

Port Orchard Church of Christ



• Jesus is Lord • Jesus is Lifted • Jesus is Lived •



ON THE ANVIL!

It is on the anvil tools are worked into shape to be better put to work. Heated in the fire and hit with the hammer they are forged and made useful. The smith's work is done with a purpose in mind. Even of human life it is stated, "Faith is forged on the anvil of human adversity." (Peter J. Gomes)

As Peter encouraged his readers of the living hope and assurance of salvation that was theirs (and ours), he also stated...

"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith -- more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire -- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

(1 Peter 1:6-7 ESV)

Adversity helps us grow stronger in ways non-challenging times can. They provide the opportunity to reveal the genuineness of our faith in God in spite of what might be endured in this realm. By such, our character is shaped (note Romans 5:4) and steadfastness is developed. (note James 1:3) Certainly adversity is not comfortable, but its fire forges us toward greater strength and usefulness to God. With our life left trustingly in His hands we are prepared to be used in glorious ways. May we resign ourselves to stand the heat as we're made complete for carrying out the Divine purposes of God!

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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-

ture 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!

Bible Study Sunday: 6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium
Warming Center Mondays 9:00am - 3:00 pm	Capital Christian Church 902 Dekalb St, PO
Ladies Prayer Group Tuesday Mornings 10:00am	LaDonna Latham's Home
Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium
Ladies Bible Class February 28 at 6:00 pm	POCOC Fellowship Rm
Deacon meeting February 29	POCOC Conference Rm
Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 7 8:00 am	Lakeview Church of Christ - Tacoma Springbrook will lead

Serving February 23, 2020:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

02/23 This Sunday, Avery Stafford is scheduled to preach. Sunday Morning Service begins at 10:45.

Last Sunday

02/16 Jim Snead preached last Sunday. If you would like to listen to his sermon, or other sermons, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Happy Birthday!

March: Ariana Avery - 4, Charlotte Hahn - 4, Lynn Chapman - 5, Lydia Gerard - 10, Brad Orser - 12, Garrett Cates - 15, Troy Hill - 15, Darrell Fry - 25, Faith Wichman - 28, JT Keagle - 29, Mallory Hall - 30, Lilly Harris - 30, Roger Taylor - 31

Prayer Leader: Jamin Mason

Scripture Reader: Avery Stafford

Offering Thoughts: Ken Avery

Communion Meditation: Dave Snyp

Servers: Rick Velasco, Brandon Karn

Ushers: Roger Taylor, Rodney Cormier

Greeters: Greg & Sandy Warner

Prayer Partners: Darrell & Laura Fry

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Tanya Howard

Communion Prep & Cleanup: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Congregational Memory Verse: Jason Hooper

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell

Youth Worship: Laura Fry

Preaching: Avery Stafford

Congregational Memory Verse

“Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”

Luke 4:8

Warming Center

LaDonna Latham and Bonnie Mitchell will lead the work Monday, February 24th at the Warming Center. If you would like to help, please bring the following items to

- brownies
- cookies
- apples
- or monetary donations to offset food costs.
- carrots
- fruit
- crackers

Our Prayer List

Healing

Steve Smith (Carol Smith's son), Fred Powless, Kyle Wyatt, Carol Smith's son who has cancer, Dale Sander's sister Lynda, Rick Velasco, Daniel Tillman, Tony DelBarto, Pam Woodrow, Laura Fry.

Other:

Continue to pray for the Ladies Bible Class, Tiny Village Team, Warming Center, all of our Bible Classes, Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.

Reflections...

February 16, 2020

Speaker – Jim Snead

Jim Snead gave the sermon Sunday; the title was “Wind and Fire, the Holy Spirit”. He told how a Bible study on the Holy Spirit had impacted his life.

Jesus never did anything without the Spirit of God. Even before His birth, the Holy Spirit was there, (Luke 1:26-35), and after Jesus was baptized. (Matthew 3:13-17)

God doesn't want us to figure out the Holy Spirit as much as He wants us to experience Him. (Romans 8:15-17) Through the Holy Spirit we're made heirs of God.

Jim shared a beautiful and very honest testimony of his life. He also shared a way to let go of things in your life that hinders the Holy Spirit.

Take away: Jesus knows the Holy Spirit is essential in our lives and if we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, there is nothing God can't do through us!

“To Infinity and Beyond!”

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February 16, 2020

Worship: 83

Class: 38

Offering: \$2,755.10

A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day
decided to pause by the altar and see who had come to pray.
Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle.
The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.
His shirt was kinda' shabby and his coat was worn and frayed.
The man knelt, bowed his head, then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed, each noon came this chap.
Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap.
Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear.
He decided to stop the man and ask him, "Watcha doin' here?"
The old man, he worked down the road. Lunch was half an hour.
Lunchtime was his prayer time, for finding strength and power.

"I stay only moments, see, 'cause the factory is so far away;
As I kneel here talkin' to the Lord, this is kinda 'what I say;
'I just came to again to tell you, Lord, how happy I've been,
Since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin.
I don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day.
So, Jesus, this is Jim checkin' in."

The minister feeling foolish, told Jim, that was fine.
He told the man he was welcome to come and pray just anytime.
Time to go, Jim smiled said "Thanks." He hurried to the door.
The minister knelt at the altar; he'd never done it before.
His cold heart melted, warmed with love, met with Jesus there.
As the tears flowed, in his heart, he repeated old Jim's prayer.

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Since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin.
I don't know much of how to pray,
but I think about you every day.
So, Jesus, this is me checkin' in."

Past noon one day the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come.
As more days passed without Jim, he began to worry some.
At the factory he asked about him, learning he was ill.
The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill.
The week that Jim was with them, brought changes in the ward.

**Port Orchard
United Methodist Church**

~ 8th Annual ~

**Health & Senior
Resource Fair**

2020

~ Corner of Kitsap and Sidney ~
(725 Kitsap St.)

Door Prizes

March 7
9am - 2pm

Free Senior Orca Cards

28+ Resource Providers

.. Speaker Topics ..

9:15... Get to know your Library

10:10... POA's & Advanced Directives

11:05... Stepping Stones of Dementia

12:00... Neuropathy the Basics
What is it - Why it happens - Natural treatments

12:50... Managing Grief & Loss



Give Blood today
9 am - 3 pm