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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## The Practice of Thankfulness (by Tiffany Rousseau)

This month, I have assigned the kids to do some homework. Other than memory verses, I don't usually give them, "homework" in Sunday School, but this month, I decided to do something different. I printed off "Thanksgiving Lists" for each kid and asked them to write one thing each day that they were thankful for. There are at least enough lines for one thing per day and I told them not to write more than one every day, but to spend some time thinking about that one thing they are thankful for.

Sometimes, we feel super thankful. We can list off all the good things in our lives and say, "Gee, God is so good. Look at all these awesome things in my life I have! Golly, I'm thankful!" Then there are times when we don't feel thankful for anything. You know those days, the wind is howling, the rain is pounding on the leaky rooftop, the kids are whining, there's not enough money, not enough food, and not enough energy to get through the day.

We tend to swing from one end of the thankfulness spectrum to the other.

What would it look like if we took the time to meditate on our thankfulness instead of "throw it all up" at once? What would it look like if instead of good days and bad days, the majority of our days were more steady and light-hearted? I believe this can begin with a simple attitude adjustment, one that is gradual and concentrated.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)

Paul issues us a challenge, so I forward this challenge onto you, fellow Christians. Exchange the time you spend worrying about things for thankfulness this month. Focus on one thing per day, write it on your phone's wallpaper or a whiteboard at home or on your car dashboard or on a sticky note at work where you'll see it all day, and let your heart be changed by the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

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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!

**Monday 11/9** Community Meal

**Tuesday 11/10** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 11/11** Veterans Day

**Wednesday 11/11** Youth Group @ the Zepfs

**Friday 11/13** Family Pajama Movie Night : *Inside Out*

**Tuesday 11/17** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 11/18** Youth Group at the Rousseaus

**Sunday 12/13** Star Trip Christmas Program

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— James to preach**

This week we will be hearing a sermon from our brother James Greer. As he shares with us from his personal study and devotion we can fully expect to hear a message inspired by the Spirit. Let us prayerfully join him in studying and hearing about our Lord.

### **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 8, 2015 :

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Prayer Leader:	Wayne Hammock	Communion Prep:	Karns
Scripture Reader:	James Greer	Communion Cleanup:	Wilson
Offering Thoughts:	Jim Snead	Praise Team:	TBD
Communion Meditation:	Dave Snypp		
Servers:	B. Karn & T. Bratcher		
Ushers:	J. Bickle & J. Snead		
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & Lori Sanders	Children's Church Helper:	Tiffany Rousseau
Nursery Attendants:	Kerri S. & TBD	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Roy & Jo Vaughn
Sound:	Lisa Bratcher		Coffee— Rick V
Slides/Lighting:	T. Herbert		Cleanup— Roy & Jo Vaughn

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deliver them yourself to building 9.

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

### **Delano Fall Workday**

On November 21st there is a fall work day planned at Delano Bay Christian Camp. They are going to be working on a few much-needed repairs and preparations for winter. We ask that any able-bodied people from our congregation make plans to head out from 9:00am-4:00pm or any time window during then that you are able to help work.

For more information you can call (253) 884-2966. If you head out and stay Friday night lodging can be accommodated, and lunch will be provided on Saturday. Jobs include: Window screen repairs, raking and leaf cleanup, installing new sinks and toilets, small carpentry projects, deep cleaning of seaside cabins, and placing sandbags to protect Fir from high tides. They could use all the help we can provide!

### **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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS**

### **Christmas Program—SAVE THE DATE!**

Rehearsals for the Christmas program are underway! Each week, actors in the

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## **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

**Hammock family** of the passing of the boys' mother, for peace and comfort

**Our church family, deacons and ministries**

### **November 1, 2015**

Worship: 85

Class: 40

Offering: \$3,168.45

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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**

### **Family Pajama Movie Night**

Have kids that love Pixar? Come watch the most recent Pixar film on our big screen, Friday November 13th at 5pm! Kids are invited to wear pajamas and bring an appetite for popcorn! The event is FREE! A small donation for our new fundraising project for a new play set would also be appreciated. Tell the kids to invite their friends and come have a blast watching this fantastic movie together.

### **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.

- 11/11 Youth Group at the Zephs
- 11/18 Youth Group at the Rousseaus
- 11/25 Youth Group Cancelled for Thanksgiving

- 12/25 New Years Eve Lock-in @ Lakeview

### **Ladies Bible Study**

If you are a lady who is interested in a bible study and you haven't yet attended the bible study hosted by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00am yet, please consider adding this to your weekly schedule. This is a wonderful morning event held at the church building, a good chance to build deeper relationships with some of the women at our congregation, to learn about the bible, to pray and share, and mostly to experience community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna or show up this Tuesday to dive into the word!

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