

Port Orchard Church of Christ



Jesus is Lord · Jesus is Lifted · Jesus is Lived

Confession

I've been driving down Salmonberry and onto Carr Lane regularly since 1993, thousands of trips. Twenty-five years of driving through the neighborhood without really seeing it or thinking much about it. In March of this year, when I became involved with the tiny village idea, the Holy Spirit got ahold of me, producing feelings of guilt and shame. I responded in April by beginning to spend Sunday morning Bible class time walking the streets around POCOC praying for those I passed. Safety for the man using the log splitter, a job well done for the lady staining her deck, and for the people who wait at the bus stop, safe arrival at their destinations. Mostly though I don't see the folks I'm praying for so I pray for their salvation, for them to know and to seek God, and for God to show me and us how to share Jesus with them. I pray for their marriages, for them as parents, their jobs, their health, their kids in school, and even their extended families.

God has a plan and a purpose for where He's placed us; He always does. **Nothing He does is random.** Our church property proved to be a good place for Celebrate Jesus, telling His story and getting His Word and prayer into passing vehicles. And garage

sales seem to do pretty well here too. We've been able to help a few folks with some affordable housing options and many groups at no charge have used the building over the years. But is that all God had or has planned for us in this place? When it comes to the folks we've been put right in the middle of and the building and land we've been blessed with, have we missed the mark?

One possibility for the vacant land may be a tiny village and it's something we continue to work and seek God's will in but that's not what this writing is about. **It's about what God's business is for us in this place and that's hard to know if we aren't asking.** I've been asking about our neighborhood during class time on Sunday mornings. A group has and is asking as they march around the property on Wednesday evenings, and three brothers ask when they meet for prayer on Wednesday mornings. You may be asking too and God bless you for that but if you aren't, please join in prayer for the body at POCOC, the neighborhood God has placed us in, and how we can share Jesus with them.

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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!

Saturday 10/27 *Costume Party*
4:00-9:00 pm *Game Night*

Saturday 11/03 *Deacons Meeting*
8:00am

Sunday 11/04 *Congregational Meeting*
After Services

Wednes 11/07 *Tiny Village Team*
5:00-7:00pm *Neighborhood Outreach*

Serving October 28, 2018:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

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

Happy Birthday!

October--Darren Hanson-02, Andrea Hanson-02, Tim Duffy-04, Kristi Hall-04, Bob McDaniel-08, Lisa Bratcher-13, Len Lewis-13, Cindy Snead-17, Brittany Pringle-19, Gene Cartwright-24, Laura Fry-24, Sandi Warner-25, Ron Nystrom-26, Amanda O'Dell-28
November--Trinity Delay-01, Serenity Delay-01, Laura Denault-02, Brandon Zepf-02, Tim Blair-06, Jessica Zepf-07, Micah Blair-08, Dan Gross-15, Haidyen Jones-21, Julie Snypp-21, Renny Woodrow-24, Haddie Keagle-29.

Last Sunday

Thomas Morse shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com to listen.

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock

Scripture Reader: Darrell Fry

Offering Thoughts: Bob McDaniel

Communion Meditation: Brad Orser

Servers: Brandon Zepf/Wayne H.

Ushers: Rick Velasco/Dan Gross

Greeters: Lori Sanders/Karen Taylor

Prayer Partners: James & Connie Greer

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Reinke Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Rachel Karn/Laura Fry

Youth Worship: Sarah Benjamin/Laura Fry

Preaching: Darrell Fry



Congratulations, 2018 Retirees!
Grateful thanks to all those who
helped make Sunday's celebration a
success!



Costume Party Game Night

When: Saturday, October 27th, 4:00-9:00pm

Come in when you feel like it, leave when you feel like it! Wear a costume if you like.

Bring a dessert or snack and a game to share.

Tiny Village Team Neighborhood Outreach

When: Wednesday, November 7th, 5-7pm

What: The Tiny Village Team will be stepping outside the doors of the building and talking with our neighbors. There will be more to come on this but for now please be in prayer about this effort and prayerfully consider joining us.

-Thank you, the Tiny Village Team

Tree Work Along Carr Lane

I imagine that when the pioneers trudged up Bethel Road, from Annapolis, well, actually drove up Bethel, turned onto Salmonberry, then finally onto Carr Lane, there was a lot of Circling in prayer, the body, the property, even the little shelter.

This week, settlers, recipients of that faith, those prayers of the early pioneers for GOD, worked to bring light where overgrowth had obscured that area. Pruning what was too much, uncovering what needed to be seen, removing what wood that was dead, saving what was useful, boy, it made a difference. Just ask one of the neighbors...take a good look, Draw the Circle (then pray your circle).

-Thanks, Gary White and Team

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Ricky McKennon, Gary Chasteen, Dale Sanders, Michelle & Obi Herbert, Lynn & Virginia Chapman, Roy Vaughn, Daniel Tillman, Clyde Griffin, David Latham
 All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer & Addiction

Encouragement:

Bob Handly, Rodney Cormier & Family, All Children Participating in the new Memory Verse/Bible Reading program, All Church Family Members, Susanne Sullivan and her friend Ilima and Family, Family Caregivers, Our Number who Cannot Attend Services, Tiny Village Team

Travelling:

Frys, Cormiers, Warners, Greers, vanLeuvens, Dave Lawrence

Other:

Praise for healing of Karen Taylor's sister who is cancer free.

For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village.

Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders.

Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

Office Hours Week of October 28

The office hours will be altered for this week due to the public schools' scheduling.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:00am to 11:15am

and

M, W, F: 1:30pm to 4:30pm

October 21, 2018

Worship: --

Class: --

Offering: \$3,958.41

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As we continue to seek God's will we can also be meeting our neighbors. We can find out what matters to them, what they're concerned about in the neighborhood, and in their personal lives. It's hard to share God with them if we don't interact with them. Our commission is to go and preach the Gospel. ***Some may go to far away lands but most of us are called to share the Gospel right where we are and this body of believers is on Carr Lane.***

On Wednesday, November 7th between 5 and 7pm there will be some door knocking going on in the neighborhood, a chance to meet some of our neighbors. If like me you've never door knocked before, fear not. We've had some veteran door knockers step up and agree to walk alongside us in this. We'll go out in pairs and start with

a few prepared questions with one partner primarily responsible for recording what folks share. If they aren't home we'll leave them a postcard with a way for them to share with us online. ***Please pray and consider joining in this outreach.*** If you are not able to help with door knocking consider joining the Wednesday night prayer meeting and pray for those who do go out. If you are unable to do that please be in prayer wherever you are.

I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us in this place and to seeing you on Wednesday the 7th of November (5-7pm) as we step out into our neighborhood.

-Lisa Bratcher

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