
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

What is Good and Evil? (written by Tiffany Rousseau)

Eden was perfect.

God was with us, Earth was in harmony, all of God's creation was perfectly in sync and made according to His design.

Chapter 3 of Genesis is so hard to read when you read the creation slowly and meditate on the beauty of God's initial forming of Earth, humans, and animals. It's hard to watch the decline of humanity, the poisoning of the world through sin, and the separation of God and our world. To even think that life had no hardship and was blissfully perfect is hard to imagine.

As an imperfect person, I doubt this truth because my little human brain can't picture a world or even one place where bad things don't happen. Following Christ isn't just a blind faith kind of thing, it's a trust and release kind of thing. Most of us have doubted a thing or two that we've read in the bible. Many of us have doubted parts of the bible, feeling either confused, frustrated, or flat out disagreeing with what is

written.

Since Eve and Adam ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, humans have developed their own understanding of what GOOD is and what EVIL is. We don't trust God's knowledge so we doubt some of his commands, we ignore some of his words, and we refuse some of his requests. God's way is different than ours and like infants we think, "I want it and I want it *my way!*"

After hundreds of years of Adam and Eve's offspring continuing to shut God out, God restarted with Noah and with Abraham. He let the people of the world have their way and their way ultimately led to destruction and self-induced suffering. God is merciful, but he is also just. He started over, but he did it through Noah.

This week, let God use you and show you what is good and what is evil. Pray fervently for the Holy Spirit's clarity because without his guidance, there is none.

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Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to try out Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, I would like to give you a warm welcome to our congregation. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, I pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek here 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 or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free to join us in worshipping God to the best of 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 their

names 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.

Cody Rousseau

Save the Dates!

Tuesday 1/19 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 1/20 Youth Group

Wednesday 1/20 Quilters Class

Thursday 1/21 Sewing Group

Sunday 1/24 Shower for Kaylee Swinney

Tuesday 1/26 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 1/27 Youth Group

Sunday 1/31 Sunday evening service

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Sermon on the Mount

This week we will be hearing from our brother James Greer. He will be focusing his lesson on the Sermon on the Mount. As we come together let us be prepared for the Holy Spirit to move and guide us through the words James prepares for us.

Happy Birthdays!

January! A new year has come! With the cold weather, the white mornings and all of the freshness of clear freezing days we have a new set of birthdays to celebrate! Please remember to find these brothers and sisters and wish them the happiest birthday of all!

2— Mark David. 5— Connie Switzer. 6— Josh Wilson; Jo Vaughn. 9— Pat Woodrow. 10— Sharon Franck. 13— Isaiah Zepf. 16— Runell Mason. 18— Karen Taylor. 20— Mike Chavez. 24— Michelle Herbert; Forest Gerard. 30— Myron David.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Ministry (Please read if you have young kids)

Just a reminder that if you have children, they are welcome to join our Sunday school class at 9:30am each week.

Our new Sunday Worship schedule for children is as follows:

1st & 3rd Sunday: Children's Worship, **CW** (Ages 3-12) during the Sermon

2nd & 4th Sunday: The Little Gathering, **LG** (Ages 3-7) during the sermon

5th Sunday: Family Worship (Special Plans coming for January 31st!)

Serving Jan. 17, 2016 :

Prayer Leader:	Wayne Hammock	Communion Prep:	Sanders
Scripture Reader:	James Greer	Communion Cleanup:	Bratchers
Offering Thoughts:	Dale Sanders	Praise Team:	Gene Gerard Connie Greer Rachel Karn Kenny Benjamin
Communion Meditation:	Cody Rousseau	Sunday School & LG Helper:	Connie Greer
Servers:	B. Karn & T. Bratcher	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Roy & Jo Vaughn Coffee— Rick V. Cleanup— Roy & Jo Vaughn
Ushers:	I. Zepf B. Zepf		
Greeters:	L. Latham & L. Sanders		
Nursery Attendants:	Kerri S. & TBD.		
Sound:	T. Herbert		
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		



Children younger than 3 are welcome to play in our nursery just right of the auditorium during the service. If you have questions please see Laura Fry or Tiffany Rousseau.

Nursery and Communion

Thank you to all who served in the nursery and preparing and cleaning up communion this year!

Are you gifted with little kids? Would you like to serve somehow but don't know where to start? We have just the place for you! We need for more people to sign up for doing the nursery and communion prep/clean-up for 2016. Both of these jobs are very important for our Sunday services, so if you feel like you are willing and able, please sign up in the foyer for the next opportunity on our community board. Don't know what these different serving opportunities look require? Just see Cody Rousseau after church and he'll walk you through them.

Places To Serve in Sunday Worship

If you would like to be involved in some way with the worship service on Sundays during the service, in the Children's Bible Hour, or want to join/host a small group or bible study, please contact the office with an email and get put into the rotation!

Also, if you are interested in preaching, please contact James Greer or Cody Rousseau and they will schedule you for a Sunday. We would love to hear from more members of our congregation on Sunday sharing God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Sewing Group

The sewing group will be meeting on the 21st of this month! The meeting starts and 1PM and people who show up will be cutting shorts and surging, ironing and sewing more little dresses! Whatever you would like to do there is a job just for you!

If you are interested in going to be part of this group please contact Sandi Warner or Jo Vaughn!

Our Prayer List

Gary Chasteen for healing after his surgery

Charlotte Hahn praise that she has been released from the hospital

Our church family, Cody, the Deacons and ministries

Christians worldwide for trust and courage

Loved ones separated from us by miles

Seth and Sarah Cartwright and their new marriage

Continued healing for Les Lewis

David and Kaylee Swinney as they near her due date for a healthy and safe birth!

For our children as they tackle school and all the hardships it brings

For the men in heritage house that God will bless them abundantly and continue to give them the strength to reclaim their lives

For the marriages of our members both young and old to be strengthened and blessed by God

For the many ministries in our town supported by various congregations and churches to thrive

For our leaders and troops both here and abroad.

January 10, 2016

Worship: 82

Class: 46

Offering: \$2,911.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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Ladies Bible Study

Every Tuesday morning there is a ladies bible study for any woman who would like to come! We invite you to be part of it and all you need to do is call LaDonna for more information!

Youth Group

The youth group is currently meeting at the Rousseau residence and once a month at the Zepf house from 6-8PM. The time has been adjusted back an hour for the convenience of the hosts.

We are working through a series on Acts and as of this week are going to be back on schedule. If you would like to have your teen involved please contact Cody. Ride and dinner can and will be accommodated!

Sunday Night Worship

With the start of the New Year we will be getting our monthly Sunday evening worship going once again. This will occur on the last Sunday of each month from 5:00PM-7:00PM. We will be looking at a number of options for what we will do going forward.

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