
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Christian Perfection

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfect...
—[Philippians 3:12](#)

It is a trap to presume that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do— God’s purpose is to make us one with Himself. The emphasis of holiness movements tends to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you accept this concept of personal holiness, your life’s determined purpose will not be for God, but for what you call the evidence of God in your life. How can we say, “It could never be God’s will for me to be sick”? If it was God’s will to bruise His own Son ([Isaiah 53:10](#)), why shouldn’t He bruise you? What shines forth and reveals God in your life is not your relative consistency to an idea of what a saint should be, but your genuine, living relationship with Jesus Christ, and your unrestrained devotion to Him whether you are well or sick.

Christian perfection is not, and never can be, human perfection. Christian perfection is the perfection of a relationship with God that shows itself to be true even amid the seemingly unimportant aspects of human life. When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that hits you is the pointlessness of the things you have to do. The next thought that strikes you is that other people seem to be living perfectly consistent lives. Such lives may leave you with the idea that

God is unnecessary— that through your own human effort and devotion you can attain God’s standard for your life. In a fallen world this can never be done. I am called to live in such a perfect relationship with God that my life produces a yearning for God in the lives of others, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God’s purpose is not to perfect me to make me a trophy in His showcase; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He wants.

- **WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS**



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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!

Saturday 12/3 Men's Breakfast

Saturday 12/3 Haddie's 6th Birthday Party

Tuesday 12/6 Ladies Prayer Group

Sunday 12/11 Senior Saints Potluck

Friday 12/16 God is Not Dead 2

Friday 12/30 Miracles From Heaven



Serving December 4, 2016 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— "Is Heaven Our Default Destination?"

Darrell Fry will be sharing a sermon with us 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

Cody Rousseau

Cody Rousseau shared a sermon with us last Sunday. His sermon came from Acts 11. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

Communion Bread Preparation

Below is current list of those who have already volunteered to make the communion bread for the upcoming months. If you feel this a place where you could serve, please speak with Connie Switzer.

Prayer Leader: Brandon Zepf

Scripture Reader: Ken & Isaac B.

Offering Thoughts: Dale Sanders

Communion Meditation: Dave Snyppe

Servers: Jim S. & Jacob H.

Ushers: David L. & Ken R.

Greeters: Paula H. & Sarah H.

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Sound: Dale S. & Forest G.

Slides/Lighting: John Bickle

Communion Prep: Sanders Family

Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Praise Team: Gene G., Laura G., Connie G., Kenny B.

Sunday School & CW Helper: Delay Family & Laura F.

Fellowship Team: Donuts— Deloris Lawler

Coffee— Lucille Lowe

Cleanup— Deloris Lawler



Feb. -April. Carla Duffy
May - July. Deloris Lawler
Aug. - Oct. Connie Switzer
Nov. - Jan. LaDonna Latham

Hammock/Snead Growth Group Movie Night

The Hammock/Snead Growth Group will be showing movies here at the church building starting in the month of December. The first showing will be God is Not Dead this coming Friday, at 6 PM.

When: December 2nd
Movie God Is Not Dead
Time: 6 PM

Men's Breakfast

Host: Tacoma Church of Christ
When: December 3rd at 8:00 am
Where: Lakeview Church of Christ

Haddie Keagle's 6th Birthday Party

When: This coming Saturday
Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ
Time: 2pm

Deacons Meeting

When: This coming Saturday 12/3
Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ
Time: 8 AM

Congregational Meeting

When: This coming Sunday 12/4
Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ
Time: Directly after service

Senior Saints Potluck

When: December 11th
Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ
Time: Directly after service

Gift Wrap Exchange

There is a bin in the foyer with different types of gift wrap. Feel free to bring in some of your old gift wrap and switch it out with something "new to you" from the bin.

Our Prayer List

Healing for:

Isaac Benjamin
Runell Mason- cancer
(numbers coming down)
Delores Brun - cancer
David Latham
Randy Parrott- Healing from knee surgery
Starla Graham - Stage 4 breast cancer

Encouragement:

Wayne & the Hammock family
Eloise Gerard, Nikole Karn, Bret & Bryan Hollman

Other prayer requests:

Our leaders, Our church, Our deacons ,
Our members, Our country , Our
homeless in the community
Dj Magneson will be having a breast
biopsy done on November 22nd.

November 27, 2016

Worship: 88

Class: 41

Offering: \$971.10

Goal: \$3,437.50

Psalms 37:4 (NIV)

"Take Delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

I could not grasp the meaning of this 'Delight in the Lord' until I read the following in "Happy Ever After", page 321, an inspiration novel/fiction by Susan May Warren.

[Synopsis: Her father died in a car accident while she was driving. In a conversation with the Lord years later, she still begs for forgiveness for what she considers 'killing her father.' When God says He's already forgiven her, she asks 'But I still hurt, Lord. Why is the grief so raw?']

(She feels the Lord answer her):

"You have not forgiven yourself. You hang on to your pain, wallowing in the familiarity of its thorny grip, unwilling to accept that you cannot work your

way free. I must pluck you out of this painful place. But only if you allow me. Let me heal you. Let me lavish upon you my love. Give me your pain, your tears, your grief; and I will give you peace."

"...Delight in my forgiveness. Delight in my power. Delight in my wisdom. Delight that I am, and was and always will be. Delight in me and my ability to free you and fulfill your dreams beyond your imagination. Delight in my fatherly agape love."

She then goes on to pray(basically my wording) 'Lord I believe, help thou unbelief'... which is a Mk. 9:24 scriptural plea we can all use!

- Submitted by Virginia Chapman

Dear Church Family,

We're moved but wish we weren't . We miss all of you! Sending a big "Thank you" to everyone who helped load our "stuff". Many hands made shorter work. Thanks again! Love all of you

-Roy & Jo

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