
Port Orchard Church of Christ



Seeing Christ in Our Circumstances

[Philippians 1:12-25](#)

If you had the power to change your circumstances, would you? Since no one has a life without problems, most of us would immediately say yes. However, the reality is that we must learn to live with some of our difficult circumstances, because only God has the power to alter them—and in His providence, He’s allowed them to remain.

Take the apostle Paul, for example. He had a desire to go to Rome and preach the gospel but didn’t anticipate the route God would use to bring him there. It began with false accusations in Jerusalem, an appeal to Caesar, a rough sea voyage, and a shipwreck and eventually included time spent in a Roman prison. This was probably not what Paul had envisioned, but as he sat chained to a Roman guard, he wrote the following words to the church in Philippi: “My circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel” (Phil. 1:12). The very circumstance that may have seemed like an unfair misfortune became the avenue for fruitful service.

What looks like a shipwreck or detour in our plans could actually be God’s ordained path for our lives. It may include

financial challenges, health issues, relational conflicts, or any number of other hardships, but there is one certainty to which we can cling: Jesus Christ is our life, and He never changes.

Conditions around us will fluctuate, but if we belong to Christ, He’ll use every situation to accomplish His will in and through us. Even when we face matters of life and death, we can share Paul’s desire—that Christ would be exalted in us, whether through life or death.

- Charles F. Stanley



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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.

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Save the Dates!

Saturday 2/25 Memorial Service for Ben Mason

Tuesday 2/28 Ladies Prayer Group

Wednesday 3/1 Bible Study

Saturday 3/4 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 3/5 Congregational Meeting

Sunday 3/5 Men's Breakfast

Wednesday 3/8 Bible Study

Saturday 3/11 Memorial Service for Bette Widman

Sunday 3/12 Senior Saints Potluck

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— "No news is Not GOOD NEWS"

Ken Avery will be preaching a sermon this upcoming Sunday. His sermon will come out of Acts 17. Worship Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

February has arrived, it's time to celebrate our February babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

Virginia Chapman, Israel Cormier - 2/2. Tammy Avery - 2/5. Laura Gerard, Chris Hill. - 2/7. Carla Duffy - 2/8. Deloris Lawler, Melvin Byrd - 2/9. Ken Avery - 2/10. Jennifer Delay - 2/14. Katrina Coley - 2/15. Rachel Karn - 2/18. Bette Widman, Zari Cormier - 2/19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Greer

James Greer shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

Serving February 26, 2017 :

Prayer Leader:	Gene Gerard	Communion Prep:	Barbara Chasteen
Scripture Reader:	Brandon Zepf	Communion Cleanup:	Reinke Family
Offering Thoughts:	Wayne Hammock	Praise Team:	Gene G., Connie G., Brad O., Laura G.
Communion Meditation:	Dale Sanders		
Servers:	Brandon Z. & John B.		
Ushers:	Terry B. & Dave S.	Sunday School & CW Helper:	Delay Family
Greeters:	Lori S. & Deloris L.		
Nursery Attendants:	TBD	Preaching:	Ken Avery
Sound:	Charlie Hammock		
Slides/Lighting:	Jacob Hammock		



Margret Meyers

Margret Meyers would love to have women visitors.

Upcoming Memorial Services Info

Various members have filled my list for the potluck meals that will be served at Ben Mason's service which is this Saturday at 11am and Bette Widman's service at 2pm on Saturday March 11th. The potlucks will follow the services. A very special thank you from all of you who so graciously offered to provide the various dishes for the potluck. I so appreciate your help with this.

We can use any help setting up, serving and cleaning up in the fellowship room and kitchen. Please call me at [895-0453 \(h\)](tel:895-0453) or [265-3266 \(c\)](tel:265-3266) if you are able to participate in any way.

-Bonnie M.

Wednesday Night Class

Wednesday bible study kicked off yesterday. We are using the one minute bible. We start downstairs together and then move into small groups for study. Please join us for worship and a bible study every Wednesday!

Men's Breakfast

When: March 5th at 8 am
Where: Lakeview Church of Christ

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at The Port Orchard Church of Christ. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

Our Prayer List

Prayer requests:

Healing:

Daniel (Frys Grandson)

Dave Dowlen

All those suffering from the flu and colds

Other:

Prayers for our Church, Deacons, Ministries, First Responders, Our Leaders and the President.

Seth & Sarah Cartwright

Encouragement:

Delores Brun

Tim Duffy

Family of Ben Mason

Family of Bette Widman

February 19, 2017

Worship: 66

Class: 40

Offering: \$2,200.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

Philippians 1:12-25

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,

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