

# Port Orchard Church of Christ

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## A Better Life for Our Children (July 20, 1993)

I want my children to have it better than Barbara and I did. I don't want them to have the financial struggles we did when we were first starting out. I don't want them to have to work as hard as I did when I was a milkman. I want something better for my children.

Since the birth of our nation every generation of Americans has looked forward to a better life than their parents had. Each succeeding generation was better educated, more affluent, gained a shorter and shorter work week, increased pay and more employee benefits. In addition to that, all kinds of new inventions flooded the market. Life and work continued to get easier and better.

Today, however, things are different. No longer can children expect to have it better than their parents. This is about as good as it gets! The tide has turned. Our children probably aren't going to be any better off than we.

Except maybe in one area...*spirituality!*

I remember the struggles my Mom and Dad went through trying to figure out how and when to have regular family Bible study and prayer. Barbara and I have had

the same struggle. But I think it has been a bit easier for us that it was for them. And I hope my children find it even easier.

My children grew up going to Bible School every Sunday and Wednesday. They were accustomed to having groups and individuals coming to our home regularly to Bible study. The kids they knew best were children from church. Activities of the church youth group set the primary dates on their calendars. Our younger ones were attending Bible camp before they were old enough to care. And they've all had a variety of Bible Camp experiences. Plus they've participated in a huge number of youth rallies, teen devotionals, TLCS at GNEW, and FaithQuests.

All of these were aimed at giving our children a spiritual advantage! These events and activities still have the same goal! Through them our young people are being taught to study their Bibles, to pray, to think, to feel, to worship, to enjoy spiritual relationships. I am seeing in many of our children today a spiritual maturity far beyond my own at

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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!

**Wed 1/2**      *Meal and Herbert*  
**5:00pm-6:00pm**      *Plans for Seattle*  
                                 *Prayer meeting*

**Saturday 1/5**      *Men's Breakfast at*  
**8:00am**                      *Lakeview*

**Saturday 1/5**      *Deacon's Meeting*  
**8:00am**                      *at Building*

**Sunday 1/6**      *Congregational*  
**After Worship**                      *Meeting*

**Sunday 1/13**      *Potluck*  
**After Worship**

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### Sunday Preview

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

### Happy Birthday!

**January--**Pat Woodrow-09, Landra Reinke-12, Isaiah Zepf-13, Runell Mason-16, Karen Taylor-18, Forest Gerard-24, Michelle Herbert-24, Tammy White-29.

### Last Sunday

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

### Office Closed

Office will be open T and Th, January 1st and 3rd. Normal office hours will resume on January 7th and are posted on the office window.

## Serving January 6, 2019:

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Prayer Leader: Ken Reinke  
Scripture Reader: Gene Gerard  
Offering Thoughts: Wayne Hammock  
Communion Meditation: Dave Snyp  
Servers: Brandon K & Terry Bratcher  
Ushers: Roger Taylor & Tim Duffy  
Greeters: Barbara C. & Lori Sanders  
Prayer Partners: Terry & Lisa Bratcher  
Sound: Dale Sanders  
Slides/Lighting: Isaac Benjamin

Communion Prep: Keagle Family  
Communion Cleanup: Greg & Sandi Warner  
Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell & Kelli Keagle  
Youth Worship: Rachel Karn & Lori Sanders  
Preaching: Gene Gerard

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## Kids Memory Verses

Recite to Ms. Bonnie on Sunday, January 6th: Philippians 1:6

Practice this week for Sunday, January 13th: Isaiah 40:8

### Deacon's Meeting

**When:** Saturday, January 5th at 8:00am

**Where:** POCOC Upstairs

### Men's Breakfast, Port Orchard is Hosting

**When:** Saturday, January 5th, 8:00-10:00 am

**Where:** Lakeview Church of Christ, Tacoma

**What:** Men's breakfast for Delano Bay Christian Camp (cost \$4) followed by a devotional presentation by Dale Sanders.

