
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Lights Out! (by Tiffany Rousseau)

This week was a strange one. There were day-long power outages all throughout the Kitsap Peninsula and a storm that took us by surprise after our strangely long, warm summer. As a kid and teenager, I loved when the power went out because my family and I played board games or lit a fire in the fireplace and placed candles all over the house. It meant family time, stories, and seeing more stars in the sky than usual.

This week, as the power went out, many things happened. My store (Starbucks) closed down at 5pm (4 hours early) and we had an interesting time handling all the food and milk we usually have at the end of the day. After work, Cody and I went to Gig Harbor to see a movie at the Galaxy since they had power. It was packed in the restaurants and the movies, but we had a good time! After the movie, we drove through eerie darkness that reminded me of apocalyptic movies and shows we've watched over the years and we were slightly spooked by the various department stores that were pitch black.

Cody and I usually watch a little bit of Netflix and chill on the couch until it's time for bed. Of course we couldn't do that the night the power went out, so we opted for candles and chocolate instead. However, this lights out incident reminded me of an episode of a show we watch. One of the characters in the show gets lost in his newly purchased house when the power goes out and his father-in-law knows the layout perfectly. Instead of fixing the problem himself, he gets on the house inter-

com and guides the lost son-in-law through the house *perfectly* to find the breaker in the basement and then creates a board game called, "LIGHTS OUT!" from it.

The power outage and this sitcom help me reflect on what it's like to follow God. Our world is full of depravity, debauchery, and radical egocentrism. Sin infiltrates our everyday lives and it is a great challenge to avoid choosing sin when faced with decisions. It can feel like a spiritual darkness that we take careful steps to navigate, but just like the sitcom's father-in-law, God knows the layout of our lives *perfectly*. We have but one light, one way, one path that can change the condition of our world and "switch the breaker," shedding light in every corner. That light is the love, joy, and peace that Jesus offers. It is HIS patience, kindness, and goodness that illuminate the darkness. HIS faithfulness, gentleness, and self control guides us through this confusing world and all we have to do is ask.

""Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7 v 7-8

"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures...Come near to God and he will come near to you." James 4 v 3 & 8

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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!

Tuesday 11/24 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 11/25 Youth Group cancelled for Thanksgiving

Thursday 11/26 Thanksgiving

Friday 11/27 Black Friday

Sunday 11/29 Sunday Night Service cancelled for the Holidays

Tuesday 12/1 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 12/2 Office Closed

Wednesday 12/2 Youth Group

Sunday 12/13 Star Trip Christmas Program

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Romans 15: Weaker and Stronger

This week we will be working through the fifteenth chapter of Romans. We will be discussing the ideas that Paul lays out for us joining in the worship with God's chosen people. We will also spend some time reflecting on his words pertaining to our social behavior and posturing towards other believers.

Happy Birthdays!

November has arrived! All of the orange and gold leaves are turning, the weather is cooling off and Thanksgiving is right around the corner! 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!

1st— Serenity & Trinity Delay. 2nd— Brandon Zepf & Nicole Nystrom. 7th— Jessica Zepf. 10th— Tiffany Rousseau. 15th— Dan Gross. 21st— Julie Snypp. 24th— Renny Woodrow.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Desserts

It is time again for Christmas desserts to be made and donated to the veterans at Building 9. We are looking for the homemade desserts that make your family gatherings special. This is one of the ways we are able to bring home cooked family love to the veterans in our community. If you would like to donate please talk to Connie Switzer and let her know! We need to have all desserts prepared to go over to the building on December 23rd (Wednesday) at noon. Or you can

Serving Nov 22, 2015 :

Prayer Leader:	Wayne Hammock	Communion Prep:	Karns
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Wilson
Offering Thoughts:	Ray Switzer	Praise Team:	TBD
Communion Meditation:	Darrell Fry		
Servers:	B. Karn & T. Bratcher		
Ushers:	J. Bickle & J. Snead		
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & D. Lawler	Children's Church Helper:	Connie Greer
Nursery Attendants:	S. Benjamin & L. Sanders	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Sandi Warner
Sound:	T. Herbert		Coffee— Greg Warner
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		Cleanup— Sandi Warner



deliver them yourself to building 9.

Let's show them the love of Christ and be family to them this winter.

Sewing Group

Sewing group meeting 3rd Thursday, November 19, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Now sewing Shorts for Dudes. You may also sew Dresses for Little Girls around the world. How you can help: Come sew with us; come cut out shorts; donate fabric, elastic, thread or sewing machine no longer needed at home. Contact Jo Vaughn or Sandi Warner

Children's Ministry

We will be giving a test run to a new schedule for the children's church program starting this week. From this point forward until we see a need for change, we will be having a class for the 2nd grade and younger kids on the 2nd and 4th week of each month.

We will continue to have Children's Church on the 1st and 3rd week of each month as well, for all ages of children. This schedule will be test ran for the foreseeable future, unless something doesn't work. If you have questions please see Laura Fry or Tiffany Rousseau.

Nursery and Communion

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

Our Prayer List

Les and Len Lewis as they wait for an opening for a scan of facial glands, so surgery can be scheduled.

Darrell Fry as he recovers from surgery

James Greer as he recovers from surgery

For Rick Velasco and his family after the passing of his aunt.

Students who are struggling with school and family life

Prayers for Joe Kennedy and protection from any harm and praise for him standing up for his beliefs

Jim and Cindy Snead after the passing of his mother, for comfort and peace

Our church family, deacons and ministries

November 15, 2015

Worship: 80

Class: 30

Offering: \$2,446

Goal: \$3,437.50

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Christmas Program—SAVE THE DATE!

Rehearsals for the Christmas program are underway! Each week, actors in the skits are practicing their scenes and in just one month, all of those involved will be rehearsing to present this program for our community!

Tiffany Rousseau is directing *Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens*, a comedic intergalactic experience, sharing the Christmas story in a new and fun presentation for the whole family! She would love a full audience the night of the event, so please invite everyone you know to hear the story of our savior presented in drama, singing, and worship. Take a poster to work with you after church this week! They will be in the foyer for the next month to hand out and hang around town.

Program Date: Sunday, December 13th, 5:00pm

Youth Up-coming Events

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.

- 11/25 Youth Group Cancelled for Thanksgiving
- 12/25 New Years Eve Lock-in @ Lakeview

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