

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Spiritual “Hangry-ness”

Have you heard the term “hangry” before? It is a term which refers to the bit of irritability that accompanies hunger. Snickers has had a number of great commercials that refer to this state. All of us I am sure can recollect a time when we were hungry and didn’t handle ourselves in a kind fashion.

Tiffany and I have received lots of advice since we got married on how to “have a good marriage.” The advice that sticks out in the pool of collective wisdom is always that which seems odd; sayings or counter-intuitive things. This week I have been thinking about being “hangry.”

Gene told me early on when I started working here that the best advice he could give me on good marital communication was this: “Don’t have an argument of discussion in the morning before you have breakfast.” He talked about learning that lesson the hard way with Laura when they were our age, and about what changing one simple variable did for their marital peace.

I can think of a number of times in the last two and half years with Tiffany where hunger really played a roll in how one of us responded. (Particularly me.) My beautiful wife has learned that if I am getting hungry and quiet that before we push any conversation that I need a snack. It sounds juvenile, but even a

snack can make the difference between docile or flagrant Cody.

I have been wondering this week if we should apply the idea of “hangry-ness” to our personal walks with Christ. If our ability to not respond out of an empty cup would be good? I can think of times where in exhaustion or spiritual hunger I have said or done something particularly short. I’ve given bad advice, hurt feelings, and altogether been rather un-Christian in the throws of spiritual “hangry-ness.”

I am sure each of us can think of a time when all we needed was some space and some refueling. I know that my wife and I certainly do! So this week think about maybe finding the space or the time to refuel and replenish yourself on the bread which brings eternal life. Refuel with Christ. Fill yourself with Him that you might have the endurance to run this race.

If you are feeling spiritually “hangry” be sure to take a small snack before hurting yourself or those around you. A little patience and food can be the difference between someone seeing or hearing Christ in their day, or missing Him altogether!

May God bless each of us as we seek to be closer to Him, more like Him, and may we bless one another as we grow in Him as a family.

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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 2/21 Swinney Baby Shower

Tuesday 2/23 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 2/24 Youth Group

Saturday 2/27 Spaghetti Dinner/
Gala

Tuesday 3/1 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 3/2 Youth Group

Saturday 3/5 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 3/6 Congregational Meeting

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Galatians 4: A case for the Gospel

This week James will be sharing a message with us from his personal devotion. As he comes before us let us warmly and prayerfully hear what he has to say! May God bless us with a message filled with the Spirit.

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

Serving Feb. 21, 2016 :

Prayer Leader:	J. Snead	Communion Prep:	Rousseau
Scripture Reader:	James Greer	Communion Cleanup:	Hill
Offering Thoughts:	Gene Gerard	Praise Team:	TBD
Communion Meditation:	Joshua Wilson		
Servers:	D. Lawrence & Dan Gross		
Ushers:	J. Bickle & W. Hammock		
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & Lori Sanders	Sunday School & LG Helper:	Kerri S.
Nursery Attendants:	TBD	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Karen Taylor
Sound:	D. Sanders		Coffee— Rick
Slides/Lighting:	C. Hill		Cleanup— Karen Taylor



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!

Spaghetti Dinner and Gala

Empower the women and children suffering in sexual slavery. Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world with nearly 27 million victims, half of which are minors. Dress-up and support Rescue Freedom International, a Seattle-based charity providing safe-homes to human trafficking victims. Enjoy an evening of live music, food, friends, and activism! \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids under 13. Live music and dessert included! The event is scheduled for February 27 at 5:00PM. It will be held at the church building! Please RSVP with Eloise Gerard or via the Facebook page asap!

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.

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.

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February 14, 2016
 Worship: 87
 Class: 41
 Offering: \$3,495.18
 Goal: \$3,437.50

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Nursery and Communion

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

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.

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.

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

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