

Some Glad Morning

In my father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you (John 14:2).

Isn't it great to be alive today? Each day I live I am reminded that life as we know it is a great adventure. We wake up each morning to begin a new day of adventure on this side of eternity. It may be a day where everything will go well with us or nothing could seem to go right. Will it be a day of success or failure, happiness or sadness, peace or turmoil? We just don't know but regardless of the circumstance that surrounds us, we should be rejoicing in the Lord (Philippians 4:4). As a child of God, we have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:12-14). We have that precious promise that our Lord has prepared a place for us. Why should we not be rejoicing in the Lord always?

My old physical body groans more and more with each passing day. More and more I think about going home to that land where joys shall never end, where for ceaseless ages there will be no sorrow, no heartache, no tears, no dying, a land where we will never grow old. Today that beautiful home tugs at my heart strings (Philippians 1:21-23).

Our hearts should be set on that wonderful city of God, that's the place we should be calling home (Heb. 11:13; 1 Peter 2:11). The difficult, trying times of this life may sometimes be hard to bear but with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:1-2), they will not defeat us because by faith we can see that home that has been prepared for us and with great anticipation look forward to the moment in time when we will fly away to rest forever Revelation 14:13).

Just knowing there awaits for the faithful child of God a home not made with human hands should put a gleam in our eye, a smile on our face and, yes, even a little bounce in our steps. I love to sing, "They're all expecting me, and that's one thing I know. My Savior pardoned me and now I onward go; I know He'll take me thru tho I am weak and poor And I can't feel at home in this world anymore". Beloved now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:1-2). Friends, the best is yet to come. To God be the glory forever and ever!

- Charles Hicks

Dear Family,

It has been such a long time since we have been able to come before you in person!

The Spiritual Leadership Team, Averys, McDaniels and Frys have worked through the pandemic, learned technology beyond our previous experience, continued with Sunday evening Bible classes and Wednesday evening prayer meeting and worship planning. We have attempted to keep in contact and if we have missed you, please reach out if you have a need we can help with!

Our dear Avery family has made the move to Tacoma, the service and passion they gave to the Kingdom work in Port Orchard has been beyond selfless. We treasure the times we have had with them so very much. Without a doubt trying to fill the void will be impossible. We felt the leading to add to our team and have asked Brad and Eunice Orser to join the Spiritual Leadership Team. With much joy and thanksgiving, we are pleased to announce they have accepted.

The Orsers lead a very busy life, precious children still in the home; both have full time work schedules, but even with the time constraints that are inevitable they have agreed to be a part of this ministry team. Praise God!

Over the last several months we have enjoyed many wonderful sermons from preachers and laymen, excellent messages, each and every one. During our listening sessions with you there were a lot of comments regarding a desire for continuity from the pulpit. We have asked Trent Herbert if he would agree to a regular schedule of 2 times per month to speak for us and he has agreed. We will still enjoy the wisdom of those speakers we have had in the past.

Trent will also work with our team regarding outreach in our community, and help us with some of the technology methods he has been using in his work in West Seattle.

Blessings!

Bob and Sharon, Darrell and Laura, Brad and Eunice

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: 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 9, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 4,085.00

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

Our Prayer List

- Pray for DeLoris Lawler's son-in-law, Bob Groves, who had a heart procedure a Swedish. Pray also for his family and the medical staff.
- Traveling this week: the Frys traveling to Arizona to be with Lisa and Daniel, the McDaniels to eastern Washington camping, Bonnie's daughter, Penny and her friend Jennifer to Spokane to celebrate Penny's birthday
- Welcome Brad and Eunice Orser who are now the 3rd couple of the Leadership Team.
- Pray for those of our family who are going through different health, financial, health procedures, tests and emotional issues. Those of our family who are directly involved with treating those with Covid 19. God knows who they are and we know they are our brothers and sisters.
- Continue to pray for Dale Sanders' father, Glenn.
- Continue to pray for Dale's niece, Angie Demaray as she recovers from her liver transplant.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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