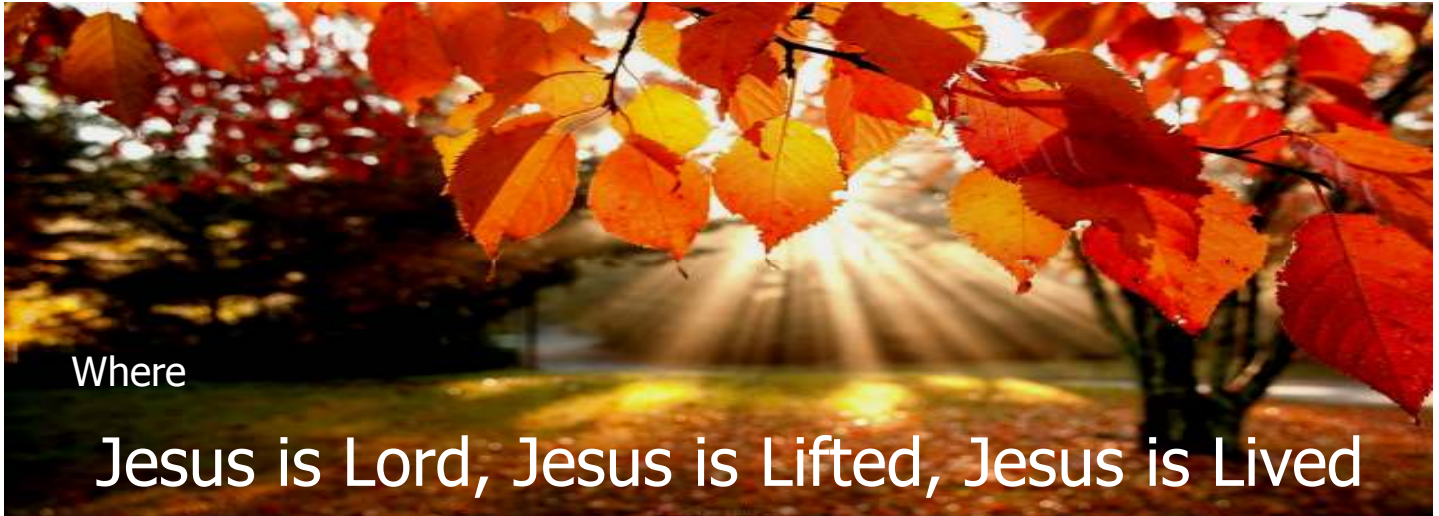


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# Port Orchard Church of Christ



Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## Listening to God

It is easy to neglect personal daily Bible reading. And soon, unbelievably soon, it becomes easy to excuse ourselves and justify our failure to be in the Bible. We are just so busy and so stressed by all the demands being made upon our life and time. How can we add the additional stress and guilt that builds when we begin to confront our own failure to make sure we are growing in the Word and that our children are being taught the Scripture. Oh, how harsh the demands! How burdensome the guilt! But the fact remains many of us are not in the Bible very much. Nothing like every day. Many of our children are not being read to from the Bible. And many are not being engaged in the activities of the church developed and designed especially for their very age groups.

Now listen to me. I don't mean to be negative or discouraging. I'm not trying to send anyone a guilt trip. I do however, with deep love, compassion and understanding, feel that I need to gently remind some of us that it is time to get back to Bible reading, *daily* Bible reading. It is time to get back to *family* Bible reading, time to get back to reading the Bible to *our* children, time to get back to telling Bible stories to our children.

And it is time to get back to involving and engaging our children in good godly activities planned and designed for the spiritual good of little children, adolescent children and teens.

Lately we have been emphasizing the words of Jesus, "My house will be called a house of prayer." (Matthew 21:13) And we have started doing the things by which we can legitimately make that claim.

But now, let us consider adding a new claim and commitment. That God is to be heard above every noise, above every sound and above every voice. So, we can say, "The Bible will be in our hands, in our heads, and in our hearts."

Every day we pick it up (in our hands), we use our minds to read the words of Scripture (in our heads), and we meditate on what we read (in our hearts).

Today I just want to make this point, Prayer and Daily Bible Reading are essentials to the spiritual health of each one of us and our children. That's it! Thanks for reading this.

[reprinted from 2008]-Melvin Byrd

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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.

