

Port Orchard Church of Christ



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Update from Roy Merritt

Perhaps you have been hearing scary stories about our rain. The season began normally in mid-November and lasted about two weeks, then faded out and we had very little rainfall in December. Villagers who planted very early lost their crop. First two weeks of January we had night time or early morning drizzles that revived the later crops, and those who had lost their crops planted again. We have not had rain now for about ten days. Crops still look good, and the maize in the farther field is already tasseling.



Old-time missionary, Alvin Hobby was quite the astronomer, and he said most of our rain comes the week before and the week after the full moon. That was the pattern of the early January rain, so I hope we soon get another two weeks of good rain.



But we really need some heavy rain to fill our streams so they fill our dams and stockponds. And even the Zambezi River and Lake Kariba, our main source of electrical power in Zambia. In a **normal** rainy season, this small stream flowing through Namwianga would be gurgling now.

At least the countryside is a beautiful green.



And the water level in this stock-pond would be three quarters of the way up on the reeds waaaaay over there on the other side.



There are virtually no flowers, but I find the occasional snail or tortoise hustling along -- though they are not interested in conversation.

I am seeing lots of tracks made by giant beetles. I keep hoping I can see one some morning and get a photo for you. They are very dark brown, slow movers, and nearly as big as a softball!



PLEASE KEEP OUR RAIN SITUATION IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Another crop failure for the village folk will be a disaster even worse than the drought we had in 2019.

Please ask our Lord to have mercy on these humble, lovely, gentle people. - Roy Merritt

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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 cen-

tury 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!

Deacon Meeting	POCOC
Bible Study Sunday: 6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium
Warming Center Mondays 9:00am - 3:00pm	Capital Christian Church 902 Dekalb St, PO
Ladies Prayer Group Tuesday Mornings 10:00am	LaDonna Latham's home
Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 6:00pm	POCOC Auditorium
Ladies Bible Class / Picture Journaling Class January 24, 6:00pm	POCOC Downstairs See back page
Men's Breakfast February 1, 8:00 am \$5 donation to DBCC	Lakeview Church of Christ

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

02/02 This Sunday, Trent Herbert is scheduled to preach. Sunday Morning Service begins at 10:45.

Last Sunday

01/26 Bob McDaniel preached last Sunday. If you would like to listen to his sermon, or other sermons, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Happy Birthday!

February: Israel Cormier - 2, Virginia Chapman - 2, Tammy Avery - 5, Laura Gerard - 7, Christopher Hill - 7, Carla Duffy - 8, Melvin Byrd - 9, Terry Hall - 9, Zari Keagle - 9, Deloris Lawler - 9, Ken Avery - 10, Katrina Coley - 15, Rachel Karn - 18, Zari Keagle - 19, Jason Hall - 20,

Serving February 2, 2020:

Prayer Leader: Jason Hooper	Communion Prep & Cleanup: Rick Velasco
Scripture Reader: Trent Herbert	
Offering Thoughts: Wayne Hammock	Song Leader: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation: Jim Snead	
Servers: Rick Velasco, Brandon Karn	
Ushers: Roger Taylor, Rodney Cormier	
Greeters: Karen Taylor, Deloris Lawler	
Prayer Partners: Ken & Tammy Avery	Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell
Sound: Isaac Benjamin	Youth Worship: Laura Fry
Slides/Lighting: Tanya Howard	Preaching: Trent Herbert

Congregational Memory Verse

"Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here."
Matthew 3:2b

Our Prayer List

Healing & Encouragement:

Britni Wiggins, Fred Powless, Kyle Wyatt, Dale Sanders, Carol Smith's son who has cancer, Dale Sander's sister Lynda, Ashley Mayes, Rick Velasco, Daniel Tillman.

Traveling:

Gary & Tammy White, and Tammy's cousins travelling to Iceland

Other:

Continue to pray for the Ladies Bible Class, Tiny Village Team, Warming Center, all of our Bible Classes, Tweens and Teens traveling to churches on Sundays in February, Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.

Ken & Tammy Avery and Darrell & Laura Fry have requested some items for the Warming Center. If you are able to help, please bring them to the building by Sunday.

- brownies
- cookies
- apples
- carrots
- monetary donations to offset the food being prepared

Reflections...

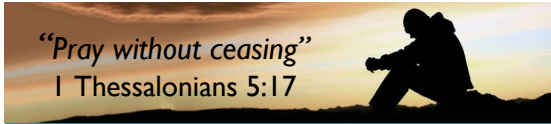
Ken Avery gave the message Sunday, January 26, 2020 - It was about 3 stories that were taught and touched by the Master.

First, in John 3:1-17 it's the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Their feet were washed by the Son of God. - Jesus' humility.

Second, John 8:1-11 is Jesus, and the woman caught in adultery. Jesus saved her life, physically – spiritually, He gave her a chance to repent. - Jesus' mercy.

The third story is from John 4, Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman at the well. There are invisible lines in the sand at the well. – Religious, cultural, racial and gender lines – Jesus crossed all those lines. He crossed them because He was concerned for her soul. Jesus didn't sin by talking to the woman, and He didn't sin when He talked to the Samaritan people from the town. They saw someone who saw them and loved them. - Jesus' grace.

Take away – Before you speak or act – reflect on the humility, mercy and grace of Jesus.



"Pray without ceasing"
I Thessalonians 5:17

January 26, 2020

Worship: 97

Class: 32

Offering: \$2,175.22

Coming Events

Warming Center

We have committed to helping at the warming center each Monday from 9:00 to - 3:00, beginning January 20.

If you would like to help in that ministry, contact Bob McDaniel, or Jim Sneed.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448903112309921/>

Delano Bay Christian Camp (DBCC) Schedule

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Teen Winter Retreat	7th - 12th Grade	February 7-9	delanobay.org/winter-retreat
Teen Spring Retreat	7th - 12th Grade	April 24-26	delanobay.org/event-info/teen-spring-retreat
Work Party	All	April 25	
Delano Family Day	All	June 13, 2020	
Summer Camps	1st grade thru High School	June 27 - August 1	delanobay.org/camps
Lakeview Men's Breakfast	All Men	February 1, 8:00 am	

Ladies Bible Class / Picture Bible Journaling class

On January 24th at 6:00 pm in the church basement, we will begin a Ladies Bible class / Picture Bible journaling class on the 4th Friday evenings of every month for the year of 2020.

We will be using the book: How Happiness Happens by Max Lucado

Finding LASTING JOY in a world of comparison, disappointment, and unmet expectations.

We have also invited the ladies of Ekklesia and CK Church of Christ to join us.

We will be doing a Bible study, as well as make a picture Bible journal each meeting.

Remember!

If you are interested, please contact Tammy White at 360-265-1052, so we can make sure we have enough books and journals to go around.