

# Port Orchard Church of Christ



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

## Ghana

The Tweens and kids would like to thank you for your participation in donating money to Ghana. Because of you, they were able to exceed their goal of raising \$1,000!

Thank you so very much, from the heart. We hoped to take a few minutes of your time to answer some questions people might have about this ministry.

### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. It's important to understand that slavery still exists in our world, both at home (in the U.S.) and abroad.

Modern-day slavery can be invisible, as is often the case when underage youth are coerced into prostitution. These teens and children are terrorized, threatened, abused, and manipulated until they comply with prostitution "work." These kids may not always live behind physical bars, but they are unable to escape.

Modern-day slavery can also be quite obvious, as it is on the Ivory Coast. For example, if you Google the phrase "human trafficking on the Ivory Coast," you will find that the problem is rampant and largely unaddressed by the government. Boys are brought to the Ivory Coast and forced into slavery in the cocoa, pineapple, and coffee industries. Girls are forced to work in restaurants and, subsequently, brothels.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GHANA?

Thousands of children have been taken from their families and trafficked into the fishing industry at Lake Volta in Ghana.

The average age of these children is 10, though kids as young as 3 still become slaves. These kids are not given adequate food, clothing, or medical care. Their slave-owners force them do difficult and dangerous work every day.

Lake Volta is a man-made lake, and its waters cover many submerged trees and debris. Trafficked children are forced to dive under the water to untangle the nets. Some of them don't even know how to swim. Children sometimes die in this work of untangling nets.

The government has not tackled the problem of human trafficking at Lake Volta on a large scale. Therefore, the International Justice Mission, as well other organizations, have stepped into the gap.

### WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION?

The International Justice Mission (IJM) is the largest anti-slavery organization in the world.

They have rescued 49,000 people from slavery/oppression.

They have helped law enforcement arrest over 3,800 traffickers and criminals.

They have 17 field offices in Latin America, Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, with 5 partner offices in Europe, Australia, and North America.

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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-

ture 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!

Sat 10/26 8:00am	Deacons Meeting
Sun 10/27 After Services	Congregational Meeting
Sat 11/2 8:00am	Lakeview Men's Breakfast \$5 <sup>00</sup> Donation to DBCC
Fri 11/15 6 - 8pm	Bunko! Downstairs POCOC Paula Hill 360-674-7181

**Close & lock building** - If you are the designated "closer" of the building, please remember to make sure all the doors and windows are closed securely, and locked.

### Serving October 27, 2019:

## Port Orchard News and Events

### Sunday Preview

10/27 **Brad Orser** is scheduled to give the sermon this Sunday.  
Sunday Morning Service begins at 10:45

### Last Sunday

**Bob McDaniel** gave the sermon last Sunday. If you would like to listen to his presentation or other sermons, go to [pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html](http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html)

### Happy Birthday!

**November:** Laura Denault-Beigler - 2, Brandon Zeph - 2, Jessica Zeph - 7, Dan Gross - 15, Haidyen Jones - 21, Julie Snypp - 21, Renny Woodrow - 24, Haddie Keagle - 29

**December:** Nicole Karn - 3, LaDonna Latham - 3, Tristen Herbert - 5, Sarah Benjamin - 8, Elizabeth Herbert - 8, Kelli Keagle - 12, Jedidiah Herbert - 17, Bonnie Mitchell - 18, Darlene Woodrow - 24, Wayne Hammock - 25, Gary White - 28, Jake Orser - 31, Randy vanLeuven - 31

Prayer Leader: Praise Team	Communion Prep & Cleanup: Rick Velasco
Scripture Reader: Brad Orser	
Offering Thoughts: Praise Team	Song Leader: Praise Team
Communion Meditation: Praise Team	
Servers: Brandon Karn & Terry Bratcher	
Ushers: Roger Taylor & Rick Velasco	
Greeters: Carla Duffy & Karen Taylor	Children's 9:30 Teacher: Rachel Karn
Prayer Partners: Terry & Lisa Bratcher	Youth Worship: Open
Sound: Sharon McDaniel	Preaching: Brad Orser
Slides/Lighting: Tanya Howard	

