
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Always be ready, by Tiffany Rousseau

This week, I heard a conversation about how one person felt that when they were being watched by other people, they would have more integrity because they felt the pressure or responsibility to. The conversation was positive and appreciative of the opportunity to lead others, but it was received negatively by me.

I grew up learning right from wrong just like anyone else's parents try to teach them. One of the most significant lessons that stayed with me was that integrity is about who you are when *nobody* is watching. When you are expected to lead a group of people, it shouldn't matter when it comes to integrity. A person should have integrity whether or not they're leading a group of people.

It is something I wrestle with constantly to be consistent with my words and my actions, but of course I'm not perfect and I make mistakes. Everybody has those days. However, it does not become an excuse when I make the wrong decision. Integrity leads us to own our mistakes and learn from them. When I

was pondering this specific train of thought, something Paul teaches Peter in 1 Peter 3 v 13-16 came to mind:

"Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

We are taught to "always be ready" and "keep a clear conscience." This is integrity that we followers of Jesus must develop, regardless of leadership. Will we always get it right? Of course not. Did Jesus ask us to "be perfect?" Yes. Did he *really mean that*?

You tell me.

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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!

Sunday 12/20 Christmas Worship Service

Tuesday 12/22 First Day of Winter

Tuesday 12/22 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 12/23 Youth Group Cancelled

Thursday 12/24 Office Closed; Christmas Eve.

Friday 12/25 Christmas!

Thursday 12/31—1/1 Youth Area-wide New Year Lock-in at Lakeview

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Christmas Service

This week we will be having a special service for the Christmas season, we will be singing and reading and enjoying a telling of the Christmas story. Please come ready to hear scripture read, to pray, and most of all to worship God.

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 20, 2015 :

Prayer Leader:	Rodney Cormier	Communion Prep:	Hill
Scripture Reader:	Various Readers	Communion Cleanup:	Hill
Offering Thoughts:	Dale Sanders	Praise Team:	TBD
Communion Meditation:	Dave Snyppe		
Servers:	W. Hammock & I. Zepf		
Ushers:	D. Fry & B. Zepf		
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & D. Lawler	Children's Church Helper:	Tammy Avery
Nursery Attendants:	TBD	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Connie Switzer
Sound:	C. Hill		Coffee— Ray Switzer
Slides/Lighting:	J. Hammock		Cleanup— Connie Switzer



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 (Please read if you have young kids)

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.

Shoebox Sunday School Lessons (Please read before Sunday)

This Sunday, our Sunday School class will be packing shoeboxes with gifts and cards for children in our community that have attended our community meal. We are learning about giving and would like to get these gifts to the children by Christmas, but we need a few items for them to pack still. We are requesting preferably 5-7 small gifts to pack and wrap. Here are the names, ages, and interests of the children:

- James, age 11, likes Pokemon, baseball, video games
- Bo, age 2, likes blocks and building
- Nathaniel, age 3, likes mickey mouse and spongebob
- Lilian, age 6, likes dolls and pink things

If you would like to buy for one of these children, please give Tiffany a call or email before Saturday night and let her know! Email: tgilly08@gmail.com, phone: (360) 801-8060.

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 13, 2015

Worship: 84

Class: 38

Offering: \$3,694.69

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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

Youth Area-Wide NYE Lock-In

Here are the details for the Lakeview Lock-in:

- Cost: \$35 (Includes food, movies, games, and all the other fun stuff.)
- Location: Lakeview Church of Christ
- Dates: Dec 31st-Jan 1st
- Drop off/Pick Up: Dec 31st @ 7:00PM and Pickup @ 8:00am on Jan 1.
- The event is going to be for area churches, so far I know Woodinville and Bellevue are planning to be there

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