
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Don't Let the Busyness of the Season Crowd Out What's Most Important

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." [Matthew 6:33](#)

Just a few weeks before Christmas, maybe life seems kind of full and busy. Maybe you haven't finished Christmas shopping yet. Or that special gift you've been looking for is officially out of stock, or costs too much money. Maybe the decorations never got fully done, or the lights are already burning out.

Maybe the Christmas cards are still waiting to be mailed. And the to-do list is steadily growing day by day. Maybe life is feeling frazzled and time always seems too short...to finish it all. But truth says, maybe what we spend so much time focusing on, really isn't the most important. Here's what is:

Spending time first with the God who made you, who loves you, and sent His Only Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

In the story of Mary and Martha, [Luke 10:38-42](#), times were busy. There was much to be done, and Martha was *"distracted by it all."* Maybe, like me, you can relate. Yet in the midst of all the "busy," Mary set herself right down at Jesus' feet. She seemed unaffected by all the pressing needs around her, she just longed to spend time with

Him. So Martha did what many of us may have done, she complained. Yet Jesus reminded her that in all the hustle and bustle, stress, and preoccupation with other things, Mary had *"chosen what is better, and it would not be taken away from her."*

So often in this time of year, the most important gets crowded out because of the urgent. It's a battle not to dwell there.

Other voices will say, "You don't have time to pray. There's not enough minutes in the day to spend time with God and still get everything done. You're way too busy." And sometimes we swallow that lie, and the next thing we know, we find ourselves weary and worn from spinning our wheels. Strength drained, impatient, stressed, pressed, out of control, and nothing much going our way.

Yet if we recognize our need for God, spend time with Him, relying on His strength, He is faithful. He's got our back. He knows our way. We can walk with His blessing and favor, we can live in His peace, and be filled with His joy which is our strength.

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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!

Friday 12/16 God is Not Dead 2

Saturday 12/17 Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12/20 Ladies Prayer Group

Friday 12/30 Miracles From Heaven

Saturday 1/7 Deacons Meeting

Saturday 1/7 Men's Breakfast

Sunday 1/8 Congregational Meeting



Serving December 18, 2016 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Acts 12

Dale Sanders will be sharing a sermon with us this upcoming Sunday. His sermon will come from Acts 12. Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday!

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

Nikole Karn, LaDonna Latham - 12/3. Tristan Herbert - 12/5. Sarah Benjamin, Elizabeth Herbert - 12/8. Jedidiah Herbert - 12/17. Bonnie Mitchell - 12/18. Darlene Woodrow - 12/24. Wayne Hammock - 12/25. Deloris Brun - 12/28. Jake Order, Randy VanLeuven - 12/31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Greer

James Greer 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

Christmas Concert

All - The children of the church will be performing on December 17th at 6 PM. Please bring cookies to share.

Parents - Please have your children dressed in their "Christmas Best" but bring their pajamas, as they will need them as a part of their performance. Also

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock

Scripture Reader: Gene Gerard

Offering Thoughts: Dave Snypp

Communion Meditation: Isaiah Zepf

Servers: Jim S. & Jacob H.

Ushers: David L. & Ken R.

Greeters: Lori S. & Karri S.

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Sound: Forest Gerard

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Sanders Family

Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Praise Team: Gene G., Connie G., Kenny B., Rachel K.

Sunday School & CW Helper:

Sarah B. & Barbara C.

Fellowship Team:

Donuts— Connie Switzer

Coffee— Ray Switzer

Cleanup— Connie Switzer



please have your kids here at the church by 5 PM.

Hammock/Snead Growth Group Movie Night

The Hammock/Snead Growth Group will be showing God Is Not Dead 2 here at the church building on Friday 12/16.

Men's Breakfast

Port Orchard Church of Christ will be hosting the next men's breakfast at Lakeview Church of Christ. See bulletin Board for additional details.

When: January 7th

Where : Lakeview Church of Christ

Time: 8:00 AM

New Addresses

Roy & Jo Vaughn
27014 80th St. E.
Buckley, WA 98321

Ken & Pat Woodrow
4656 Nina LN. Apt. H 202
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Office Hours during the holidays

The office will be closed from Dec 21st until Jan 2nd. Debra will continue to check email during her absence. With that being said, she will be available to answer questions or forward any other inquiries to the appropriate party.

Bulletin Submissions

If you have an article or input you would like to have placed in the bulletin for the congregation to read, please submit them to Darrell Fry via email. dwfry@aol.com

Visitors for the sick

Is entertaining or socializing a strong characteristic that you have, well then, we have the perfect opportunity for you. We would like to compile a list of those available to visit our sick or shut-in church family. If this is something you would be interested in, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Our Prayer List

Healing for:

Ray Switzer - sciatica nerve pain
Bruce DeFord - from heart surgery
Judy Sprague - from surgery
Glen Lanham - healing from surgery
David Latham -strengthening his body

Other prayer requests:

Our leaders, Our church, Our deacons ,
Our members, Our country , Our
homeless in the community, Elder
Study Group guidance

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December 11, 2016

Worship: 83

Class: 47

Offering: \$2,298.50

Goal: \$3,437.50

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We may find that when we end up of "doing less," God is then able to "do more," much more, with our time and energy than we ever could. For He's never limited by the restrictions we face every day. He is powerful and able, to work on our behalf, even behind the scenes where we can't see. He can line out our path, ordain our steps, protect us from what we can't see up ahead, and bring blessing and help where we might otherwise face defeat.

That's where real peace is found, and strength for the days ahead. Not in getting it all done. But simply "choosing what it better."

Seeking Him first.

Sitting at His feet, time in His Presence, soaking in His words...

Choosing to live there today. Hope you are too. (Continued from page 3)

-By Debbie McDaniel Benevolence Team

With Ray and Connie Switzer leaving, there is a big gap in the Helping Those in Need Team that needs to be filled. If you have a heart for helping those who are desperately in need, please talk with Darrell or Laura Fry about your desire to serve in this wonderful work. You will literally be in the position of being the hands, feet and eyes of Jesus.

May God Bless this ministry!

Darrell & Laura Fry

Pictures

We need additional photos for the bulletin. Please send any photos of events and gatherings you would like to share to the church office via email.

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