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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## Why does our Congregation not yet have Elders?: The Elder Study Group

Why do we exist as Christians, as a church? We exist as Christians and as a church to glorify God. We glorify God by faithfully accepting the price for doing his will. We believe that God uses relational discipleship to equip His people for the work of His kingdom, all for the glory of His name.

It is God who shapes our church into worshipping, serving and becoming faithful disciples. People are equipped to do God's work with foundational truths and interpersonal skills that will help us to worship God more fully with minds, hearts and lives devoted to His service.

Our recent church conflicts are evidence that we are in need of recognizing and embracing the importance that God places on the quality of our interpersonal relationships. We need to peer into the mirror of God's word to see more clearly what God expects (and we are obliged to practice) in our habits of dealing with each other and what our expectations of elders are.

Why have we not yet selected elders? In the opinion of the ESG (elder study group) it is because it would be premature to form our leadership before our church further submits to the:

Discipline of foundational truths (the first Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching").

Discipline of ministry skills that will help us worship God more fully, with minds, hearts and lives devoted to His service.

Too often in churches the accepted/expected norm is that elders do the administrative work of the church. We may want them to "take care of things" and "solve the problems of the church," and not make too many demands on our time, money and schedules. If the operative faith in our congregation has this point of view, then elders will, with awareness or not, conform to this role of "eldering."

But this situation eventually stunts our growth as disciples of Jesus. We do not yet have elders because we want to make the effort to be better informed by God's will. To that end we propose a period of training and discipline in foundational truths and interpersonal skills in order that we might better obey God in the wholeness of Christ-like lives.

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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!

**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— A Talented Church**

Ken Reinke will be sharing a sermon with us this week from the book of Corinthians. He will discuss with us our place as a member of the body of Christ, how we each are uniquely talented to serve in the uniform body of Christ. Come and hear our brother Ken share out of his devotion.

### **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**

#### **Meals Needed**

Bonnie Mitchell, along with Pene Hammock and Judy Van Lueven will be coordinating the temporary providing of meals on occasions when they are requested. Upon receiving the request, we will coordinate with the family to ascertain their needs — length of time, dietary restrictions etc. Once this has been determined through various means of communication we will contact the families here at POCOC for those who would like to participate with providing the meals.

## Serving Jan. 31, 2016 :

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Prayer Leader:	Brandon Delay & Daughters	Communion Prep:	Sanders
Scripture Reader:	Gene & Forest Gerard	Communion Cleanup:	Bratchers
Offering Thoughts:	Wayne & Charlie Hammock	Praise Team:	TBD
Communion Meditation:	Dale Sanders & Isaac B.		
Servers:	B. Karn & T. Bratcher		
Ushers:	I. Zepf B. Zepf		
Greeters:	Dale & Lori Sanders	Sunday School & LG Helper:	DJ. Magneson
Nursery Attendants:	Kerri S. & TBD	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Karen Taylor
Sound:	Myron David		Coffee— Rick V
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		Cleanup— Karen Taylor

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There are some of you who want to always provide a meal, some who choose not to and some who would like to do so occasionally. Please email me if you fall in any of those categories and I will make a list which will be confidential.

This is a great ministry and can be an opportunity to serve others. If you have any questions, please be sure and call:

**Bonnie Mitchell 360-895-0453 (h) 360-265-3266 (c)**  
**Pene Hammock 360-871-9678**  
**Judy Van Lueven 360-692-0361**

**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!)

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

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**Our Prayer List**

**Healing for the following family members:**

Gary Chasteen, Barbara Byrd, Austin Silvia, Ryland Swinney, Lucille Lowe, DJ Magneson and Les Lewis.

**Safe Travels for the following family members:**

Roy and Jo Vaughn, and also David and Ladonna Latham.

**For the new marriage of Seth and Sarah Cartwright.**

**Prayers for our church as we start a new journey with the curriculum.**

**Prayers for Cody and our ministry leaders.**

**January 24, 2016**

Worship: 86

Class: 42

Offering: N/A

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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.

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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.