
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Soft spot for Dads

My little brother and I have a weakness. For some reason shows that have something sad happen to or because of a dad really cut us to the core. This week I watched the end of a show where the father was a criminal with a 5 year old and a toddler. He ends up sending his kids away because he wants a different life for them. As he says goodbye at the end, something really deep hurt in me.

I have a good relationship with my dad. He has taught me many valuable things, chief among them is to stand by your decisions and to follow through with what comes. Have integrity. He has been there for my brother and I, and is a sweet and kind guy. I love my dad. Many people are not so lucky to have a good relationship like that. Many people never even get to know their fathers and it breaks my heart.

The thought of not having my dad, or not knowing him breaks my heart, too because he plays such an important role for me. I think it is for this reason that Jesus stresses so much the need for us to view and interact with God as our father. In Luke, Jesus declares that his mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it and He

chooses his words carefully. The place of father is taken; it is God's.

I think that in a world dominated by sin, the role of father plays an important part for each of us. Christ leads in example of where we should seek the consistency that we need. We rely on God to be the consistent *good* we desire and moreover, that we need. God is our constant because we live in a world that is full of inconsistent and broken people.

I know that I am lucky to have a good relationship with my dad and I believe a large reason for that is the grace of God. So a deep part of me hurts when I look out and see people who do not have the same.

This week let us pray for those who are less fortunate, for those who need to know a father's love, THE Father's love. Let us ask God to use each of us to point to Him so that we can be a people who are both loved and loving; consistent.

May God make it so. May we see and feel with His eyes and heart. May God bless each of you 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!

Saturday 10/3 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 10/4 Congregational Meeting

Sunday 10/4 Corn Maze! (Teen Event)

Tuesday 10/6 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 10/7 Youth Group

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Dale to preach

This week Dale Sanders 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

Nursery and Communion Sign-ups

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 like/ require? Just see Cody Rousseau after church and he'll walk you through them.

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

Serving Oct 4, 2015 :

Prayer Leader:	James Greer	Communion Prep:	Eloise Gerard
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Rousseaus
Offering Thoughts:	Ray Switzer	Praise Team:	TBD
Communion Meditation:	Gene Gerard		
Servers:	W. Hammock & J. Bickle		
Ushers:	J. Snead & D. Snypp		
Greeters:	Dale & Lori Sanders	Children's Church Helper:	Tiffany Rousseau
Nursery Attendants:	TBD	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Barbara Byrd Coffee— Rick V.
Sound:	J. Hammock		Cleanup— Barbara Byrd
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		



Rousseau and they will schedule you for a Sunday. We would love to hear from more members of our congregation on Sunday morning sharing God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Elder Study Group

The Elder Study Group (ESG) has been working to finish up the meals with members. They have met with almost all of the families in our congregation to share their last year's experience. If you have not been able to make dinner with them happen yet please contact Carla Duffy at 360-509-6975 or her email: walkinginhim@yahoo.com. The group is trying to be finished with these meals by the 24th of September.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets at the Rousseau apartment, 1800 Sidney Ave. #6-323, Port Orchard at 7:00PM on Wednesdays. If you have any questions or need a ride, please get in touch with Cody Rousseau.

Youth Up-coming Plans

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.

- 10/3 Pepperdine Visits Woodinville
- 10/4 Corn Maze (\$12)
- 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

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.

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 VanLeuvan** for full recoveries.

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

Our families who are suffering from various illnesses.

Our Church, Cody and our nation.

Our Children and the many obstacles they face.

Sept 27, 2015

Worship: 69

Class: 41

Offering: \$2,507.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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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