

Why Me Lord?

Then Gideon said to him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us?"

- Judges 6:13

Because the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the lord, there came a day in which He delivered them into the hands of Midian for seven years. Over the course of those seven years life for the people of God became unbearably difficult (Judges 6:1-6). One day an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said, "The Lord is with you, O valiant man." Gideon replies, O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us." In many respects, Gideon's question has echoed down the corridor of time. Why? Why? Why? It is a cry that is heard often from the sick room, why this illness? It is heard from the lips of the conquered, Why this defeat? It is heard from the burden bearer, Why this hardship? I venture to say that most, if not all of us, have had those moments when we have thought, maybe even in a moment of anguish cried out, "Why me Lord?"

Things happen to us that sometimes seem to be unbearably harsh. Who among us has not at some point felt like punching a hole in the wall. Hearts have been broken, lives disrupted, days have been long and difficult, and some nights it seems as if sleep will never come. All this because "things" happen to us and often we do not understand why they happen. Friends, we are all frail, weak, flawed human beings and "things" are going to happen to us that will try our faith (James 1:2-4, 12).

Sometimes faith will bring about a change in a particular circumstance that envelopes us. Sometimes faith will not bring about a change. We must never let the circumstances surrounding us determine what kind of faith we have in God. Our faith may be little (Luke 12:28), weak (Romans 4:19), great (Luke 7:9) or strong (Romans 4:20). We need that great, strong faith that will allow us to trust God at all times (Psalms 62:8; Romans 8:28, 31; Isaiah 12:2; Isaiah 40:28-31).

Because of the "things" that happen to us. we will learn what kind of faith we have in the Lord. Even though because of the weakness of our human frame we may think or even say, "Why me Lord" so long as we keep our eyes on the author and finisher of our faith, He will hold us up. He has promised to never desert us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) and He will keep His promise. When we put on Christ in baptism (Gal. 3:26-27) we promised the Lord that we would be faithful to Him, loving and trusting Him for so long as we lived. I pray we are keeping our promise.

To God be the glory both now and to the day of eternity (2 Peter 3:18).

Charles Hicks

POCOC Web Site

Note: Some additional files are now on the church web site, along with the weekly bulletin.

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

- The worship song sheets for our Sunday worship service

The Avery's have a new address!

Home: 907 Chambers St
Steilacoom, WA 98388-3839
Mailing: PO Box 88315
Steilacoom, WA 98388
360-689-6434 (Ken's cell) 253-507-8051 (home)

Sunday Worship in the Parking Lot

August 9, 2020 – 10:30am
Speaker – Bob McDaniel
Tune your radio to 93.1 FM
You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

If you need communion supplies, please call the church or any of the SLT and we will get those items delivered to your door before Sunday. We have to do it this way as we are not allowed to pass anything out at the service. So please call; we will get whatever you need delivered to your door.

The Ladies Prayer Group is now meeting online using the Zoom app. It starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.

Happy Birthday!

August: Thias David – 12, Terry Bratcher – 17, Rodney Cormier – 18, Connie Greer – 20, Hannah Herbert – 22, Dave Snypp – 25, Shirley Olson – 30.

September: Savannah Wilson – 1, Sydney Monk – 4, Deja Cormier – 5, Barbara Byrd – 9, Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Eloise Gerard – 17, Charlie Fender – 21, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29.

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

Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ
4135 Carr Lane SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

August 2, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,290.00

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

Our Prayer List

- Continue to pray for Dale Sanders' father, Glenn.
- Continue to pray for Dale's niece, Angie Demaray as she recovers from her liver transplant.
- Please continue to pray for Darrell & Laura's granddaughter Rachelle and grandson Daniel, and for Lisa as she cares for Daniel! Thank you all for your faithful prayers! - Laura and Darrell Fry
- Continue to pray for Lynn and Virginia Chapman.
- Remember the Warner's son Michael in your prayers.
- Pray for Frankie Gower who hurt her back.
- Pray for encouragement to all those who are tirelessly working to deal with Covid-19. Prayers that God will guide them.
- Continue to pray for our Deacon Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.
- Pray for those who participate in the study of the Gospel of John on Sundays using the Zoom app.
- Rick Velasco would like prayers for Brad Bayliffe, who has leukemia. Also, for Rod Cunningham who has PTSD and has a lot of anxiety and is currently unemployed. Pray for these men, and for Rick as he ministers to them.
- Praise that Melvin, Barbara, Sammie and Brian's Covid-19 tests all came back negative.
- Landyn Clark is undergoing skin grafts for his legs using his own skin. It is very painful.
- Steve Smith is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments in preparation for surgery in September.

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



Have you shared your preference yet?

If, at some point, our building is approved to open for worship services, but our attendance must be limited, would you rather worship inside the building or continue to worship in your vehicle?

Inside or Out? – send an email with your preference to

churchpococ@gmail.com