

Port Orchard



Church of Christ



Where Jesus is Loved, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

## Understanding Your Christian Obligation to the Next Generation

**W**e have a tendency to think of Christianity in very individualistic ways, “If I want to be a Christian, that is between me and God; and if I don’t want to be a Christian, that is between me and God.” But the truth is, your decision to follow Jesus – or not follow Jesus – will affect far more than your own eternal life. Your decision could bless – or devastate – your descendants for countless generations.

### My Heritage of Faith

In some families there is a heritage of higher education, athleticism, or military service. In my family, however, there is a heritage of faith. Both of my parents, all four of my grandparents, some of my great-grandparents, and even a few of my great-great-grandparents were Christians.

From generation to generation, they passed down a knowledge of, and a love for, the gospel. That inheritance is worth far more to me than if I had been born the heir of a multi-million dollar estate. Their commitment to passing down the faith has helped to ensure that I know the Lord and will live forever with Him.

But it really isn’t about me; it’s about my children and my children’s children. My sons are receiving this heritage from my fam-

ily and from my wife’s family. Nearly all of the family my boys know – their cousins, their grandparents, their aunts and their uncles – are members of the body of Christ. This is a legacy I hope and pray they do not take for granted.

### A Resurrection Reunion

When the Lord returns, I am confident that He will resurrect the vast majority of my family to eternal life; and it thrills my soul to consider how wonderful that Day will be. I realize that in the resurrection our relationships will be different (Matthew 22:30), but I sincerely hope we will be able to experience a resurrection family reunion.

I want to meet those who’ve gone before me and I want to meet those who will hopefully come after me. I want my great-great-grandmother to meet my great-great-grandson. I want to thank my ancestors for bringing up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord; and I want to thank my descendants for honoring their fathers and mothers by keeping the faith.

I pray that neither I, nor my children, nor my children’s children do anything to disinherit ourselves and miss out on that great resurrection reunion. *(Continued on back).*

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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.

## Save the Dates!

**Friday 02/23**      *Bunco Night*  
6-8 pm              *Fundraiser*

**Saturday 03/03**      *Deacons Meeting*  
8 am                  *& Continuing Discussion of Future*

**Sunday 03/04**      *Congregational*  
**After Services**      *Meeting: Continuing Discussion*

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### Pulpit Preview

Thomas Morse will be giving the sermon this Sunday: "Made to Work" Genesis 1: 26-27. Worship Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

### Happy Birthday!

February: Virginia Chapman-02, Israel Cormier-02, Tammy Avery-05, Laura Gerard-07, Chris Hill-07, Carla Duffy-08, Molly Bell-09, Melvin Byrd-09, Terri Hall-09, Zari Keagle-09, DeLoris Lawler-09, Ken Avery-10, Jennifer Delay-14, Katrina Coley-15, Lara Chavez-17, Rachel Karn-18, Zari Cormier-19, Jason Hall-20, Christian Wheeler-22, and Hayley O'Dell-28

### New Sister in Christ

We rejoice with our new sister in Christ, Abigail (Alex) Badertscher. She was baptized into the Lord this past Sunday, February 11th.

### Dream Bowl

Please continue to submit your thoughts and ideas to the Dream Bowl on the cabinet below the Missions board in the foyer.

## Serving February 18, 2018:

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| Prayer Leader: Dave Snynn                   | Communion Prep: Rick Velasco             |
| Scripture Reader: Wayne Hammock             | Communion Cleanup: Reinkes               |
| Offering Thoughts: Ken Reinke               | Song Leader: Darrell Fry                 |
| Communion Meditation: James Greer           |  |
| Servers: Tim Duffy & Greg Warner            |  |
| Ushers: Jarrod Coley & Brandon Zepf         | Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell |
| Greeters: Sarah Hill & Karen Taylor         | Youth Worship: Laura Fry                 |
| Prayer Partners: Dale Sanders & Carla Duffy | Preaching: Thomas Morse                  |
| Sound: Brittany Pringle                     |  |
| Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher              |  |

