Him, loving Him, obeying Him—some rejection will come. Do not trade faithfulness for acceptance. Stand firm, knowing that opposition often confirms you truly belong to Christ.

**The Spirit's Help for a Witnessing and Enduring Church  
(Jn 15:26-16:4)**

Truth: In a hostile world, Christ has not left his people alone but has given the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ us to keep believing and keep testifying about him.

Application: In the face of pressure or persecution, remember you are not alone. The Holy Spirit—sent by the Father and the Son—strengthens your heart, anchors you in truth, and gives you boldness to testify. Keep believing, keep depending on him, and trust that God will use your faithful witness for His saving work.



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