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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## People of Courageous Faith by Cody Rousseau

This week I have been spending a lot of time thinking about discernment and searching for guidance from God. There are these times in life where you just wish heaven would open up and God would directly lead you to the right action.

Unfortunately if you are like me then that never happens the way you hope. Instead you have to feel around and trust that God is big enough to lead even when you take the wrong turn.

As I have been thinking about this, I have been recalling all of the sayings about doors being opened and closed. Sometimes they say when God closes a door he opens a window. Jokes about feeling the crunch are all to common.

I have been thinking over the times in my life where I could say I felt guided and more often than not it seems like only one option typically presents itself. It isn't always that way but often one route is clear and we seek something different or more in line with our wants.

So this week lets ponder together how God often chooses to lead us or guides us.

I think we often paralyze ourselves out of action because we are afraid to mess up. I think this is wrong. I think that God is big, He is powerful and more often than not he has more going on than one choice for this or that.

I think we need to sometimes go to the basics and just start doing. Ask yourself two basic questions and then do!

1: Do I love God and want to do right by His will?

2: Will this choice allow me to continue loving God and pursuing His will?

If you can answer yes, then trust that God will use you wherever you find yourself in pursuit of these choices. May we be inspired to be people of courageous faith!

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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!

**Saturday 12/5** Deacons Meeting

**Sunday 12/6** Congregational meeting

**Sunday 12/6** Rehearsal for Winter Program

**Tuesday 12/8** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 12/9** Youth Group

**Sunday 12/13** Senior Saints Potluck

**Sunday 12/13** Star Trip Christmas Program

**Monday 12/14** Community meal

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— Galatians 1: For whom do we Gospel?**

This week we will be starting a series on the book of Galatians. This is one of Paul's letters and is a good one! As we start with chapter one you are encouraged to prayerfully read along!

### **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**

#### **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.

## Serving Dec 6, 2015 :

Prayer Leader: Jim Snead	Communion Prep: Hill
Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup: Hill
Offering Thoughts: Ken Avery	Praise Team: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation: Dave Snyppe	Rachel Karn
Servers: W. Hammock & I. Zepf	Connie Greer
Ushers: D. Fry & B. Zepf	Brad Orser
Greeters: Karen Taylor & D. Lawler	Children's Church Helper: Dale Sanders
Nursery Attendants: TBD	Fellowship Team: Donuts— DeLoris Lawler
Sound: C. Hill	Coffee— Lucille Lowe
Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders	Cleanup— DeLoris Lawler



Let's show them the love of Christ and be family to them this winter.

### **Sewing Group**

Sewing group meeting 3rd Thursday, November 19, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Now sewing Shorts for Dudes. You may also sew Dresses for Little Girls around the world. How you can help: Come sew with us; come cut out shorts; donate fabric, elastic, thread or sewing machine no longer needed at home. Contact Jo Vaughn or Sandi Warner

### **Children's Ministry**

We will be giving a test run to a new schedule for the children's church program starting this week. From this point forward until we see a need for change, we will be having a class for the 2nd grade and younger kids on the 2nd and 4th week of each month.

We will continue to have Children's Church on the 1st and 3rd week of each month as well, for all ages of children. This schedule will be test ran for the foreseeable future, unless something doesn't work. If you have questions please see Laura Fry or Tiffany Rousseau.

### **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.

## **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**

### **November 29, 2015**

Worship: 83

Class: 34

Offering: \$3,569.10

Goal: \$3,437.50

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS**

### **Christmas Program—SAVE THE DATE!**

Rehearsals for the Christmas program are underway! Each week, actors in the skits are practicing their scenes and in just one month, all of those involved will be rehearsing to present this program for our community!

Tiffany Rousseau is directing *Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens*, a comedic intergalactic experience, sharing the Christmas story in a new and fun presentation for the whole family! She would love a full audience the night of the event, so please invite everyone you know to hear the story of our savior presented in drama, singing, and worship. Take a poster to work with you after church this week! They will be in the foyer for the next month to hand out and hang around town.

**Program Date: Sunday, December 13th, 5:00pm**

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### **Youth Up-coming Events**

If you are a teen or parent of a teen, mark these important dates in your calendar! More info on each event will come close to the event, but for now, here are the dates.

- 12/25 New Years Eve Lock-in @ Lakeview