

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Growing Together for the Glory of God: The Elder Study Group

Based on our perception of how respect, trust and love developed between and among the people of the ESG during a year of meetings we recommend to the congregation growth groups as a next step in our efforts toward maturing our Christian life individually, as a church, and for the natural development and revelation of leaders.

The growth groups, consisting of approximately fifteen people each, will follow the same 22 week curriculum.

Each group will meet weekly to share and discuss the previous week's assignment (various schedules and start dates for these groups will depend on the number of participants). We believe by having an intentional and relational process we will grow in our love and knowledge of Jesus and one another.

There are audio tapes available of the sermon presented by Ken Reinke, A Talented Church, and the Elder Study Report presented immediately following worship on January 31, 2016 – thanks to Dale Sanders.

Appreciation and thanks to Sandi Warner for taking notes during the ESG meeting.

Brief informational statements based on the questions asked are as follows:

-The members of the ESG will be participants in growth groups.

-Expectations for participants during the six month study are to complete the weekly assignment, memorize the weekly memory verse and attend Sunday worship. Childcare will be paid for by the church.

-The weekly Sunday sermon will not intentionally parallel this program.

-Various schedules and start dates for these groups will depend on the number of participants.

-We do not know how often or for how long we will do this – we need to see how things go.

-We do wish for 100% of the church to participate.

-Once we see how many sign-up we will be able to organize the number of growth groups along with leaders and hosts.

-Spending more time together by participating in these groups, will develop us into the royal priesthood that

each Christian is called to be (each of us taking ownership – individually and as a church body, seeking GOD

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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!

Saturday 2/6 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 2/7 Congregational Meeting

Monday 2/8 Community Meal

Tuesday 2/9 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 2/10 Youth Group

Sunday 2/14 Valentines Day

Sunday 2/14 Sr. Saints Potluck

Tuesday 2/16 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 2/17 Youth Group

Sunday 2/21 Swinney Baby Shower

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— James Greer to preach

Our brother James Greer will be preaching this week for us. He will be sharing a lesson out of his own personal devotion. Let us prayerfully and warmly welcome him back to our pulpit!

Happy Birthdays!

January! A new year has come! With the cold weather, the white mornings and all of the freshness of clear freezing days we have a new set of birthdays to celebrate! Please remember to find these brothers and sisters and wish them the happiest birthday of all!

2— Mark David. 5— Connie Switzer. 6— Josh Wilson; Jo Vaughn. 9— Pat Woodrow. 10— Sharon Franck. 13— Isaiah Zepf. 16— Runell Mason. 18— Karen Taylor. 20— Mike Chavez. 24— Michelle Herbert; Forest Gerard. 30— Myron David.

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.

There are some of you who want to always provide a meal, some who choose

Serving Feb. 7, 2016 :

Prayer Leader: Cody Rousseau	Communion Prep: Rousseau
Scripture Reader: James Greer	Communion Cleanup: Hill
Offering Thoughts: Jim Snead	Praise Team: TBD
Communion Meditation: Dave Snyppe	
Servers: D. Lawrence & Dan Gross	
Ushers: J. Bickle & W. Hammock	
Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders	Sunday School & LG Helper: Sarah Benjamin
Nursery Attendants: Kerri S. & TBD	Fellowship Team: Donuts— DeLoris Lawler
Sound: Dale Sanders	Coffee— Lucille Lowe
Slides/Lighting: Chris Hill	Cleanup— DeLoris Lawler



not for 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

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

January 31, 2016

Worship: 86

Class: 42

Offering: N/A

Goal: \$3,437.50

and waiting for His leading) we will recognize elders because they will “bubble up”.

-More communication and fellowship in Christ and the Word will draw us closer creating unity and avoiding divisions.

-The curriculum is available on a PDF file or printed form (speak to Ray Switzer or James Greer).

-The curriculum is GOD and Bible focused. The study questions are appropriate for a new Christian as well as a seasoned Christian.

-There is no cost for this study or to the church. All Grace Bible Church in Houston Texas (curriculum provider)

asks is that we do not alter the printed material.

-February will be for participants to sign-up and we will begin growth groups in March.

-The existing small groups will not be converted into growth groups.

If you have additional questions please ask one of the Elder Study Group members.

Thank you for seeking the LORD’S will in this and having a heart open to the GOD’S leading.

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