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for making our mission trip happen! Thank you for your sacrifice, excitement and love! And we thank you for your prayers for our safety and success as we reach out and touch Mexico City with the Gospel! May God bless you!  
Kind Regards,  
Trent, Michelle, & Elizabeth Herbert*

### **Bunco Night Fundraiser**

**What:** Sarah and Paula Hill are hosting a Bunco Night to raise funds for their Japan Trip.

**When:** Friday, February 23rd, 6-8 pm

**Where:** Port Orchard church of Christ Fellowship Hall

**How:** Everyone should bring a dish to share. It will be a \$15 donation. Prizes will be awarded. Also there will be items that we will be raffling off. Sarah will be providing child care for those that require it. There will be a sign-up sheet available at church on the back board. If interested or have questions, contact Paula Hill.

### **Film Showing at Manchester Community Library**

**What:** Rape for Profit

**When:** Saturday, February 24, 4-7 pm

**Who:** Sarah Benjamin

**Where:** Manchester Community Library  
8067 E Main Street  
Manchester, WA 98353

### **2018 High School Graduates**

If you have a senior graduating this spring, please let sister Bonnie Mitchell know so that we can get our celebration preparations underway. We want to give our graduates a good send-off!

### **Garage Sale for Manger Scene Fund**

To have a successful garage sale, donated stuff is needed. Please donate usable stuff. Not usable:

- No big exercise equipment.
- No old TVs or stereo equipment
- No badly stained, excessively used, excessively dirty, badly damaged, unworkable or broken, has an odor or appears to be unsafe stuff
- No items that go against church values or standards

The church garage is available for storage. If you need assistance moving items, see or call Barbara Chasteen or Rick Velasco. Thank you for your support.

### **Our Prayer List**

#### **Healing:**

Carole Ewalt's dad Charlie Stites  
Gary Chasteen  
Dorothy Fletcher  
Norm Brinkley  
Margaret Myers  
Tammy Avery's friend Roxanne

#### **Encouragement:**

Alex Badertscher, new sister  
Gardner Family moving to Hope of Honduras Children's Home  
Spiritual Leadership Group  
Those Grieving the loss of Loved Ones:  
Avery Stafford, Troy Hill

#### **Traveling:**

Sneads  
Bonnie & family travelling to Hawaii

#### **Other:**

Our children, church, nation, President Trump and ministries.  
That God will bless our deacons with wisdom in reaching the many decisions they are entrusted with.  
Direction of our congregation.

**February 11, 2018**

Worship: 74

Class: 35

Offering: \$4,009.00

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### **It Only Takes One Generation**

The faith that has been passed down to me began with one person from one generation. They probably didn't realize it at the time, but they were beginning a legacy. And perhaps you are the first in your family to walk with the Lord. Perhaps yours will be the first generation of many to come.

If you are a Christian parent, then realize your job is spectacularly important. **You cannot, of course, guarantee that your children become Christians, but you can do everything within your power to show them why Jesus is worth following.** There is no higher calling in this world than ensuring your children have the opportunity to hear the Good News about Jesus.

As you discipline, as you instruct, as you strive not to "provoke your children to anger," as you pick up toys and help with algebra homework – remember that you are part of something much bigger than yourself. You

are helping to ensure that another generation has the opportunity to seize the baton of faith and pass it down to another generation.

**And just as it only takes one generation to start a legacy, it only takes one generation to destroy a legacy.** The second generation of Israelites in the Promised Land "did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10). Some of that was probably that generation's fault and some was probably the fault of their parents' generation. Regardless, their unfaithfulness had dire consequences for many generations to come.

**Bottom Line**

The point is this: we have to start thinking about Christianity generationally. We have to see the big picture. We have to take what we have heard and "entrust" it to others, "who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). This is true in the church, as well as our families.

Families are not just a mom, a

dad, and the kids. Families are grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and grandchildren. We want everyone to be citizens of the heavenly kingdom. We want everyone to be resurrected to life. Our "waiting for new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13) should be a family affair.

So just remember, as Christians, we all have an obligation to the next generation.

I love you and God loves you,  
Wes McAdams  
May 24, 2017

<http://www.radicallychristian.com/understanding-your-christian-obligation-to-the-next-generation>  
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