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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## **Mercy in the Storm, by Tiffany Rousseau**

Last month, I taught the children about Noah and that God decided to save one family and flood the world because of the lack of righteous people and the great infestation of sin throughout the entire world. We deserved to be wiped out with the regard that we took with the Lord; unkind, unloving, and irreverent.

But God had mercy on us.

He saved one family that was righteous and gave humanity another chance, setting in motion the story where God Himself would come to Earth to atone for our sins. His reminder of this promise, God made into a sign. He created the rainbow to remind not only us, but Himself that he would never flood the whole Earth again.

In the midst of this incredibly stormy weather for the Pacific Northwest (many of you know much worst storms from the Midwest and the South, I know), I find the lessons learned last month being reiterated to me. Through this lightning, heavy rain, and windy

weather, God is showing me his mercy.

The worst that happens to us through this storm is we lose our roof and have to find a new home. Some of us, the worst is we struggle to make it to work or our power goes out. These problems are hard and still affect our daily lives, I don't discount that. If your house gets damaged, that's a huge problem.

But God had mercy on us.

And in the midst of *this* storm, we can take time to ponder God's mercy. Although we may face wind and rain, God will give us life. Although we may lose power or work hours, we need not fear because we know the great creator. Although we may face injury or life-threatening situations, God is with us. He will protect us and love us and continue to provide for us because we are his first love, his children, his friends.

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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!

**Saturday 12/12** Star Trip Dress Rehearsal, 1pm—3pm

**Sunday 12/13** Senior Saints Potluck

**Sunday 12/13** Star Trip Christmas Program! 5pm-7pm

**Monday 12/14** Community meal

**Tuesday 12/15** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 12/16** Christmas Worship Service Rehearsal, Youth Group joining the singing

**Sunday 12/20** Christmas Worship Service

**Friday 12/25** Christmas!

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— Galatians 2: Crucified with Christ**

This week we will be working through the second chapter of Galatians. We will be talking about what it means to be crucified with Christ. As Paul asserts the law's inability to provide righteousness and Christ's sacrifice because of the Law.

### **Happy Birthdays!**

December is already upon us! With the start of this month we are seeing frost and cold winds! Despite the weather let us warmly wish happy birthday to the following brothers and sisters:

3rd— Nicole Karn; LaDonna Latham. 5th— Tristen Herbert. 8th— Sarah Benjamin; Elizabeth Herbert. 17th— Jedidiah Herbert. 18th— Bonnie Mitchell. 24th— Darlene Woodrow. 25th— Wayne Hammock. 26th— Nancy Armenta. 28th— Delores Brun. 31st— Randy VanLeuven; Jake Orser.

### **Thank you TOPS!**

We would like to thank the TOPS group that uses our building Monday evenings for a generous donation of \$100 to the Community Meal. They offered this gift as a thank you for the congregation allowing them use of the building, and we are more than glad to help provide for this group! Thank you TOPS for blessing us and helping us to bless our community!

## Serving Dec 13, 2015 :

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Prayer Leader:	Dale Sanders	Communion Prep:	Hill
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Hill
Offering Thoughts:	Gene Gerard	Praise Team:	Gene Gerard Paula Hill Connie Greer Kenny Benjamin
Communion Meditation:	Cody Rousseau	Children's Church Helper:	Dan Gross
Servers:	W. Hammock & I. Zepf	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Connie Switzer Coffee— Ray Switzer Cleanup— Connie Switzer
Ushers:	D. Fry & B. Zepf		
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & D. Lawler		
Nursery Attendants:	Kerri S. & TBD		
Sound:	T. Rousseau		
Slides/Lighting:	L. Bratcher		

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## **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 deliver them yourself to building 9.

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

### **Children's Ministry**

Just a reminder that if you have children, they are welcome to join our Sunday school class at 9:30am each week.

Our new Sunday Worship schedule for children is as follows:

- 1st & 3rd Sunday: Children's Worship (Ages 3-12) during the Sermon
- 2nd & 4th Sunday: The Little Gathering (Ages 3-7) during the sermon
- 5th Sunday: Family Worship

Children younger than 3 are welcome to play in our nursery just right of the auditorium during the service. 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

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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

**Our church family, deacons and ministries**

**December 6, 2015**

Worship: 86

Class: 36

Offering: \$3,242.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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more members of our congregation on Sunday sharing God's word.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS**

### **Christmas Program—THIS WEEK!**

The FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL is this Saturday from 1-3pm. ALL speaking and singing parts are called, as well as production team. Greeters and Cookie makers are invited to watch the rehearsal, but are not required to come.

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.

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

### **Youth Up-coming Events**

If you are a teen or parent of a teen, here is the last event for the year of 2015! Let Cody or Tiffany Rousseau know that you want to attend and we'll plan a group to attend!

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

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