


Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Odd couples

This week I saw a documentary on different "odd couples." What this really meant was weird pairings of animals that had interspecies friends. Some of you may have been to the Zoo at one point and seen an exhibit with a cheetah and a dog for example. There were many of these friendships in the course of this show. Dogs making friends with almost anything that needed one, an old blind horse and an old goat, a tortoise and a goose, all of these and more.

As I watched this there was a part where the scientists were talking about the "natural" predator responses and how they can be overridden with experience. The pair they were referring to was a coyote and a lion. Both had been rescued as babies and were raised together. It struck me as odd that we seem to always build such ironclad rules and laws for how the world MUST behave.

We see a lion, and because it is one of the apex predators, we assume contrary to any new information or anecdotal evidence to the contrary, that is it a dangerous man-eating menace. Pitbulls have been almost completely eliminated as a family dog and are only now just coming out of the hard times they faced in the past years. Time and again we decide a rule on something based on faulty information.

What we see isn't always the best way for judging what is. Just because a lion is wild and untamed doesn't make it fit our boundaries of what it can or cannot do. Just because a dog is trained for fighting and abused until it uses lockjaw to win illegal fights, doesn't make the breed NOT an incredibly good family dog.

I think we are always perplexed by these stories because the world constantly tries to sell us the belief that "seeing is believing." When Christ came he used many different tools to help explain how the world and all its rules were not how God intended. Many times in the gospels he is seen with those whom are "farthest" from holy and he communes with them. He chooses disciples who are washed out of religious study, and he heals those who are unsafe to touch.

Going through Romans, Paul tells us to not take too high of a consideration of ourselves. To remain humble, to associate with those whom society has forgotten or detests. Time and again our experience is put on the shelf where it can gather dust as we are asked to accept the improbable and outright impossible.

However we are a people who proclaim a God who has died and risen. We are a people who preach the healing of contagious people through touch. We are called to be the people who look each other in the eyes, to uplift the homeless, to feed the hungry and to clothe the poor.

This week, spend some time thinking about what claims Jesus makes that you question in your daily walk with God, that you try to contextualize or separate yourself from, and pray that God changes your experience and perspective. Pray that God shows you His will for you in this deceptive world. May you be blessed as you seek to bless His children.

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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!

Friday-Sunday 10/9-11 ACP

Sunday 10/11 Senior Saint Potluck

Monday 10/12 Community Meal

Thursday 10/15 Sewing Group

Saturday 10/17 Operation Day of Hope @ Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo

Sunday 10/25 Family Harvest Fest @ Miracle Ranch

Saturday 11/7 Family Pajama movie night

Thursday 11/26 Thanksgiving

Sunday 12/13 Star Trip Christmas Program

Serving Oct 11, 2015 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— James to preach

This week James Greer will be sharing a message with us from his personal devotion and study. Let us prayerfully consider his message and seek Christ in his words.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Program—SAVE THE DATE!

Love to bake cookies? Like welcoming people into our gatherings? Great! We are currently looking for some volunteers to greet and bake cookies for the Christmas program this year. Tiffany Rousseau is directing and would love your help in these areas! The program is written and designed for families, so add the event to your calendar and invite everyone you know to hear the story of our savior presented in drama, singing, and worship.

Program Date: Sunday, December 13th, 5:00pm

Nursery and Communion

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. 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. Don't know what these different serving opportunities look require? Just see Cody Rousseau after church and he'll walk you through them.

Prayer Leader: Jim Snead

Scripture Reader: James Greer

Offering Thoughts: Cody Rousseau

Communion Meditation: James Greer

Servers: W. Hammock & J. Bickle

Ushers: J. Snead & D. Snypp

Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Sound: J. Bickle

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Warners

Communion Cleanup: Bratchers

Praise Team: Gene Gerard

Connie Greer

Tiffany Rousseau

Cody Rousseau

Children's Church Helper: Lori Sanders

Fellowship Team: Donuts— Sandi Warner

Coffee— Greg Warner

Cleanup— Sandi Warner



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 more members of our congregation on Sunday sharing God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Celebrate Jesus Deconstruction

For the last several weeks, we have had a contractor help our congregation by taking down the set up for Celebrate Jesus and level the area behind our church building. The scenes are more than 75% deconstructed and we anticipate completion soon. Please do not go back there until the work is complete as it is a highly dangerous route with nails and wood chips in many places.

Regarding costumes, we agreed at the congregational meeting to offer the majority of our costumes to the Bethlehem holiday drive-thru on Bainbridge Island at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church. We will retain a small, but sufficient selection of our costumes for various dramatic projects our church may present in the future, but are happy to offer what we can to continue blessing the Kitsap Peninsula through the power of story at Christmastime.

Also, if you would like to volunteer for the event on Bainbridge this year, please contact Barbara Chasteen for the church's information. We will not be officially sending a group of volunteers, but support any individuals or families who wish to participate.

Youth Group

Youth Group has begun again! We meet at Cody and Tiffany Rousseau's apartment, 1800 Sidney Ave. #6-323, Port Orchard at 7:00PM on Wednesdays. We are currently going through the book of Acts and talking about what it looks like to support your local Jesus Revolution! If you have any questions or need a ride, please get in touch with Cody Rousseau. We'd love to see you there!

Our Prayer List

Praise for successful surgery of **Byron Bungart**, Dan Gross' son.

Dorothy Janes daughter **Patty Rush** recovering from surgery for a brain tumor.

Jack Voyles and **Runnell Mason** for peace and strength with their cancer treatments.

Karen Taylor healing from her accident.

Ken Woodrow and **Judy VanLeu-van** for full recoveries.

Praise for **Jim Snead's Mother** who is doing better.

Darrell & Laura Fry and Julia for safe travels.

Comfort for **Greg and Sandi** after the loss of their dog.

Our families who are suffering from various illnesses.

Our Church, Cody and our nation.

Our Children and the many obstacles they face.

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Oct 4, 2015

Worship: 99

Class: 37

Offering: \$4,783.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

Youth Up-coming Events

If you are a teen or parent of a teen, mark these important dates in your calendar! More info on each event will come close to the event, but for now, here are the dates.

- 10/9-11 Apple Cider Press Youth Rally (\$55)
- 11/5-6 Bruin Preview @ George Fox University (\$25)
- 12/25 New Years Eve Lock-in @ Lakeview

Delano Bay

Last week, we agreed that Cody Rousseau and Lisa Bratcher would be recommended as our church's representation on the Delano Board. We are taking steps to make this official and are excited for the chance to be a part of Delano Bay Christian Camp and the ministries we will be supporting.

We also discussed raising our monthly contribution and this is being handled by the Financial Advisory Team. More information will follow when the 2016 budget is released.

Happy Birthdays!

October has arrived! Fall is here and in full swing! The leaves are becoming more and more beautiful colors! With this new month we have a new set of birthdays to celebrate. Remember to mark these dates and wish

these brothers and sisters a happy birthday this month!

4th– Tim Duffy and Kristi Hall. 12th– Ken Woodrow. 13th– Lisa Bratcher. 17th– Cindy Snead. 20th– Paula Hill. 24th– Laura Fry. 25th– Sandi Warner. 26th– Ron Nystrom.

Ladies Bible Study

If you are a lady who is interested in a bible study and you haven't yet attended the bible study hosted by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00am yet, please consider adding this to your weekly schedule. This is a wonderful morning event held at the church building, a good chance to build deeper relationships with some of the women at our congregation, to learn about the bible, to pray and share, and mostly to experience community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna or show up this Tuesday to dive into the word!

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