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### *Our Citizenship Is In Heaven*

*Philippians 3:20*

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (NASB)*

Though we have not yet obtained it, as children of God, our home is in the city whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10). We are looking for and seeking a better country, an heavenly one (Hebrews 11:16). Today, as sojourners on earth, our affections are set on that heavenly country and the desires of our heart are centered on it (Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 6:19-21).

We are on a great journey that has no end. O, to be sure, the day is coming in which we will fold up this earthly tent but that will not mark the end of our existence (John 11:25; John 5:24; 1 John 5:11; 1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Corinthians 5:1).

I love this life I now live and want to stay here as long as possible without becoming a burden on my children but I know that this world is not my true abiding place and it is not your true abiding place either. Hear me when I say that we need to live our life as if we expect the next moment of time to be the one in which we will fold up this earthly tent and go home to the beautiful city of God. Life on this side of eternity is brief indeed and this should not come as a surprise to any of us since God's word points out its brevity (Psalms 9:10; Job 9:26; Isaiah 38:12; 2 Samuel 14:14; James 4:14; 1 Samuel 20:3). As we grow older our strength fades considerably. As we see our loved ones slip silently out into eternity, it really sinks in that life here is but for a short time.

Through the eye of faith we see that wonderful place we call home. It is a grand, beautiful and spectacular place (Revelation 21). It is truly a place where joys shall never end and where we will never grow old. In that heavenly land all the troubles, cares and burdens connected with living in the flesh will afflict us no more. How beautiful and wondrous heaven must be.

What more is there to say? I eagerly anticipate and longingly look to the day when I can view that majestic city from the inside. How about you?

Charles Hicks

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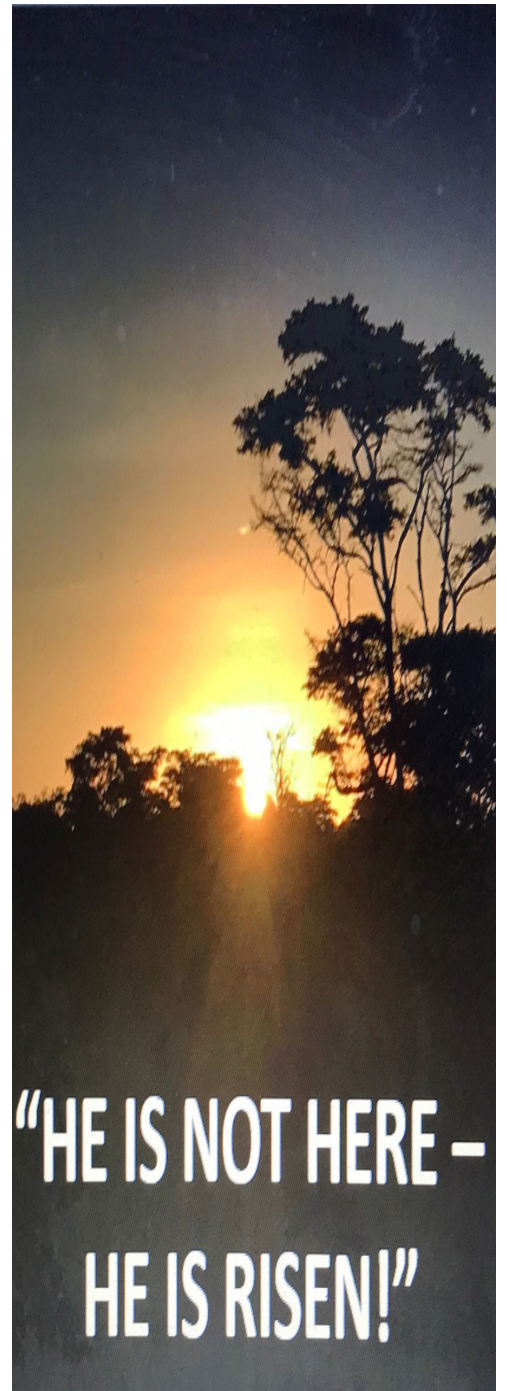
### **Easter with Roy Merritt**

Early this morning, our little home worship group decided to go out into one of our cattle paddocks where we climbed a huge granite rock to have a sunrise service.





