

Ministries for the LORD . . . A deeper look into the various ministries of the Port Orchard church of Christ

Church of Christ India Missions

There are some who believe India is the greatest mission field of our time. According to The Joshua Project, the numbers of converts to Christianity in India is growing exponentially. Millions of people are leaving the oppressive system of Hinduism for the hope of Jesus Christ.

The soil in India is fertile.

We need to pray and support the workers who are going out into the field. In the 1960s, a leading expert in church growth predicted that there would be a worldwide shift in Christianity—that many people in the east would embrace Christianity, and that many in the west would drift away from it.

At this point, this appears to be true. It has been said that India is in much the same place America was 150 years ago, a time of great spiritual awakening. As of 2007, there were 707 million Christians in India. Currently, it is estimated that an average 175,000 join the faith every day.

One man who visited and preached in India wrote, "[The Indian people] listened intently and earnestly as we preached the gospel of Christ... I met many preachers and their wives who are true servants of God, and who are laboring to reach their nation with God's Word."

India has a population of 1.3 billion people. In fact, 1 out of every 6 people on earth live in India.

Ron and Karen Clayton, along with another couple, formed the Church of Christ India Missions Team in 1986. This mission is under the supervision of the Shiloh Church of Christ in Hazel Green Alabama.

This ministry has grown to about 57,000 workers and has resulted in over 5 million baptisms. Most of this work has been done by Indian preachers themselves. The mission uses the "4T" method: "Teach 'em, train 'em, trust 'em, and turn them loose!"

In fact, in the first three months of 2019 alone, the Indian Missions reported that there were over 97,000 gospel meetings and over 167,000 converts.

Please support this work. It is only \$3.00 for an Indian Bible. Also, India is a vast country, and missionaries need transport to distant and sometimes remote areas. The India Missions desperately need support in order to continue to meet the needs of thousands of people who are hungry to hear the gospel.

You can send a check to the address below. Once again, this mission is under the oversight of the Shiloh Church of Christ in Alabama.

India Missions P.O. Box 272 Hazel Green, AL 35750

Please consider if you want to support this ministry either with a one-time donation or with with monthly support. Ron Clayton has recently emailed and expressed how great the need is for financial support so that they can carry on the great work there.

Thank you so much.

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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 cen-

tury 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!

Men's Breakfast January 4, 2020 8:00am	Lakeview Church of Christ - Tacoma \$5 donation for DBCC
Bible Study Sunday: 6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium
Ladiies Prayer Group Tuesday Mornings 10:00am	LaDonna Latham's home
Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 6:00pm	POCOC Auditorium
Ladies Bible Class / Picture Journaling Class (see back page)	4th Friday evening of every month in 2020

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

12/29 This Sunday, Darrell Fry is scheduled to preach. Sunday Morning Service begins at 10:45.

Last Sunday

Avery Stafford preached for us last Sunday on "Trust God in the Upside Down." If you would like to listen to his sermon, or other sermons, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Happy Birthday!

January: Mark David - 2, Pat Woodrow - 9, Landra Reinke - 12, Isaiah Zepf - 13, Runell Mason - 16, Karen Taylor - 18, Forest Gerard - 24, Caleb Smith - 23, Michelle Herbert - 24, Tammy White - 29, Myron David - 30.

Serving January 5, 2020:

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock Communion Prep & Cleanup: Rick Velasco

Scripture Reader: Darrell Fry
Offering Thoughts: Gene Gerard Song Leader: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation: Bob McDaniel

Servers: Rick Velasco, Dan Gross
Ushers: Terry Bratcher, Greg Warner
Greeters: Barbara Chasteen, Sandi Warner

Prayer Partners: Terry & Lisa Bratcher Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell

Sound: Isaac Benjamin Youth Worship: Rachel Karn
Slides/Lighting: Tanya Howard Preaching: Darrell Fry

Congregational Memory Verse

For nothing is impossible with God."

Luke 1:37

Spiritual Leadership Team

We would like to share the seven listening session questions with everyone as we move forward with presentations about what you have told us is important to you.

They are as follows:

- I. Do you have physical needs that are not being met?
- 2. Do you have any spiritual needs, prayer requests that are not being met?
- 3. What education needs would you like filled by our Church?
- 4. What minister traits do you see being most beneficial for you, your family?
- 5. What ideas do you have about desired direction for Port Orchard Church of Christ?
- 6. What other comments would you like to share?
- 7. Is there an area you desire to serve in for our Church Body? What are the talents you have been given?

We will be talking about question #3 this week, "What education needs would you like filled by our Church?"

Your Spiritual Leadership Ministry Team:

Ken & Tammy Avery Bob & Sharon McDaniel Darrell & Laura Fry

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Britni Wiggens, Fred Powless, Nick and Rick (Jon Powless's brothers-in-law), Those with the flu, Dave Howard, Mrs. Meyers (duplex) grandson, Ryan

Encouragement:

Ashley Mayes, Laura Fry, her siblings and their families. over the passing of her father, Clyde Griffen. Frankie Gower and her siblings and families over the passing of her sister, Linda, Kayli Benjamin

Travelling:

Jamin and Tashawna Mason traveling and vacationing in HI. Those returning to their homes from the holidays

Other:

The West Freeway Church of Christ, White Settlement, Texas.

Continue to pray for the Tiny Village Team, Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.

December 29, 2019

Worship: 82 Class: 36 Offering: \$1,767.00

Coming Events

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, January 4, 2020 - Support DBCC

We ask for a \$5 donation for a hearty breakfast. You won't be fed with bread alone, but also be given a hearty dose of scripture, song, and an encouraging word. Men from the congregation of Olympia Church of Christ will be leading the singing, praying, and speaking at this event. All the donations go to support Delano Bay Christian Camp. If you need a ride, see Jon Powless.

DBCC Winter Retreat Registration Now Open

Make sure to Register your 7th - 12th Grade Camper for Winter Retreat this year. Winter Retreat will be February 7th-9th. We are going to study the book of Esther and how this amazing story can help us understand how God works through the humble to bring about his will. Visit the Retreat Page For Details and Registration.

http://www.delanobay.org/winter-retreat.html

DBCC Summer Camp Registration is Coming!

Summer Camp 2020 Dates

Summer Camp dates have been posted. Make sure you get them on your calendar. We will be rolling out our new registration system soon. Get your camper's session onto your calendar today!

http://www.delanobay.org/rental-calendar.html

Ladies Bible Class / Picture Bible Journaling class

On January 24th, we will begin a Ladies Bible class / Picture Bible journaling class on the 4th Friday evenings of every month for the year of 2020.

We will be using the book: How Happiness Happens by Max Lucado

Finding LASTING JOY in a world of comparison, disappointment, and unmet expectations.

We have also invited the ladies of Ekklesia and CK Church of Christ to join us.

We will be doing a Bible study, as well as make a picture Bible journal each meeting.

Remember!

If you are interested, please contact Tammy White at 360-265-1052, so we can make sure we have enough books and journals to go around.