

Port Orchard Church of Christ



Jesus is Lord · Jesus is Lifted · Jesus is Lived

Odd Couples

Is the Port Orchard Church of Christ and Kitsap County an odd couple?

Felix and Oscar, Laurel and Hardy, Martin and Lewis, Jack Sprat and his wife, a cheetah and a dog best friends, a bait shop/ice cream parlor, and a funeral parlor/mini-golf business. Odd couples put together by man for entertainment, wellness, and profit, but they work.

A prostitute and men on a secret mission, a slave and Egypt, a slave and a Babylonian king, a Jewess and a Persian king, a prophet of God and his prostitute wife, a teenage virgin and the Holy Spirit, Jesus and a Samaritan woman, an apostle and a Roman Centurion, Jews and Gentiles in the Kingdom of God. God doesn't hesitate to put together what man thinks are odd couples in order to accomplish his purpose. They work and, unlike man's motives, they are not for profit, wellness, or entertainment but for His will and the love of His creation.

In our American governing system is there a constitutional prohibition for engagement between His Church and the State? The phrase separation of Church and State is not in the Constitution. It does say, "Congress shall make no law

respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The government is not to establish a religion and the government is not to interfere with religion. Do you notice that both restrictions in this constitutional statement are imposed on the government and there are none imposed on religion? Does that sound a little new covenant/new testament to you?

Our faith in God and the sacrifice of Jesus saves us, not works. Yet James says, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.¹ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

And what if we pair that with 2 Thes 1:11-12 "With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your

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Message from a Brother Last Sunday...

I am so blessed to be a member of this body. I came in today feeling broken and hurt. I now feel lifted up. The Lord has huge plans for this body. Plans to prosper us, not hurt us. May God use what was meant to harm us for our good. Love you.

Deacons Meeting

When: Saturday, October 6, 8:00am

Where: POCOC

Who: *Everyone is welcome!*

Congregational Meeting

When: Sunday, October 7, after services

Where: Auditorium Overflow

Who: Everyone is welcome!

Celebration of Retirees

When: Sunday, October 14, after services

Where: Fellowship Hall

How: Contact Bonnie Mitchell for information. This will not be a regular potluck. Meals are being assigned upon preferences. We are in need of salads and sandwiches.

Woodinville Youth Rally

What: Romans 12:3 *This is Me*

When: November 9-11, 2018

Speaker: Jon David Schwartz

Registration forms are due October 14th.

WOW 2018 Ladies Day

What: Ephesians 1:3 *The Best Part of Waking Up*

When: Saturday, November 10, 9:00am-3:00pm

Where: Valley church of Christ

17221 E. Broadway

Spokane Valley, WA 99016

Speaker: Celine Sparks of Huntsville, AL

Registration forms on the foyer board!

Our Prayer List

Healing:

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

Encouragement:

Gene Gerard & Marcus Whitman Bible Study Club, Kara Mitchell (move to CO and new job), Family Caregivers, Our Number who Cannot Attend Services, Tiny Village Team

Travelling:

Dave Lawrence

Other:

For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village
Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders.
Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.
Praise for seeing new faces joining us in our services.

Sept. 30, 2018

Worship: 97

Class: 42

Offering: \$2,224.10

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every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

What does God want of us? Some things are pretty clear. He wants us to be in relationship with Him through the saving grace of Jesus Christ, through prayer, Bible reading, and meditation; to love our neighbors as ourselves; to visit orphans and widows, and to remember those in prison and the mistreated. I think most of us at some time have wished the Bible had more specific answers. Is she the one I should marry, should I take this job, should I buy this house, should we get involved in this? But that's not our God. He provides

us with the basics and plenty of deep stuff to think about and says, “Go out and live your lives always remembering Me. Tell people about Me. Look for Me and you will find Me. Go where I send you. Speak the words I give you. Help those in need.”

Is it weird or unfamiliar? Is it totally unlike you? Does it smell bad or is it sick or is it despised by the world? Remember, “My thoughts are not your thoughts,” He says. “Don't be afraid, I am with you.” He says, “Step into the water. Don't be fooled by the world's standards of success but judge by Mine: the measure of your faith and your obedience to my Holy Spirit. I will do what I will with or without you and I follow no rules of man. I am God Almighty; Creator of all that is Seen and Unseen; the First and the Last; there is none like Me, look only onto Me.”

The Tiny Village is in God's hands. We are in God's hands. The tiny village team will continue to pray and work as hard as we can though we don't know the outcome or what God has planned. We will measure our success by our reliance on God, our measure of faith, and our obedience to the Holy Spirit, village or not. And if there be any glory or honor in this endeavor may it now and always be only for our Lord God, our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

*In Christ,
Tiny Village Team*

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