

# Port Orchard Church of Christ

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## “Do What It Says”

James take a very simple approach to Scripture. “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (James 1:22)

The Bible was not intended to just be read. It was intended to be accepted, to be followed, to be put into practice. It was intended to make a difference in the way we live...in the way we think, the way we feel, the way we speak, and the way we behave.

The power of the word isn't found in exact pronunciation of words, nor careful inflection of voice when reading aloud. Its value isn't in its geography, its history, nor even its scientific accuracy. No, its value and its power are in its application...putting it into practice in life; doing what it says.

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who look intently into the perfect law that gives free-*

*dom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.”*

*(James 1:22-25)*

This “*looking intently into the perfect law*” does not suggest quantity of reading, reading just to be reading, nor reading to stay on a predetermined schedule. It isn't *surface* reading that is being discussed here. Of course, each of these types of reading may be necessary at times. But, buy the word “*intently*” James is suggesting deeper reading, studying, searching for meaning and understanding.

“*And continues to do this*” indicates that Bible study is becoming a habit, a way of life, a regular exercise. And he doesn't stop at study. He does two additional things. He holds on to what he is learning. He keeps it in him, “not forgetting what he has heard.” Plus, he *does it!* He puts it into practice in his life. He lives it.

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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 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.

## Save the Dates!

**Sunday 1/27**  
**6:00pm**  
*Bible Study:  
Women's Roles in  
the Church*

**Tuesday 1/29**  
**10:00am**  
*Ladies Prayer  
Meeting: LaDonna  
Latham's House*

**Wednes 1/30**  
**6:00pm**  
*Prayer*

**Thursday 1/31**  
**6:30pm**  
*Men's Meeting*

**Serving January 27, 2019:**

## Port Orchard News and Events

### Sunday Preview

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

### Happy Birthday!

**January--**Tammy White-29.

**February--**Israel Cormier-02, Tammy Avery-05, Laura Gerard-07, Christopher Hill-07, Carla Duffy-08, Melvin Byrd-09, Terry Hall-09, Zari Keagle-09, DeLoris Lawler-09, Ken Avery-10, Rachel Karn-18, Zari Cormier-19, Jason Hall-20.

### Last Sunday

Dale Sanders gave the sermon last Sunday. To listen, visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com).

### 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.

Prayer Leader: Ken Avery

Scripture Reader: Bob McDaniel

Offering Thoughts: Brad Orser

Communion Meditation: Michael Celletti

Servers: Brandon Karn & Terry B.

Ushers: Roger Taylor & Tim Duffy

Greeters: DeLoris Lawler/Karen Taylor

Prayer Partners: James & Connie Greer

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep&CleanUp: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Bob McDaniel

Praise Team: Eunice Orser, Lorri Celletti,  
Michael Celletti, Brad Orser

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell

Youth Worship: TBD

Preaching: Bob McDaniel

*with Special Speaker*

## Kids Memory Verses

Recite to Ms. Bonnie on Sunday, January 27th: Matthew 4:17

Practice this week for Sunday, February 3rd: Proverbs 13:20

### In Honor of Vernon K Fletcher

Our sister Dorothy Fletcher and her family received a blessing this week in regards to the service of their husband, father, brother, and grandfather, Vernon K. Fletcher, who died in the line-of-duty defending Port of Bremerton property at Bremerton National Airport. Please observe the following excerpts from the notice received by the family:

*"In our communication with the fire departments, it was discovered your father's name was not listed on the federal memorial for DoD firefighters. With that discovery, NRNW Fire Chief Frank Montone arranged to have your father's name added to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. In addition, NRNW Fire and Emergency Services is coordinating to have his name added to the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial where they are honoring the pre-1981 LODD's with pavers along a special section of the Memorial walkway, currently under construction."*

*"In addition to communicating with the fire departments, the Port has done further research on the ability of local governments to lower the flag to half-mast and has determined it is an appropriate action. We apologize time did not allow us to thoroughly research protocol last year. It is the Port's intention to lower the flag to half-mast on January 24 in memory of your father, Vernon K. Fletcher, and his ultimate sacrifice."*

Sincerely,  
PORT OF BREMERTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Larry Stokes, President; Cary Bozeman, Vice-President; Axel Strakeljahn, Secretary"

Today we remember our sister Dorothy, her husband Vernon, and their family.

### 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 20, 2019**

Worship: 79

Class: 45

Offering: \$1,697.57

Now the outcome of that is, “he will be blessed in what he does.”

Scripture was meant to be taken seriously. The Bible can and will make a difference in the way people behave. But we must not merely listen to the word, but “do what it says.” Scripture was never intended to be restrictive and binding, but to give freedom,...and bless one’s life.

For our own self-evaluations, three questions come to mind...

- ♦ Am I setting aside ample time for in-depth Bible study?
- ♦ Am I holding on to what I am gaining from my Bible study?
- ♦ Am I putting into practice what I am learning from my Bible study?

So, how are you doing? If you have not found the freedom the “perfect law” gives, if you are not being “blessed” in what you do, try this....

1. Set aside some time to study a select passage of Scripture. Since we are discussing James here, focus on James 1:2-18. Read it carefully. Study it deeply. Seek to understand exactly what James is saying and how it should be applied.
2. Hold on to what you have learned. Meditate upon it as you go about your day. Try to see the events and circumstances of life through new eyes, clarified by your study.
3. Then, deliberately and consciously put into practice what you’ve just learned from Scripture.

Try it! Be serious about it! I think you’ll find a blessing!

*Melvin Byrd,*

*Taken from the Revewal Bulletin of the Port Orchard Church of Christ*

*February 28, 1995*

## **Women’s Roles**

To our Brothers & Sisters in Christ here at Port Orchard, at our most recent congregational meeting, a question was asked of the group regarding women’s role in church and worship. As a group, including Ken & Landra Reinke who asked the question, we all agreed it was a great question, and since we had no elders to refer to, we would pray and study on it and come ready to share at the next congregational meeting in February. It was also determined that an “immediate” answer was not expected or encouraged due to the topic. For some, this has been considered an “elephant in the room,” for others it is best left “off the table.” Regardless of left, right, or wrong, we are wanting this to be an uplifting time of study and fellowship, as anything we need to discern from the Scripture and applying to our lives. We also realize that tradition, background, and upbringing has a lot to do with “feelings” and therefore, are inherently MADE to be broken. So, we ask that we all pray for a quiet and listening Spirit (listening) and not just hearing. Communication is of the utmost importance. We also ask for Godly wisdom and discernment be blessed upon us as we study the scriptures and that they be used with Holy intent. SO, please PRAY! We look forward to an uplifting and Spiritually moving event.” -*The Deacons and those present at the 1/6/19 congregational meeting*