

Port Orchard Church of Christ



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Heritage House: Kitsap, WA

I spent some time last week talking with Gary Thomas. He has been an employee with West Sound Treatment Center for eight years and he's responsible for the participants: a maximum of six, participating in the Lighthouse program we host in the Heritage House. He's with them most every day and guides them through the program. Five men, living in our house, have completed the two-year program so far (they've been using the house for ~2.5 years). They have remained clean and sober, secured permanent housing, regular employment, and been reunited with their families. There are two Lighthouse housing units for men and two for women and children within Kitsap County and they boast an 80-85% success rate based on the above markers. When you consider that the typical success rate for maintaining sobriety without permanent housing and support is around 1-2% it's an amazing thing we are participating in: using what God has blessed us with to help make people whole again.

Gary shared that so far in 2018 Washington State has had 468 opioid-related deaths and that the holiday season, which is fast approaching, tends to be

the worst time of year for such things. Opioids aren't the only killer out there; alcohol is another big one and the number one killer for those under 50 worldwide.

I asked Gary what could we be praying about for the program and he shared they've recently applied for a \$90K grant which if received would allow for two additional housing units for the program.

Most if not all of us have been negatively affected by addiction: alcohol, opiates, gambling, pornography, food, the list goes on and on. But not all addictions are seen as bad. For instance, fame, power, work, money, social media, sports, and one's self are even encouraged in our culture. Every addiction has two things in common though: it separates us from our families and it places something of more importance in our lives than God. And if it separates us from God, it's sin.

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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!

Thursday 11/15 *Santana Village*
6:30-8:30pm *Community Forum*

Saturday 11/17 *Drop Off*
11:00am *Donations for*
 Bonnie

Wednes 11/21 *Pray, Pray, Pray*
6:00pm

Saturday 12/01 *Deacons Meeting*
8:00am

Sunday 12/02 *Congregational*
After Services *Meeting*

Serving November 18, 2018:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

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

Happy Birthday!

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, Had-die Keagle-29.

Last Sunday

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

Congratulations

Julia K. and Isaac B. have successfully completed the first 4 weeks of the Memory Verse and Daily Bible Reading. They have shown an enormous amount of commitment and discipline!

Prayer Leader: Ken Avery
Scripture Reader: Dale Sanders
Offering Thoughts: Dave Snypp
Communion Meditation: Jim Snead
Servers: Brandon Karn/Cornell Stull
Ushers: Roger Taylor/Tim Duffy
Greeters: Greg & Sandi Warner
Prayer Partners: James & Connie Greer
Sound: Isaac Benjamin
Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco
Communion Cleanup: Kelli Keagle
Song Leader: Darrell Fry

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Kelli Keagle
Youth Worship: Sarah Benjamin
Preaching: Dale Sanders



Message from Bonnie

Bonnie is in need of raw drop cookie dough, baked cookie bars, fudge, divinity, caramel popcorn, or any homemade candy **brought to the church on Saturday, Nov 17th around 11 am.**

The Teen girls will help (with volunteer adults - is that you?) to bake the cookies, and then package those items up for the Meals on Wheels Bake Sale at their Jingle Fest Fundraiser on Nov 24-25 at the President's Hall at the Fairgrounds.

100% of the profits from the Bake Sale go to providing nutritional meals for our homebound seniors in Kitsap County.

Please let Bonnie know if you are willing to help out with this project. **Call her at 360-895-0453 or 360-265-3266 or email her at mitbem0519@gmail.com. Or stop her when you see her. Anything you can do is appreciated.**



International Justice Mission

If you wish to contribute to the work of freeing child slaves at Lake Volta in Ghana, there is a blue piggy bank in the foyer where you can make your donations. The contributions will be sent through the church to International Justice Mission. To see what the Tweens have already collected go to <https://give.ijm.org/team/170471>

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Sharon McDaniel, Shannon Crane, Lynn & Virginia Chapman
All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer & Addiction

Encouragement:

Karen Shewmaker and Family (loss of sister Kathi's husband), Troy Hill's friend Mike Criss & his Family (loss of Mike's father), Family of Trinette Canares, Rodney Cormier & Family, All Children Participating in the new Memory Verse/Bible Reading program, All Church Family Members, Family Caregivers, Tiny Village Team

Other:

For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village.
Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders.
Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

November 11, 2018

Worship: 69

Class: 48

Offering: \$2,440.00

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Why state the obvious? To remind us of this: "...for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." Rom 3:23. We're good at looking on someone else's sin and seeing it as worse than our own and we are also good at ignoring some types of sin altogether while at the same time condemning others for theirs.

We do a similar thing with addiction. We create separate lists for acceptable and non-acceptable. We ignore and even promote one list while taking up arms against the other. We would avoid this if we saw others and ourselves as God sees us, all sinners, falling short, and in need of a Savior. Maybe instead of making lists and categorizing sin and addiction we can leave the judging to God and share the saving grace of Jesus instead.

Please be in prayer for those living in the Heritage House; for their suc-

cessful completion of the program and their salvation; for the grant West Sound has applied for that would provide two new housing units; for Gary Thomas as he leads and cares for those under his supervision; and about the coming holiday season. Many suffer from the loss of loved ones, loneliness, and depression and addictions are just one manifestation of those difficulties. Maybe we could spend a little less time doing the usual hustle and bustle this season and spend some time just being with someone.

Message from Our Teachers

Our Bible class young people are excited to invite the "whole congregation" to participate with them in gathering items to help those less fortunate stay warm this winter!

We have made a plan to gather **new** heavy duty warm socks for men, women and children!

However after contacting Helpline today there is so much more; yes they need socks to give away but **they tell us that they have no heavy coats, no waterproof jackets, no tents, no sleeping bags and they desperately need all of those things. Gently used or new!**

We know that God wants us to help those that are hungry and don't have clothing they need. Share Mathew 25:34-40 with your kids at home!

The kids are very excited to help and truly want to be a part of this.

So if we might suggest that they *earn* some chore money to go and make that purchase of socks!

Let them *help you* go through the closets and pack up warm coats that are no longer needed in your home so that together in your family you will "**give**" to help others be warm this winter!

If you have the desire to purchase sleeping bags or tents those would be so appreciated! Can you imagine the "thanksgiving" these folks will experience the day they receive that "something warm" from someone they don't even know!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call any of your Bible school teacher team members!