

# Am I Looking To God?

Look to Me, and be saved... —<u>Isaiah 45:22</u>

Do we expect God to come to us with His blessings and save us? He says, "*Look to Me*, and *be* saved...." The greatest difficulty spiritually is to concentrate on God, and His blessings are what make it so difficult. Troubles almost always make us look to God, but His blessings tend to divert our attention elsewhere. The basic lesson of the Sermon on the Mount is to narrow all your interests until your mind, heart, and body are focused on Jesus Christ. "Look to Me...."

Many of us have a mental picture of what a Christian should be, and looking at this image in other Christians' lives becomes a hindrance to our focusing on God. This is not salvation— it is not simple enough. He says, in effect, "Look to Me and you *are* saved," not "You will be saved someday." We will find what we are looking for if we will concentrate on Him. We get distracted from God and irritable with Him while He continues to say to us, "Look to Me, and be saved...." Our difficulties, our trials, and our worries about tomorrow all vanish when we look to God.

Wake yourself up and look to God. Build your hope on Him. No matter how many things seem to be pressing in on you, be determined to push them aside and look to Him. "Look to Me...." Salvation *is* yours the moment you look.

-WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS



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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

### Save the Dates!

Tuesday 1/24 Ladies Prayer Group

Tuesday 1/31 Ladies Prayer Group

Saturday 2/4 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 2/5 Congregational Meeting

**Sunday 2/12** Senior Saints Potluck

### Serving January 22, 2017 :

#### 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

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.

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### ..... Port Orchard News and Events

#### Pulpit Preview-

Seth Cartwright will be preaching a sermon this upcoming Sunday. Worship Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you here!

#### Happy Birthday!

January has arrived, it's time to celebrate our January babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! Connie Switzer – 1/5. Jo Vaugh – 1/6. Isaiah Zepf – 1/13. Runell Mason - 1/16. Karen Taylor – 1/18. Forest Gerard, Michelle Herbert - 1/24. Myron David -1/30.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Roger Frv**

Roger Fry shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

#### Visitors for the sick

Is entertaining or socializing a strong characteristic that you have, well then, we have the perfect opportunity for you. We would like to compile a list of those available to visit our sick or shut-in church family. If this is something you would be interested in, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the fover.

Prayer Leader:	Darrell Fry	Communion Prep:	Keagle Family
Scripture Reader:	Seth Cartwright	Communion Cleanup:	Reinke Family
Offering Thoughts:	James Greer	Praise Team:	Jeff Duffy
Communion Meditation:	Troy Hill		
Servers:	Terry B. & Brandon K.	Sunday School & CW Helper:	Sarah B. & Laura F.
Ushers:	Gary C. Tim D.		
Greeters:	Lori S. & Deloris L.	Preaching:	Seth Cartwright
Nursery Attendants:	TBD		
Sound:	Forest Gerard		
Slides/Lighting:	John Bickle		



#### **Benevolence Team**

With Ray and Connie Switzer leaving, there is a big gap in the Helping Those in Need Team that needs to be filled. If you have a heart for helping those who are desperately in need, please talk with Darrell or Laura Fry about your desire to serve in this wonderful work. You will literally be in the position of being the hands, feet and eyes of Jesus.

May God Bless this ministry!

Darrell & Laura Fry

#### Switzer Journal

There is a journal out in the foyer for Connie and Ray Switzer in lieu of a tablecloth. Lets fill it with kind words, well wishes and love as they get situated with the next chapter of their lives.

#### **Congregational Meeting**

Notes from the last congregational meeting are available outside of the auditorium.

#### **Betty Widman**

Bette Widman PO Life Care Center Room 24 2031 Pottery Ave Port Orchard, WA 98366

## **Our Prayer List**

#### **Prayer requests:**

#### **Healing:**

Bette Widman - Healing and strength D.J Magneson - Hip pain Darrell 7 Laura Fry - Grandson Daniel Karen Taylors Neighbor Sarah Benjamin's Friend April Dave Snypp's Father - Healing from a stroke.

#### **Other:**

All those traveling. All police officers. Heritage house - strength for each resident there. Our congregation - strength as we move forward into a New Year. Those suffering from the flu. The homeless.

#### **Encouragement:**

Charlotte Hahn D J Magneson

#### **Comfort & Strength:**

Family of Dorothy Janes Jennifer Connelly Delay - Bret and Bryan Hollman Isaac Benjamin

#### January 15, 2017

Worship: 75 Class: N/A Offering: N/A Goal: \$3,437.50

### Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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