



Where Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

# California Fires: Church members become--and serve--evacuees

t least two families from the Sonoma Avenue Church of Christ in Santa Rosa, California, have likely lost their homes to wildfires that raged across the state in October.

"You know it is a scary thing. The fire that is coming this way, they haven't contained it," church member Loreena Hester told *The Christian Chronicle* at press time.

The church's building is close to the wildfires, which claimed at least 23 lives. A few miles down the road, the Petaluma Church of Christ opened its doors for evacuees. The church's building was far enough from the fires to be considered a safe place for those leaving Santa Rosa.

Cots filled many of the rooms and volunteers brought food, blankets and other supplies for those who made the building their temporary home.

George Robertson, minister for the Petaluma church, said he and other church members started welcoming friends and family members who needed to evacuate into their homes.

Soon, "our house overflowed and so we decided to open our church building," Robertson said.

He and church members worked with local officials to make the building an official evacuation site. County and mental health services worked with church members to provide for the needs of evacuees. Members of churches across the region helped prepare meals.

"We've had people in shock and those we are very subdued realizing that they may have just escaped death," Robertson said. "And they're worrying about do they have a home to go back to.

The communities under evacuation aren't full of million-dollar homes or wealthy individuals--just average families, the minister added.

"We've been able to pray with some, sit and be the ears that listen," he said. "It's been really neat to see our community love one another. That love of Christ is actually being demonstrated in this."

-Chellie Ison

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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 chance to worship God in a deep and meaningus 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

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a ful way.

-Port Orchard Church of Christ

## Save the Dates!

## Saturday II/II Memorial Service II:00 am for DI Magneson Sunday 11/12 All Saints Potluck

# **Port Orchard News and Events**

### **Pulpit Preview**

lames Greer will be preaching this upcoming Sunday. Worship Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

### Happy Birthday!

Wish a happy birthday to the following members and extended members: Trinity Delay--01, Serenity Delay--01, Brandon Zepf--02, Nicole Nystrom--02, Tim Blair--06, Jessica Zepf--07, Micah Blair--08, Tiffany Rousseau--10, Dan Gross--15, Julie Snypp--21, Renny Woodrow--24, Haddie Keagle--29, and Matthew Esquivel.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Vincente Huerta

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

## **Sunday Morning Children's Class**

Bonnie Mitchell has taken the 9:30 am craft class time. We are so thankful for her volunteering to take over this ministry. We know she will do a wonderful job witnessing to our children.

# Serving November 12, 2017:

Prayer Leader: Dale Sanders Communion Prep: Barbara Chasteen Scripture Reader: James Green Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family Offering Thoughts: Wayne Hammock Song Leader: Darrell Fry Communion Meditation: Ken Avery Servers: David Lawrence & Jacob H. Ushers: Brandon K. & Terry Bratcher Children's 9:30 Helper: Ricky McKennon Greeters: Karen Taylor & Carla Duffy Children's Church: Laura Fry Prayer Partners: Bob & Sharon McDaniel Preaching: James Green Sound: Dale Sanders Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders



# Memorial Service for DJ Magneson

Saturday, November 11th

11:00 am

Port Orchard church of Christ building Reception to follow

in the Fellowship Hall Downstairs.

### Woodrows

The Woodrows are in need of a place to live by the end of the month. Please contact the office if you have or know of any suitable living arrangements.

### Congregation Cookbooks

Pick up a free cookbook in the foyer for your friends and family!

#### Fall Work Party

When: November 18th, 8:00am-5:00pm Where: Delano Bay Christian Camp

What: Get the camp ready for winter! Lunch is provided.

### Area-Wide Thanksgiving

When: Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 6:30pm

Where: Woodinville church of Christ

22502 75th Avenue SE

Woodinville, WA 98072-9777

What: Singing at 6:30, Meal at 7:00. Mark Jamieson of the Puyallup church of Christ will be speaking. Contact 425-481-4008 if you

would like to participate in the song-leading.

# **Our Prayer List**

### **Healing:**

Renata Clark

Julia Karn

Frankie Gower

Delores Brun

DeLoris Lawler's daughter Elaine

DeLoris Lawler's friend Linda

Runell Mason

David Latham

Wayne Hammock's friend Rick

Melvin Byrd

### **Encouragement:**

Mitchell Family & Theresa Saint over the passing of Gene Mitchell & Armani Saint

Mary Peters

Wayne Hammock

Magneson Family

Charlotte Hahn

John Kaiser family-loss of child

### Travelling:

James Greer

Darrell & Laura Fry

Jim & Cindy Snead

Bonnie's daughters Kara & Penny

#### Other:

All those who are dealing with loss and recovery due to the fires, floods, and hurricanes.

Our children, church, nation, President

Trump and ministries.

That God will bless our deacons with wisdom in reaching the many decisions they are entrusted with.

Wildland Firefighters in Idaho, a brotherhood of Gene Mitchell

November 5, 2017

Worship: 79 Class: 38 Offering: \$3,960.63

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