

# Port Orchard



# Church of Christ



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

## Defining Love

**Jesus** not only defined love, He raised the bar by instructing His disciples to love one another.

Jesus stated: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35) In this new command, Jesus calls disciples to practice genuine love. However, He did not just talk about this authentic love; He demonstrated the qualities and actions that typify genuine love.

One of Jesus' most memorable acts of loving selflessly was washing the disciples' feet. "He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel girding his waist. So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, 'Lord, do You wash my feet?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.'" (John 13:5-7)

The washing of feet was an act of service typically accomplished by a servant. Knowing this, Jesus humbles Himself and serves those who should have been serving Him, thus demonstrating loving humility.

Jesus goes on to further show this new definition of love by living his teaching regarding the treatment of one's enemies. Scripture

details the events and treatment of Jesus after His arrest. The Romans tortured, humiliated and disrespected Him in every way. Finally, they nailed his hands and feet to a cross. After enduring such inhumane treatment, Jesus demonstrates merciful love by asking God the Father to forgive the ones who were inflicting this incredible pain that would eventually take his life.

*When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. But Jesus was saying, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'* (Luke 23:33-34)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presciently addresses this type of behavior:

*But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.* (Matthew 5:44-48)

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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!

**Saturday 02/03**      *Deacons' Meeting*  
**8:00 AM**

**Sunday 02/04**      *Children's Bible Classes: Start New Schedule*  
**9:30 AM**

**Sunday 02/04**      *Congregational Meeting*

**Sunday 02/11**      *Special Service & Potluck*

## Serving February 4, 2018:

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### Pulpit Preview

Avery Stafford will be sharing a message with us. 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 Fry-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

### Last Sunday

Darrell Fry shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com) to listen.

### Spiritual Leadership Group (SLG)

The SLG is asking for prayers for encouragement and direction within their group.

### Children's Classes Schedule Revision

**Starting:** Sunday, February 4th, 9:30 am

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock

Scripture Reader: Bob McDaniel

Offering Thoughts: Ken Avery

Communion Meditation: Dave Snyp

Servers: Tim Duffy & Greg Warner

Ushers: Jarrod Coley & Brandon Zepf

Greeters: Greg & Sandi Warner

Prayer Partners: James & Connie Greer

Sound: Dale Sanders

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Reinkes

Song Leader: Avery Stafford & Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Laura Fry

Youth Worship: Jennifer Delay

Preaching: Avery Stafford



## Dream Bowl

There is a glass bowl and blue cards on the cabinet in front of the Missions board in the foyer for members to submit what they envision for our congregation in the future. This bowl is for anything ranging from spiritual matters to physical matters. Please include your name on your submission so that you may be contacted.

## Special Service Sunday, February 11th

At our last congregational meeting, our deacons introduced their thoughts for beginning the process of hiring a minister. It was decided that on Sunday, February 11th, during the sermon time, the congregation will have an open discussion on the matter. Our deacons ask that in preparation for this discussion, the body be praying and thinking about this meeting for the next week. Spending some time with the Lord in prayer and/or fasting is suggested. Fasting need not be a days long process, but rather a giving up of food or other activity in order to spend time in the presence of the Lord, seeking His blessing and guidance for a length of time guided by your desire to be with the Lord. Please also be contemplating the qualities you would like to see in a minister. This meeting is the first of many opportunities for our members to voice their opinions, concerns, and hopes for the future regarding the hiring of a minister.

## Delano Family Day from Lisa Bratcher

Help Needed: On **June 9th, 2018**, we are having a Delano Family Day (This is a replacement event for Delano Day). The specific help needed right now is for individuals who have benefited from the camp as a camper or staff **to be part of a Steering Committee**. There are two qualifications for members on the Steering Committee: #1 - You have to love Delano and have a desire to see it continue as a place where young people can find and grow in faith. #2 - You have to be a team player having the goal of making sure the next generation hears about Delano Bay Christian Camp. **Please Notify Dennis Baker by February 3, 2018**. Meetings will be conducted online with Go To Meeting, which also allows for phone-in participants. Here is contact information for Dennis (Cell # [253.312.7288](tel:253.312.7288); E-mail address is [be.ye.glad1@gmail.com](mailto:be.ye.glad1@gmail.com)). I look forward to hearing from you and I am excited about this new event to highlight the amazing place that Delano is.

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Norm Brinkley  
Margaret Myers  
Tony DelBarto (Bonnie's son-in-law)  
Karen Taylor  
Daniel Tillman  
Tammy Avery's friend Roxanne  
Virginia Chapman  
Delores Brun  
Runell Mason  
David Latham  
Melvin Byrd

### Encouragement:

Gardner Family moving to Hope of Honduras  
Children's Home  
Spiritual Leadership Group  
Those Grieving the loss of Loved Ones

### Traveling:

Sneads

### 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.

**January 28, 2017**

Worship: 89

Class: 44

Offering: \$3,001.05

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Another aspect of perfect love is sacrificial sharing. Jesus demonstrates perfect love in his willingness to give his life as a ransom for those who are guilty and under a death sentence. Many times our familiarity with scripture causes us to skip over key words and phrases. In this instance, Jesus' command raised the bar, defining what it meant to love one another. Let's look at the new commandment again:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all men will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

Jesus qualifies the "new command" by stating the disciples' love should mirror His example, the loving behavior He demonstrated toward them. Jesus manifested this new command by humbling Himself and washing His disciples' feet, esteem-

ing others better than Himself, and forgiving the very ones who crucified Him. Ultimately, He revealed this new love by ransoming Himself for those unworthy of His sacrifice.

*In service to our Lord,  
— Rod Ellison  
www.randolphcofc.org  
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### **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. See or call Barbara Chasteen or Rick Velasco. For help with cleaning out, transportation of stuff, to volunteer your time, questions or suggestions, see Barb or Rick. To donate to the fund or to get a tax receipt for your donation, ask Gary Chasteen. Please donate prayer for the Port Orchard church of Christ building and property, congregation, people serving here, ministries, missions, and goals. More details for the garage sale will be given as the summer draws near. Thank you for your support. -Barbara Chasteen and Rick Velasco

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