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# Port Orchard Church of Christ



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## Abraham's Lesson on Obedience

Genesis 16:1-16

The Old Testament gives us the account of Abraham's life. While the patriarch had a special relationship with God, his faith was not perfect. Over the years, he came to understand the importance of obedience—and how costly it can be to rebel.

Abraham learned the hard way that manipulating circumstances to gain a desired result can bring heartache. God had promised him and Sarah a child, but they were still waiting for that blessing when they were elderly. Already in her 70s, Sarah suggested that Abraham get an heir by having a child with her servant Hagar. The result was jealousy, family strife, and a bloody conflict that still rages today between the descendants of Hagar's son Ishmael and Sarah's son Isaac.

Obedience will bring the Lord's best, but it requires waiting on Him. Abraham was already an old man when God promised him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky ([Gen. 15:5](#)). This would not be fulfilled until he was 100 and Sarah was well past her child-bearing years, which meant that all the glory for Isaac's miraculous conception and birth went to the Lord ([Gen. 21:1-7](#)). Jumping ahead of God had harsh, long-term consequences. But the good news is that the couple's mistakes could not prevent Him from carrying

out His plan.

The Lord has given us His Word so we might learn from the saints of old. The story of Abraham's life teaches us that obedience is essential. When we place our trust in a sovereign God and wait upon His timing, He will always prove faithful.

- In Touch Ministries



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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 2/4** Deacons Meeting

**Sunday 2/5** Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday 2/7** Ladies Prayer Group

**Friday 2/10** Winter Retreat

**Sunday 2/12** Senior Saints Potluck

**Tuesday 2/14** Valentines Day



**Serving February 5, 2017 :**

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— " In a Society Full of Idols**

Avery Stafford will be preaching a sermon this upcoming Sunday. His sermon will be coming from Acts 19:23-41. 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 - 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**

#### **Cody Rousseau**

Cody Rousseau 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](http://pococ.weebly.com)

#### **Visitors for the sick**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to visit the sick.

Prayer Leader: Jim Snead

Scripture Reader: Brandon Zepf

Offering Thoughts: Troy Hill

Communion Meditation: Dave Snyp

Servers: Darrell F. & John B.

Ushers: Wayne H. & Ken A.

Greeters: Carla D. & Karen T.

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Sound: Jacob Hammock

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Barbara Chasteen

Communion Cleanup: Reinke Family

Praise Team: Avery Stafford

Sunday School & CW Helper: Lori S. & Barbara C.

Preaching: Avery Stafford



### **Benevolence Team**

With Ray and Connie Switzer leaving, there is a big gap in the Helping Those in Need Team that needs to be filled. If you have a heart for helping those who are desperately in need, please talk with Darrell or Laura Fry about your desire to serve in this wonderful work. You will literally be in the position of being the hands, feet and eyes of Jesus.

May God Bless this ministry!

Darrell & Laura Fry

### **Margret Meyers**

Margret Meyers would love to have women visitors.

### **Bette Widman**

Bette Widman  
PO Life Care Center  
Room 24  
2031 Pottery Ave  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

### **Deacons Meeting**

**When:** February 4th at 8:00 AM

**Where:** Port Orchard Church of Christ

### **Congregational Meeting**

**When:** February 5th directly after church service

**Where:** Port Orchard Church of Christ

### **Teen Winter Retreat**

**When:** February 10th - February 12th

**Where:** Delano Bay Christian Camp

### **Senior Saints Potluck**

**When:** February 12th directly after church

**Where:** Port Orchard Church of Christ

## **Our Prayer List**

### **Prayer requests:**

#### **Healing:**

Ben Mason

DJ Magneson

Bette Widman

Daniel (Frys Grandson)

Mary Becker (friend of the Taylors)

Bernice Bles (friend of the Taylors)

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

Darrell & Laura Fry on trip to Arizona

Greg and Sandi Warner (loss of Sandi's mother)

### **Encouragement:**

Delores Brun

Tim Duffy

Runell Mason

## **January 29, 2017**

Worship: 74

Class: N/A

Offering: \$2,292.70

Goal: \$3,437.50

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**Micah 7:7**

But as for me, I watch in hope for  
the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my  
God will hear me.

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