*Port Orchard Church of Christ*

## Save the Dates!

**Saturday 11/5** Deacons Meeting

**Saturday 11/5** Men's Breakfast

**Sunday 11/6** Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday 11/8** Ladies Prayer Group

**Sunday 11/13** Senior Saints Potluck



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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— Christian Love**

Roger Fry will be preaching a sermon on Philippians 2:1-12 this upcoming Sunday. Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you there!

### **Happy Birthday!**

November has arrived, it's time to celebrate our November babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

Trinity, Serenity Delay - 11/1. Brandon Zepf 11/2. Jessica Zepf 11/7. Dan Gross 11/15. Julie Snypp 11/21. Renny Woodrow 11/24.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Grayson Gerard**

Grayson Gerard shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com)

#### **Communion Bread Preparation**

Below is current list of those who have already volunteered to make the communion bread for the upcoming months. If you feel this a place where you could serve, please speak with Connie Switzer.

Feb. -April. Carla Duffy

### **Serving November 6, 2016 :**

Prayer Leader: Isaiah Zepf	Communion Prep: Warner Family
Scripture Reader: Brandon Zepf	Communion Cleanup: Warner Family
Offering Thoughts: Troy Hill	Praise Team: Darrell Fry, Paula Hill, Laura Gerard.
Communion Meditation: Dave Snypp	Sunday School & CW Helper: Dale S. & DJ M.
Servers: Gary C. & Tim D.	Fellowship Team: Donuts— Kari S
Ushers: Terry B. & Brandon K.	Coffee— Lucille Lowe
Greeters: Lori S. & Karri S.	Cleanup— Kari S.
Nursery Attendants: TBD	
Sound: Dale Sanders	
Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher	



May - July. Deloris Lawler  
 Aug. - Oct. Connie Switzer  
 Nov. - Jan. LaDonna Latham

### Woodinville Area Wide

The Port Orchard Youth Group will not be able to attend the Woodinville Area Wide. If there are any questions, contact Gene Gerard.

### Church Directory

Updated church directories are in the foyer, feel free to grab one.

### Deacons Meeting

There will be a Deacons meeting this coming Saturday 11/5 at 8 AM here at the church building.

### Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following service this coming Sunday 11/6.

### Men's Breakfast

Host: Orchard St. Church of Christ  
 When: November 5th at 8 AM  
 Where: Lakeview Church of Christ

### Family Christmas Project

If you would like to help provide Christmas gifts for Oasis Youth, there is information posted on the church bulletin board outside in the foyer. You can also learn more about what the Family Christmas Project is at [www.thecoffeeoasis.com/familychristmasproject](http://www.thecoffeeoasis.com/familychristmasproject)

### Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ

Thank you so much for the special send off potluck and for the beautiful tablecloths; it will be a constant reminder of our years spent here. We have enjoyed being a part of the Port Orchard congregation and we love all of you. Our prayer for you is that you will continue to be a blessing to the Port Orchard area. May our Lord Bless you- Roy & Jo Vaughn

### Pene Hammock

Our beloved Pene passed away early Wednesday morning. There will be a viewing at Lewis Funeral Home this Saturday November 5th, 2pm -5pm. There will also be a celebration of life here at the church building on November 19th at 1pm. Please continue to keep Wayne and the rest of the Hammock family in your prayers.

## Our Prayer List

### Healing for:

Isaac Benjamin  
 Runell Mason- cancer  
 (numbers coming down)  
 Delores Brun - cancer  
 Gary Chasteen - knee  
 David Latham  
 Ken Avery - knee & gout  
 Rick Velasco - asthma  
 David Howard - kidney surgery  
 (tumor was benign)

### Traveling:

Dale & Lori Sanders, Laura & Darrell Fry, Deloris Lawler, James & Connie Greer

### Encouragement:

Wayne & the Hammock family  
 Eloise Gerard, Nikole Karn,  
 Roy & Jo Vaughn waiting for the inspector and moving.

### Other prayer requests:

Upcoming Elections  
 Our church, deacons , members  
 Our country , Our homeless in the community, Ray & Connie Switzer's daughter who is waiting for test results for cancer, Marci and her adjustment to her feeding tube.

## October 30, 2016

Worship: 87

Class: 33

Offering: \$1,318.02

Goal: \$3,437.50

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**Isaiah 41:10(NIV)**

So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your  
God. I will strengthen you and help  
you; I will uphold you with my right-  
eous right hand.

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