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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## Growth Groups by: The Elder Study Group

Based on our perception of how respect, trust and love developed between and among the people of the ESG during a year of meetings, we recommend the following proposal to the congregation as a next step in our efforts toward maturing our Christian life individually, as a church, and for the natural development and revelation of leaders.

### GROWTH GROUPS

#### **Purpose:**

As individuals and as a church, our purpose is to glorify God by making disciples. God uses relational discipleship to equip His people for His Kingdom work, all for the glory of His name. To God's glory, we get the privilege of participating in His plan of redemption.

A "growth group" is an important way that God shapes our church into worshipping, serving, and faithful disciples. The aim of a growth group is to equip **all** kinds of people with foundational truths and skills that will help them to worship God more and more fully with minds, hearts, and lives devoted to His service.

#### **There are two principle parts to such groups:**

The **first** is the curriculum. The first Christians "devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching." We must know important things about God and ourselves in order to follow him.

#### **Church Staff:**

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The **second** part that God uses to equip people is community. In the same way that the first Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, so they devoted themselves to "fellowship" (Act 2:42). By discussing and even practicing the truths of the Gospel in community we find that God uses other people to shape and enlarge our individual faith.

Being a faithful participant in a growth group is not easy. Though we intend to recognize and honor God's distribution of various talents among us, our goal is to equip each participant for God's Kingdom purposes. Participants will be asked to commit wholly to the task of developing community while prayerfully and thoughtfully interacting with the curriculum.

You will gain from the experience to the same degree that you give to it. God is pleased to grow His people to love and know him more deeply.

#### **The commitment:**

In a Christian culture that seems powerfully consumer oriented, it is often easy for people to see themselves as the receivers of the church's ministries. However, God's model is quite different. He sees all Christians in the vital role of ministers – ministers who not only reach out to a dying world, but who also minister within the walls of the church in order to build each other up.

#### **Deacons:**

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Gary Chasteen ..... 360.895.4143  
Gene Gerard ..... 360.876.4612

# 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!

**Sunday 1/24** Shower for Kaylee Swinney

**Tuesday 1/26** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 1/27** Youth Group

**Sunday 1/31** Sunday evening service

**Tuesday 2/2** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 2/3** Office Closed for Youth Minister luncheon

**Wednesday 2/3** Youth Group

**Saturday 2/6** Deacons Meeting

**Sunday 2/7** Congregational Meeting

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— Galatians 5: Life by the Spirit**

This week we will be reading from the fifth chapter of Galatians. As we read this chapter special focus will be taken on the idea of living by the Spirit. We should be a people who effectively grow in Christ, we should produce fruit and that fruit should be of the Spirit. We will discuss being that people at length.

### **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. 24, 2016 :

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Prayer Leader:	Jodon Mason	Communion Prep:	Sanders
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Bratchers
Offering Thoughts:	Brad Orser	Praise Team:	Gene Gerard Connie Greer Rachel Karn Kenny Benjamin
Communion Meditation:	JT Keagle	Sunday School & LG Helper:	Rachel Karn
Servers:	B. Karn & T. Bratcher	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Connie Switzer Coffee— Ray Switzer Cleanup— Connie Switzer
Ushers:	I. Zepf B. Zepf		
Greeters:	L. Latham & L. Sanders		
Nursery Attendants:	TBD		
Sound:	Dale Sanders		
Slides/Lighting:	Chris Hill		

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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**

### **Winter Retreat**

Winter retreat at Delano Bay Christian camp is coming soon! The event will be February 19th-21st. Registration for the event is printed and ready for you to pick up under the "Teen" bulletin board. All information pertaining to the event is on the registration. Additional questions can be fielded by Cody.

### **Volunteer Host Family Opportunity**

Volunteer Host Family Needed for a 17 year old girl from Norway for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. She likes volunteering and political work. The family would give her a place to sleep, daily meals and a loving home Contact Jodi Moore at 360-874-9292 for more information.

## **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 17, 2016**

Worship: 74

Class: 46

Offering: \$2,801.50

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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