

# **Oneness, Unity, & Kingdom Work**

Part 1: Oneness

The Oxford dictionary provides two definitions for the word oneness, "The fact or state of being unified or whole, though comprised of two or more parts" and "The fact or state of being one in number". The first definition fits our understanding of God, marriage, and the Church.

Oneness in God. God shows himself as three different persons in the Bible: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We often refer to God as the Trinity since our modern language doesn't have the word depth of Hebrew or Greek to describe these 3 persons of God as being one God. We see all three persons throughout the Bible. From the beginning it was clear God wasn't alone. The Holy Spirit was there hovering over the face of

the waters (Gen), Jesus was the Word and the Word was with God in the beginning (IJohn), and God said let <u>us</u> make man in our image (Gen). Perhaps the greatest witness to the three persons of God is Jesus. His claims as the Son of God, his more than 150 references to God the Father, and his promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit for all who believe. God is 3 persons and he is one, oneness.

Oneness in marriage. These words found in Genesis, Matthew, and Ephesians are familiar to both believers and non-nonbelievers "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." It's used often in wedding ceremonies and it refers to a physical oneness. But as we see in Ephesians Paul uses the analogy of marriage to

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# Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to visit Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, we pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith. We seek to worship God like the first century church did, with a sense of awe and with a fear of the Lord. Some things we do might seem old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to know that at its core, it is for the praise of God's glory.

You are not required to do anything weird here worshippin or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free is a chance to w to join us in worshipping God to the best of meaningful way.

your abilities. If you have any specific needs, we have a ministry staff that would love to connect with you. Ask the people sitting around you for names of the ministry staff and to point them out!

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a chance to worship God in a deep and meaningful way.

# Save the Dates!

Sunday 1/13 After Worship	Potluck
Tuesday I/I5 I0:00am	Ladies Prayer Meeting: LaDonna Latham's House
Wednes I/I6 6:00pm	Prayer
Thursday I/I7 6:30pm	Men's Meeting

# **Port Orchard News and Events**

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#### **Sunday Preview**

Tim Blair will be giving the sermon this Sunday. Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

#### Happy Birthday!

**January--**Pat Woodrow-09, Landra Reinke-12, Isaiah Zepf-13, Runell Mason-16, Karen Taylor-18, Forest Gerard-24, Michelle Herbert-24, Tammy White-29.

#### Last Sunday

Gene Gerard gave the sermon last Sunday. To listen, visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com.

### **B**aptisms

**Haddie Keagle** was baptized into the body of Christ on Thursday, January 3rd. **Caleb Smith** was baptized into the body of Christ on Sunday, January 6th. We welcome our new brother and sister!

### Serving January 13, 2019:

Prayer Leader:	Ken Avery	Communion Prep&CleanUp:	Rick Velasco
Scripture Reader:	Tim Blair		
Offering Thoughts:	Ken Reinke	Song Leader:	Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation:	Jim Snead		
Servers:	Brandon K. & Terry Bratcher		
Ushers:	Roger Taylor & Tim Duffy	Children's 9:30 Teacher:	Kelli Keagle
Greeters:	Paula Hill & Sarah Hill	Youth Worship:	Savannah Wilson & Laura Fry
Prayer Partners:	Ken & Tammy Avery	Preaching:	Tim Blair
Sound:	Isaac Benjamin		
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		

# Kids Memory Verses

Recite to Ms. Bonnie on Sunday, January 13th: Isaiah 40:8

Practice this week for Sunday, January 20th: See Ms. Bonnie

### Reminder

Parents of kids and tweens need to come downstairs after class to get their kids. Kids and tweens will not be released until an adult (not a teen) comes for them. This is for the safety of our young people.

### **Kids and Tweens Playdate**

When: Sunday, January 13th, during potluck Where: POCOC

### Potluck

When: Sunday, January 13th after services Where: POCOC Fellowship Hall

## Sunday Evening Class Will Be Held Immediately After Potluck

When: Sunday, January 13th Where: POCOC Fellowship Hall or Classroom 9 The class will resume its normal 6:00pm time on Sunday, January 20th.

## **Prayer Meeting**

When: Wednesday, January, 16th at 6:00pm Where: POCOC Audtorium

### **Men's Meeting**

When: Thursday, January 10th and 17th at 6:30pm Where: POCOC Upstairs, please enter through the glass doors

# **Our Prayer List**

Healing: Carol Johnson, Chapmans, Gwen Johnson

#### **Encouragement:**

Vincente Huerta & Family, Karen Taylor, Len Lewis & Family (grieving Les Lewis passing), Caleb Smith, Those Affected by Tornado, All Children in the Memory Verse/ Bible Reading Program, Tiny Village Team

#### **Traveling:**

All Those Returning to School or Homes from Holiday Travels

#### Other:

Northwest Mission, For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village. Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders. Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

#### January 6, 2019 Worship: 53

Class: 77 Offering: \$2,445.00 describe Christ and the Church so it's more than just a physical union. The oneness of marriage is two unique persons coming together physically, emotionally, and spiritually and becoming one. Two become one and remain as two in marriage, oneness.

Oneness in the Church. God created one Church and appointed lesus head of the Church. Jesus became the sacrifice for our entry into the Church and we are all baptized by one Spirit into the one Church (ICor 12:13). There is one Church, through one Savior, with one Holy Spirit filling the Church and all believers. It's all been worked out for us. God calls and we answer. Here's the thing about that though, he doesn't call just you and me or those that look like us or think like us or act like us. He calls

Schedule of Ongoing Gatherings					
First Sunday of Month Con- gregational Meeting	After Services	POCOC Auditorium Overflow			
<b>Second Sunday</b> of Month Pot- luck	After Services	POCOC Downstairs			
<b>Sunday Evening</b> Bible Study	6:00 pm	POCOC Downstairs			
<b>Tuesday Morning</b> Ladies Prayer Group	10:00 am	LaDonna Latham's House			
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium			
<b>Thursday Evening</b> Men's Class	6:30 pm	POCOC Upstairs			
<b>Saturday</b> Before First Sunday Every Month Deacons Meeting	8:00 am	POCOC Upstairs			

everyone so that none may be lost (Eph 4). God decides who is accepted into his Church and the decision isn't based on race or ethnicity, the kinds of sin and idols in our lives, geographical location, acts of service or even a life "well" lived, and certainly not what you or I think or what any group claims to be right or wrong. All (ALL) have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (3:23) and no one is righteous, not even one (3:10). One God, one Church made up of all believers, with one Savior and one Spirit. Millions of people, no two alike, united in one Church, oneness.

Thank you God for your forgiveness and saving grace, Jesus for your shed blood that cleanses us, and Holy Spirit for your presence in our life and the life of the Church. Holy Spirit, we ask that you make us one with the Father and one with each other.