

# Port Orchard Church of Christ



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

## Changes: Big and Small

The word “evolution” can have many different meanings. Basically, the word means, “to unroll, unfold, or change.” Anything can “evolve” or change over a period of time. For instance, the body style of the Corvette certainly has “evolved” since the 1960s. Young children “evolve” into adults. A bud can “evolve” into a flower. However, when most people think of evolution, they do not think about small changes, such as in the design of a car, the growth of children into adults, or the development of a bud into a flower. In the present day, the word “evolution” brings to mind thoughts of an amoeba gradually changing over millions of years into a human. So, in order to determine, whether or not evolution is true, we must clarify what kind of “change” we are discussing.

Small changes in living things are recognized and accepted by both creationists and evolutionists. Such changes have been given the name “microevolution,” meaning “small change.” Microevolution is responsible for much of the diversity that we see in dogs, cats, and other animals. However, even though through the years people figured out how to breed different dogs to create the particular variety of dog they wanted, no one has figured out how to breed two dogs together and get a cat. Small changes occur within limits, but eventually those changes come to a genetic barrier that is impossible to cross.

Both evolutionists and creationists recognize the fact that small changes take place in plants and animals. However, some people refuse to recognize that these changes have certain limits. They believe that if nature is given enough time, then it will eventually turn a dog into something other than a dog. This idea of “big change” is often called “macroevolution” (also known as the “General Theory of Evolution”). This idea basically states that all living things originated from a single life form billions of years ago. Then, by a series of changes over billions of years, this life form “evolved” into different creatures such as fish, lizards, monkeys, and man.

The problem with “macroevolution” is that it goes against what we observe in nature, in that it does not recognize the **limits** of change. No one has ever seen a dog produce anything other than a dog. Sure, a long-eared dog with a long tail and long legs can have a puppy with short ears, a short tail, and stubby legs. But the puppy will always be a dog.

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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.

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## Save the Dates!

**Sunday 12/10** All Saints Potluck & Pounding for Woodrows

**Saturday 12/23** Kid Watch & Fundraiser

**Friday 12/29** 90th Birthday Celebration for Delores Brun



**Serving December 10, 2017:**

## Port Orchard News and Events

### Pulpit Preview

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

### Happy Birthday!

Charles Nance-01, Nikole Karn-03, LaDonna Latham-03, Tristen Herbert-05, Sarah Benjamin-08, Kelli Keagle-12, Erika Wheeler-12, Anna Cartwright-17, Jedidiah Herbert-17, Bonnie Mitchell-18, Lilli Bell-19, Darlene Woodrow-24, Wayne Hammock-25, Nancy Armenta-26, Delores Brun-28, Gary White-28, Jake Orser-31, & Randy vanLeuven-31.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 90th Birthday Celebration for Delores Brun

Friday, December 29th. Everyone is invited. We'll begin with a round of hand and foot, Delores's favorite card game, and finish with dinner (provided). More information to follow.

#### Tom Sibley

Tom Sibley shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com) to listen.

Prayer Leader: Ken Avery  
Scripture Reader: Troy Hill  
Offering Thoughts: Wayne Hammock  
Communion Meditation: Ken Reinke  
Servers: Tim Duffy & Greg Warner  
Ushers: Jarrod Coley & Brandon Zepf  
Greeters: Lori Sanders & Karen Taylor  
Prayer Partners: Terry & Lisa Bratcher  
Sound: Brad Orser  
Slides/Lighting: John Bickle

Communion Prep: Barbara Chasteen  
Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family  
Praise Team: Gene Gerard, Paula Hill, Kenny Benjamin, & Connie Greer  
Children's 9:30 Helper: Karen Taylor  
Children's Church: Laura Fry  
Preaching: Tom Sibley



### Woodrows-The list has been updated!

We will be hosting a Pounding for the Woodrows on Sunday, December 10th. Check your prayer chain email from Bonnie for a listing of what has already been donated or view the website [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com) under [News & Events](#) to see a complete list of items requested and items already donated. What follows is an abbreviated listing owing to the need to save space here. *Items need to be with NO SALT and NO SUGAR ADDED. Preferably the Kroger brand from Fred Meyer.* Items in italics are new.

#### Canned Goods

- *Tuna*
- *Chicken*
- Green beans, French cut
- *Mandarin Oranges*
- *Wild Berry/Strawberry Applesauce (NO SUGAR) in the cups*
- *Cinnamon Applesauce in the cups*
- Peanut Butter

#### Frozen Vegetables

- Petite peas
- Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots

#### Dry Goods

- *Angel-Hair Spaghetti*
- *Rice*
- *Elbow Macaroni*
- Cornmeal

#### Produce

- *Berries of all kinds*
- *Pears*

#### Household Items

- *Kleenex*

### KidWatch Fundraiser for Tokyo Bound Youth

Tokyo Bound Youth is kicking off their fundraising with a kid-watch on Saturday, December 23rd. Drop your kids off anytime between 9am and 3pm at the bottom level of the church, and several adults and teens will watch them while you get your Christmas shopping done! This service is free, but donations are appreciated. More information will be provided at a later date. See Paula or Sarah Hill if you have any questions!

(Announcements continued on back page.)

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Virginia Chapman  
Delores Brun  
Runell Mason  
David Latham  
Wayne Hammock's friend Dave  
Melvin Byrd  
Lisa Bratcher

### Encouragement:

Victoria  
Those Grieving the loss of Loved Ones

### Travelling:

Jim & Cindy Snead

### Other:

Herberts expecting their 7th child  
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.

**December 3, 2017**

Worship: 82

Class: 44

Offering: \$3,071.00

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**Don & BobbyJo**

Don & BobbyJo, who own the camper in the church parking lot, are in need of work. Don does excellent grounds maintenance. If you have any leads or jobs that need doing, they really need the income and would appreciate your referral.

**International Justice Mission (IJM)**

Our sister Sarah Benjamin has been working to spread the news about an organization that works to prevent human-trafficking and to rescue those who have been sold into slavery. IJM works with local governments and organizations to accomplish this work. If you would like to get involved, their website is [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org). They cannot do these things without financial assistance.

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