

# WHY HE CAME...

Soon, all over the world, people will be thinking about, talking, and singing about the baby Jesus. Maybe we should remind ourselves why he came.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *Timothy* 1:15

He came to reconcile men to God.-*2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Colossians 1:19-22* 

He came to serve and give his life a ransom for man. - *Mathew 20:28* 

He came to seek and save the lost. -Luke 19:10

He came to keep those who believe in him from perishing. - John 3:16

He came to build his church. - Mathew 16:18

Oh, he did many god things for people during his life. In his "seeking" and his "serving" he healed the sick, raised the dead, and fed the hungry. He gave sight to the blind, voice to the mute, hearing to the deaf, and strength to the crippled. Beyond those physical things, he gave encouragement to the downtrodden, hope to the hopeless, comfort to the

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lonely, and love to those who were in every way unlovable.

But it was not to do any of those things that God sent his son into the world. God loved sinning people so much that he gave his son so that whoever would believe in him would not perish, but would have everlasting life. God sent his son to die!...to redeem!... to save!

It was for everlasting life for people that Jesus came. He came to save you and me!

Therefore, let's celebrate his birth, rejoice in his death and resurrection, emulate his life, and continue his purpose on this earth for the salvation of people. Lets save people!

[Reprinted from 1997, Melvin Byrd ]



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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

# Save the Dates!

Friday 12/30 Miracles From Heaven

**Tuesday 1/3** Ladies Prayer Group

Saturday 1/7 Deacons Meeting

Saturday 1/7 Men's Breakfast

Sunday 1/8 Congregational Meeting

**Sunday 1/8** Senior Saints Potluck

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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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# ..... Port Orchard News and Events

### **Pulpit Preview– A Christmas Devotional**

We will be having a Christmas devotional this upcoming Sunday. 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**

#### **Dale Sanders**

Dale Sanders shared a sermon with us last Sunday from Acts 12. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

#### **Christmas Concert**

Thank you to the awesome children of our church for putting on that wonderful Christmas program for us last Saturday! You guys did a great job! A big thank you to DJ. Magneson and Karri Schmeltzer for orchestrating it all.

Prayer Leader:	Various per program	Communion Prep:	Sanders Family
Scripture Reader:	Various per program	Communion Cleanup:	Bratcher Family
Offering Thoughts:	Per program	Praise Team:	Gene G., Laura G., David G.,
Communion Meditation:	Per program		Rachel K. Josh W., Eloise G.
Servers:	Jim S. & Jacob H.	Sunday School & CW Helper:	No Sunday School
Ushers:	David L. & Ken R.		
Greeters:	Deloris B. & Carla Duffy	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Karen Taylor
Nursery Attendants:	TBD		Coffee— Rick Velasco
Sound:	Lisa Bratcher		Cleanup— Karen Taylor
Slides/Lighting:	Dale Sanders		





#### **New Addresses**

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

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#### **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. <u>dwfry@aol.com</u>

#### 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 bulle-tin board in the foyer.

#### **Office Hours during the holidays**

The office will be closed from Dec 21st until Jan 2nd Deja 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

#### **Sunday School Classes**

All classes before Service will be canceled on Christmas Day and New Years Day however service will continue as normal.

#### 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

# **Deacons Meeting**

When: Saturday 1/7 Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ Time: 8 AM

# **Our Prayer List**

#### prayer requests:

Ray Switzer - sciatica nerve pain Randy Parrott - healing from knee surgerv. David Greer - traveling out to visit his family. Melvin and Barbara Byrd granddaughter Whitney and her baby . Virginia Chapman - strength for her sister - in- law Bruce DeFord - healing from heart surgery. Tiffany's brother - patience and peace Jennifer Connelly Delay - Bret and Brvan Lori Sanders Step Mother - healing from stroke All those traveling. All police officers. Heritage house - strength for each resident there ... Our congregation - strength as we move forward into a New Year.

## December 18, 2016

Worship: 77 Class: 47 Offering: \$2,452.25 Goal: \$3,437.50

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# **Congregational Meeting**

When: Sunday 1/8 Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ Time: Directly after service

#### **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.

### **Senior Saints Potluck**

Senior Saints Potluck will take place after the congregation meeting on Sunday 1/8.

### Warning

WARNING to those who got the jar openers Sunday morning: The plastic mesh is NOT a pot holder or hot pad. Plastic melts with hear, and could melt on your hand! - Lynn Chapman

## **Mountain States Children's Home**

Empty money cans from the Mountain States Children's Home are out in the foyer. Please grab one and start filling them up with your spare change. Thank, you!

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