### Men's Meeting

**When:** Thursday, January 6th at 6:30 pm

**Where:** POCOC Upstairs, please enter through the glass doors

### Food Workers Cards

If you have an interest in working in the church kitchen to provide food for service opportunities in the community, it would be helpful to take the Washington online course for food workers at [www.foodworkercard.wa.gov](http://www.foodworkercard.wa.gov) You may also borrow a copy of the WA State Food and Beverage Workers' Manual from the church office to study for the online exam. Food workers cards cost \$10 and last for 2 years. The online course is presented in an audio-visual format and takes about 20 minutes. After the course and when you are ready, you have the option to take the exam online in order to get a card. The online exam is presented in the same format as the online course. You do not have to have a card to participate in events. Cards are printed by you after passing the exam. Please provide the office with a copy of your card to keep on file. For more information, visit [https://www.kitsappublichealth.org/FoodSafety/food\\_cards.php](https://www.kitsappublichealth.org/FoodSafety/food_cards.php)

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Carol Johnson, Chapmans, Gwen Johnson

### Encouragement:

Karen Taylor, Len Lewis and 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.

**December 30, 2018**

Worship: 102

Class: 39

Offering: \$2,892.30

their age. And for that I praise God!

I'll not be able to leave my children and grandchildren a heritage of wealth. But if only I can pass on what I have received from my parents. If I can just develop my spiritual heritage a bit further, then pass it on to my children, they will be better off spiritually. And my life will have been complete!

"I have no greater joy that to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John 4).

-Melvin Byrd

## Schedule of Ongoing Gatherings

<b>First Sunday</b> of Month Congregational Meeting	After Services	POCOC Auditorium Overflow
<b>Second Sunday</b> of Month Potluck	After Services	POCOC Downstairs
<b>Sunday Evening</b> Bible Study	6:00 pm	POCOC Downstairs
<b>Tuesday Morning</b> Ladies Prayer Group	10:00 am	LaDonna Latham's House
<b>Wednesday Evening</b> Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium
<b>Thursday Evening</b> Men's Class	6:30 pm	POCOC Upstairs
<b>Saturday</b> Before First Sunday Every Month Deacons Meeting	8:00 am	POCOC Upstairs

## Tiny Village Update

*Happy New Years from the Tiny Village team!*

Your team members are Bonnie Mitchell, Wayne Hammock, Gary Chasteen, and Lisa Bratcher.

We ask for your continued prayers for us as individuals and as a team. Please pray also for the tiny village process and our interactions with other village team members/entities. We had a very productive meeting in December with the entire Tiny Village team after a two-month standstill and we are anticipating another productive meeting this month. We are currently working on permit and tax issues as well as the two agreements required for the village: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Village Management Plan (VMP). Please come and talk to us if you have a question or would like more information.

If you're still pondering new years resolutions, you may want to consider Romans 12:9-21 "Your love must be real. Hate what is evil. Do only what is good. Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters. And give each

other more honor than you give yourself. As you serve the Lord, work hard and don't be lazy. Be excited about serving him! Be happy because of the hope you have. Be patient when you have troubles. Pray all the time. Share with God's people who need help. Look for people who need help and welcome them into your homes. Wish only good for those who treat you badly. Ask God to bless them, not curse them. When others are happy, you should be happy with them. And when others are sad, you should be sad too. Live together in peace with each other. Don't be proud, but be willing to be friends with people who are not important to others. Don't think of yourself as smarter than everyone else. If someone does you wrong, don't try to pay them back by hurting

them. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. Do the best you can to live in peace with everyone. My friends don't try to punish anyone who does wrong to you. Wait for God to punish them with his anger. In the Scriptures the Lord says, "I am the one who punishes; I will pay people back." But you should do this: "If you have enemies who are hungry, give them something to eat. If you have enemies who are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this you will make them feel ashamed." Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good." (Easy-to-Read Version)

*In Christ,  
the Tiny Village Team*