

OH, BE CAREFUL LITTLE TONGUE

More vicious than a pit bull, more insatiable than a wild fire, more poisonous than a rattle snake, more contagious than SARS, and as unpredictable as an earth quake is the tongue. By it careers are ruined, reputations tarnished, families split, marriages destroyed, friendships ended. The tongue is a restless evil. It is full of deadly poison. It is quick and destructive and its effects generally irreversible. (Read James 3:1-12 for a fuller, clearer description of the tongue).

No one is exempted from tongue problems. In fact, if anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man. (James 3:2) I don't think I have ever seen one of those. I know I have never been one of those. So, what do we do with the tongue problem? We bridle it and make it obey us!

The Bible says, "Everyone should be...slow to speak." (James 1:19) Of course that doesn't mean we should talk more slowly. It means... before you speak, think. Revaluate what you are about to say before you say it.

You may be helped by testing what you are about to say with these questions...

- 1. Is it true and accurate? If "no" or "I'm not really sure" don't say it!
- 2. Will it harm the one about whom you speak, the one to

- whom you speak, or yourself? If "yes" or "possibly so" don't say it!
- 3. Will it help the one about whom you speak, the one to whom you speak, or yourself? If "no" don't say it! If you are leaning toward "yes", be cautious and totally honest in arriving at that "yes" answer. If it is "yes" answer #4.
- 4. Is your reason for saying what you want to say honorable and good? Are you really trying to help or are you simply wanting to point out fault?
- 5. Are your words full of grace? (Colossians 4:6) If there is any hint anger or bitterness or hatred don't speak!

Oh , be careful little tongue what you say, and how you say it!

[reprinted from 2003]- Melvin Byrd

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Deacons:

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

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.

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Save the Dates!

Tuesday 1/31 Ladies Prayer Group

Saturday 2/4 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 2/5 Congregational Meeting

Sunday 2/12 Senior Saints Potluck

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview- The Mixed Reaction The Gospel Receives

Cody Rousseau will be preaching a sermon this upcoming Sunday. His sermon will be coming from Acts 13. 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

Seth Cartwright

Seth Cartwright 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 foyer.



Serving January 29, 2017:

Prayer Leader: Ken Reinke Communion Prep: Keagle Family Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau Communion Cleanup: Reinke Family

Offering Thoughts: Gene Gerard Praise Team: Gene G., Laura G., Paula H.,

Brad O.

Servers: Terry B. & Brandon K. Sunday School & CW Helper: Sarah B. & Rachel K.

Ushers: Gary C. Tim D.

Greeters: Jim S. & Karri Schmeltzer Preaching: Cody Rousseau

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Communion Meditation: Brad Orser

Sound: John Bickle

Slides/Lighting: Lori Sanders







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.

Margret Meyers

Margret Meyers would love to have women visitors.

Betty Widman

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

Our Prayer List

Prayer requests:

Healing:

Connie Greer - Would like to feel better from current illness.

Rick Velasco - Asthma

Roy Cole - Has brain cancer and not doing well.

Rick Velasco's ex wife Marci - Has blockage.

Paula Hill's father - Ken Stratton Sandi Warner's Mother - Margaret Kane

Other:

Prayers for our Church, Deacons, Ministries, First Responders, Our Leaders and the President.
Seth & Sarah Cartwright

Encouragement:

Delores Brun - Continues to do well with her treatments. Karen Taylors friend Diana Blackmer - Loss of her mother Tim Duffy - Health Issues Park Vista - Those who are confined to their room Margaret Meyers

January 22, 2017

Worship: 93 Class: 47 Offering: \$2,017.00 Goal: \$3,437.50 Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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