After the service we enjoyed cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, boiled eggs and hot drinks. The kids scampered around, took tons of pictures and explored, while we adults shared corona virus stories.



## Can We help?

With so many of us sheltering in our homes as best we can, life and it's needs go on, such as trips for food, medications, etc, etc. A young man in our congregation is offering his time to make grocery and pharmacy pickups and deliver them to your front porch. His time and expenses are being covered by a local businessman/member of our church so there is absolutely NO charge to you for this service. Take advantage of it and stay safe! Just like Jesus, the debt has already been paid!

Here's how it works:

If you have needs, do one of the following:

Phone or text: (253) 380 4806 (Lorri Celletti) or, Email: mlcell@wavecable.com (Michael/Lorri Celletti)

Give your name and contact info, list of items needed, prescription pickup info etc.

Your items will be delivered to your front porch with a phone call to let you know they have arrived. Your receipt will be left in an envelope, then you can forward a check to the address on the envelope or call the above number to arrange payment when convenient.

There will be no personal contact between you and the person making the delivery. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible! If you should need financial assistance in procuring the items you need, please let us know. The goal is making sure everyone's needs are met until God conquers this virus. In the mean time, God bless all of you and stay safe!

P.S. You may also call (253) 223 9095 (Bob McDaniel) If you have questions or are unable to get through on above contact info.

## Our Prayer List

- Daniel Tillman is recovering from brain surgery.
- Steve Smith is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Ashley (Ariana's mother) is recovering from pneumonia.
- Pray for our school children who will do online schooling for the rest of this school year. Pray for the children whose parents don't have the facilities to let their children do the online schooling.
- Pray especially for those families for whom domestic violence is common and very likely is increased during this time. We don't know their names or who they are, but God does.
- Pray for encouragement to all those who are tirelessly working to deal with the Covid-19 virus. Prayers that God will guide them.
- Continue to pray for our Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.

Note: If you have a prayer request or an update, please contact Bonnie Mitchell at mitbem0519@gmail.com

### Happy Birthday!

April: Misty Hammock - 15, James Greer - 17, Jasper Smith - 22, Lori Sanders – 28

May: Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, John Bickle – 5, Julia Karn – 17, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Gene Gerard – 28, Sarah Hill - 31

# Worship @ Home

## Links for Church Bulletins, Sermons, & Worship

Bob McDaniel has a short Easter 2020 message for all to see on You Tube. It is also posted on the POCOC Facebook page.

Here is the link;

<https://youtu.be/JzPRq2gJXkU>

May this be a very Happy and Blessed Easter for you.

Port Orchard Church of Christ:

<http://pococ.weebly.com/weekly-church-bulletins.html>

<http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html>

Central Kitsap Church of Christ:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ckcocorg1/featured>

Bellevue Church of Christ:

<https://www.bellevuechurchofchrist.org/resources/sermonsbulletins>

Lakeview Church of Christ:

<https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/bulletins-2020/>

<https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/media/sermons/>

Puyallup Church of Christ:

<http://puyallupcofc.org/audio.html>

Max Lucado also publishes an “Online Church” on Facebook. This is a collection of videos of some of his weekly sermons. [https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external\\_log\\_id=cc2ff9cd\\_e8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external_log_id=cc2ff9cd_e8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado)

The Acappella Company:

<https://acappella.org/>

Acappella Praise & Harmony:

<https://acappella.org/praise-and-harmony/>

## ***Tithes and Offerings***

Several members have asked how to give their tithe to the Lord during this time. There are three options that allow me to enter your information in for tax purposes.

1) If you use on-line bill pay with your bank or credit union, set up a payee for Port Orchard Church of Christ. Your bank will mail your check for you. Other members have been doing this and it works well.

2) Mail tithe check to the Church. We have a lock mail box.

3) Or drop the check in an envelope into our mailbox out front of the building.

### Church Address:

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4135 Carr Lane SE  
Port Orchard, Wa. 98366

Any questions, please give me a call. God bless you, Gary Chasteen - (cell) 360 731-4104

### Correction...

April 5, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$3,270.00

April 12, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$2,125.00