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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

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Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## My Utmost for His Highest: His Birth and Our New Birth

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." —Matthew 1:23

His Birth in History. "...that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35). Jesus Christ was born into this world, not from it. He did not emerge out of history; He came into history from the outside. Jesus Christ is not the best human being the human race can boast of— He is a Being for whom the human race can take no credit at all. He is not man becoming God, but God Incarnate— God coming into human flesh from outside it. His life is the highest and the holiest entering through the most humble of doors. Our Lord's birth was an advent— the appearance of God in human form.

His Birth in Me. "My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in

you..." (Galatians 4:19). Just as our Lord came into human history from outside it, He must also come into me from outside. Have I allowed my personal human life to become a "Bethlehem" for the Son of God? I cannot enter the realm of the kingdom of God unless I am born again from above by a birth totally unlike physical birth. "You must be born again" (John 3:7). This is not a command, but a fact based on the authority of God. The evidence of the new birth is that I yield myself so completely to God that "Christ is formed" in me. And once "Christ is formed" in me, His nature immediately begins to work through me.

God Evident in the Flesh. This is what is made so profoundly possible for you and for me through the redemption of man by Jesus Christ.

~ Oswald Chambers

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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!

**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

**Tuesday 1/5** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 1/6** Youth Group, 6-8p  
@ Zepfs House

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— Dale to preach**

This week Dale will be speaking to us from his personal devotion. Please warmly welcome Dale as he preaches to us this morning!

### **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.

### **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **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, **CW** (Ages 3-12) during the Sermon  
2nd & 4th Sunday: The Little Gathering, **LG** (Ages 3-7) during the sermon  
5th Sunday: Family Worship

## Serving Dec 27, 2015 :

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Prayer Leader:	Josh Wilson	Communion Prep:	Hill
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Hill
Offering Thoughts:	Jim Snead	Praise Team:	Gene Gerard Laura Gerard Connie Greer David Greer
Communion Meditation:	Ken Avery	Sunday School & LG Helper:	Tammy Avery
Servers:	K. Benjamin & J. Hammock	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Roy & Jo Vaughn Coffee— Rick V. Cleanup— Roy & Jo Vaughn
Ushers:	B. Orser & T. Herbert		
Greeters:	L. Latham & L. Sanders		
Nursery Attendants:	Pilita & Myron		
Sound:	L. Bratcher		
Slides/Lighting:	T. Rousseau		

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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**

Thank you to all who served in the nursery and preparing and cleaning up communion this year!

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

## **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 20, 2015**

Worship: n/a

Class: n/a

Offering: \$4,134.46

Goal: \$3,437.50

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