## Congregational Memory Verse

*"It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man."*

Psalm 118 : 8

Sunday, October 27

**Ekklesia** "Trunk or Treat" from 5:00 - 7:00 pm., Parkwood Club,  
3045 Madrona Dr., Port Orchard

- Trick or treating
- Carnival games
- Fire Engine
- Coffee Oasis
- Helpline collecting canned food

Hosted by The Ekklesia Church, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue,  
Coffee Oasis, and Helpline Food Bank



### Save the Date!

We are starting up our monthly Bunco parties. All are invited.  
Monday, November 15, from 6 - 8pm. If able, bring a dish to share.  
Any questions, contact Paula Hill - 360-674-7181  
P.S. The Hill Family is bringing pulled pork. (Yummy!)

### Whose Job Is It, Anyway? (by request)

Author unknown

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Lile Holland, Margaret Myers, Sandi Warner, Frankie Gower's sister Linda, Charlotte Hahn, Jamin Mason, Dave Bedford, Nick Umbarger, Kathleen McGuire, (Roger Taylor's sister), Bret Holloman, and Alice (Sue Sullivan's sister-in-law).

### Praise:

### Encouragement:

Marriage Seminar, Tiny Village Team, Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family.

### Traveling:

Darrell and Laura, Bonnie and Kara

### Other:

Northwest Mission, our families, our nation and its leaders. our homeless neighbors, church ministries.

**October 20 2019**

Worship: 94

Class: 42

Offering: \$3,050.82

### **WHAT MAKES IJM DIFFERENT?**

The International Justice Mission is a Christian organization. It is a 501 (c) (3) dedicated to eradicating slavery. And they are good at it.

IJM uses Christian lawyers and other professionals to partner with local law enforcement and to influence the entire justice system. They not only extract slaves from their traffickers, but they work to break the cycle of trafficking itself by ensuring the local justice system puts criminals behind bars.

IJM knows where the slaves are. They know how to get them out. They know how to bring accountability to slave owners.

And we are also a key part of this process.

### **GOD'S PLAN "A"**

Gary Haugen, founder of the International Justice Mission, wrote a book called "The Good News About Injustice." In it he explained that Christians often think that they are secondary in God's plan to bring justice to the oppressed and hurting in the world. However, Hagen argued that WE ARE GOD'S PLAN to bring justice.

Christians are not some Plan "B" effort to make change in this world. Instead, we are God's choice, His Plan "A", to fight against oppression.

For some people, like those in IJM, this is the great effort of their lives. However, I believe that for most of us, God calls us to fight against injustice in small ways. We should never underestimate the "small things done with great love."

We can buy a Fair Trade chocolate bar; we can buy a Fair Trade t-shirt. We can give some money to the Tweens at church. We can give some money to other organizations too. We do little things with great love and serve a living God who is able to do ALL THINGS.

### **WHERE CAN WE FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

You can find more general information at [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org).

<https://ijm.donordrive.com/team/PortOrchardTweens>

### **WHAT IS THE TWEEN KEY VERSE?**

"Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to die; save them as they stagger to their death. Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look, we didn't know." Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay everyone according to what they have done?" (Proverbs 24:11 NLT, 12 NIV)

**THANK YOU AGAIN** for your participation in helping the Tweens. We are planning more crafts and events (including a pie and cake auction) in the future. We love you and thank you for all your help.

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## **Coming Events**

### **Woodinville Youth Rally**

**When:** November 8-10, 2019

**Theme:** Next Chapter: Writing Our Story of Service

More information to come.

### **5th Sunday Singing**

Did you know that churches of Christ in the area regularly host times for Christians to gather simply to sing hymns together? It happens every time there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Interestingly enough, it's called "5th Sunday Singing". The next one will be on Sunday, December 29th at the Springbrook Church of Christ in Renton. If you are interested in attending this one, or in the future, or would like more information, talk to Jon Powless.

For the list of Fall (alternative Halloween) events, you can still find them online in last week's bulletin.

Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/weekly-church-bulletins.html>