
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

A grand adventure

I have been thinking a lot recently about what it would be like to live a little more adventurous lifestyles. What it must have been like to be one of the first to see this beautiful country, to be in the woods and fording rivers and never knowing what was just around the corner. Every day when I drive home I get to look out at the Olympics and see how beautiful they are, it is such a blessing to live in such a beautiful area.

I find myself often wondering what kind of person it took, or takes, to look at the peaks of one of those mountains and think to themselves, "I could climb to the top of that!"

In my mind at least there is almost something romantic about the idea of living out that adventure, of traveling through unsettled land and hunting/gathering to subsist. It sounds peaceful in some ways, terrifying in others and impossible in even others. The idea always rests in the back of my mind though.

So when I find myself out hunting, or hiking I think about what it would be like to survive based on only my skills and luck. I often tell Gene when we are in the woods, "imagine if we knew we couldn't eat tonight if we didn't find a deer!" I often end that statement with, "I would starve and die."

The idea of living out such an adventure still seems so romantic.

I sometimes wonder what we mean when we invite people into an adventure with God. Do we mean that it will have this romantic and crazy feel to it? Or do we mean something much more mundane? Do we really believe that our walk with the creator might take us places and show us things we might never have seen or done? Or is it a simple metaphor meaning sometimes we will get a fender-bender and need to react with a little less anger?

I remember the feeling of leaving my hometown for college, and feeling like a "real" adventure was beginning! Something new and huge, something I wouldn't leave the same from. I remember feeling that way when I left college and moved up here. A new state, new people, new friends, and a job that would (my professors promised me) challenge me daily.

I guess I never slowed to think about the ways that God has lead me on a grand adventure since I came to faith, and this week I just wanted to remind you that God has you on a journey. If you don't look up every now and then you might miss some of the truly romantic and exciting moments He has planned.

This week look for where God is leading you, take in the scenery and enjoy the journey.

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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 2/14 Valentines Day

Sunday 2/14 Sr. Saints Potluck

Tuesday 2/16 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 2/17 Youth Group

Sunday 2/21 Swinney Baby Shower

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Galatians 4: A case for the Gospel

This week we will be looking at the fourth chapter of Galatians as we loop back around for it! We will be looking at how Paul builds a case for a gospel that is not constrained by the former darkness or misunderstanding. Paul asserts with deepest affection the need for us to be a people freed by Christ's sacrifice.

Happy Birthdays!

The shortest month is upon us! With it's arrival we have many brothers and sisters to celebrate! As we go through this month and begin our march towards an early spring let's celebrate the birthdays of our family members!

2— Virginia Martin; Israel Cormier. 5— Tammy Avery. 7— Laura Gerard; Chris Hill. 8— Carla Duffy. 9— Melvin Byrd; Terri Hall; DeLoris Lawler. 10— Ken Avery. 14— Jennifer Delay. 15— Katrina Coley. 17— Lara Chavez. 18— Rachel Karn. 19— Betty Widman. 20— Jason Hall.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Needed

Bonnie Mitchell, along with Pene Hammock and Judy Van Lueven will be coordinating the temporary providing of meals on occasions when they are requested. Upon receiving the request, we will coordinate with the family to ascertain their needs — length of time, dietary restrictions etc. Once this has been determined through various means of communication we will contact the families

Serving Feb. 14, 2016 :

Prayer Leader:	Joshua Wilson	Communion Prep:	Rousseau
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Hill
Offering Thoughts:	Ray Switzer	Praise Team:	TBD
Communion Meditation:	Dale Sanders		
Servers:	D. Lawrence & Dan Gross		
Ushers:	J. Bickle & W. Hammock		
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & Lori Sanders	Sunday School & LG Helper:	Tiffany Rousseau
Nursery Attendants:	N/A	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Roy & Jo Vaughn
Sound:	Lisa Bratcher		Coffee— Rick
Slides/Lighting:	T. Herbert		Cleanup— Roy & jo Vaughn



here at POCOC for those who would like to participate with providing the meals.

There are some of you who want to always provide a meal, some who choose not to and some who would like to do so occasionally. Please email me if you fall in any of those categories and I will make a list which will be confidential.

This is a great ministry and can be an opportunity to serve others. If you have any questions, please be sure and call:

Bonnie Mitchell 360-895-0453 (h) 360-265-3266 (c)
Pene Hammock 360-871-9678
Judy Van Lueven 360-692-0361

Swinney Shower

There will be a shower for Kaylee Swinney celebrating the birth of the newest Swinney Ryland! The shower is scheduled for the 21st of February and donations are still able to be accepted for a gift by Savannah Wilson or Sha'lon Pyke. Please mark this event and date in your calendar and be there to bless the mother and baby of the Swinney family!

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 (Special Plans coming for January 31st!)

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.

Giving on 1-31-2016

For those who wish to keep informed the giving on Sunday the 31st of January was \$3,901.47. Sorry for not having it in the bulletin as of last week, we are currently up to date now on giving totals.

Nursery and Communion

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

Our Prayer List

Healing for the following family members:

Gary Chasteen, Barbara Byrd, Austin Silvia, Ryland Swinney, Lucille Lowe, DJ Magneson and Les Lewis.

Safe Travels for the following family members:

Roy and Jo Vaughn, and also David and Ladonna Latham.

For the new marriage of Seth and Sarah Cartwright.

Prayers for our church as we start a new journey with the curriculum.

Prayers for Cody and our ministry leaders.

February 7, 2016

Worship: 97

Class: 46

Offering: \$2,985.77

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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 for 2016. 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 on our community board. Don't know what these different serving opportunities look require? Just see Cody Rousseau after church and he'll walk you through them.

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.

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,

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