

Just Breathe!

Elijah had been on the run for days. He'd gone from mountain top experience on Mt. Carmel to hiding in a hole on Mt. Horeb (*1 Kings 19*). It is telling that all it took was a threat from Jezebel to unravel him. He'd seen God send down fire and yet one word from her and he ran like a Jack Rabbit from a Coyote. The Lord sends him to Horeb and sustains him on his journey to get him to a place where he can stop, think and breathe. It is only then that the Lord confronts and then reveals to him new perspective and purpose.

God asks him a simple question that I believe we should be asking ourselves—or rather that we should be letting God ask us, *“What are you doing here?” (19:9, 13)* Are we following up on the victory God has given us in Christ or are we curled up in our holy hole in fear? This simple question will help us, but only if we take time to breathe. Too often we, like Elijah, become consumed with fear and let the “urgent” hassle us into knee jerk reactions. Church, will we let our perceived crisis pull us away from our real purpose in life or will we trust in God?

In *Psalms 46:10-11* the Psalmist after extolling the power of God over natural and human forces concludes with a call to reflection: *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* These verses give us a method for working through our own anxieties and fears—whatever they are.

1. **Breathe with purpose:** Find places in your life where you can rest and reflect. Go on a personal retreat, find a men's or women's retreat to attend, ask a trusted sister or brother in Christ to pray for and with you.
2. **Understand:** Let it sink in that God is capable and will be exalted. Folks, His voice causes the earth to melt! No army can stand against Him! Stop simply saying God is all powerful and start acting like it.
3. **Remember:** Keep foremost in your mind that God has promised to exert His mighty power on your behalf. He *“...is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)* And His grace is with us even when we fail. We must remember what Paul declares so powerfully that *“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)*

The first step is to quiet ourselves so that God's Spirit can speak His perfect peace into our personal and collective anxieties. If we will do this then *“...we will not fear” (Ps. 46:2)* no matter what is thrown at us. Find a place where you can breathe, meditate and pray. Truly seek to understand that God is able even when we are not. Then remember His promises and live like you believe them.

Roger Woods

VBS 2020

We will be having an Outdoor VBS August 10 -14, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the church grounds. The content will be aimed at kids 11 through 15. However, younger kids who can sit through a 45 - 60 minute lesson are welcome. :)

The topic is the apologetics for the reality and deity of Jesus, and we will have an outdoor camping theme.

We will have to cancel VBS if public health guidelines interfere. We also will not be making VBS public this year because of the pandemic.

Also, if there is interest, we can also have a speaker from the Southwest Church of Christ for the adults at the same time as the kids VBS lessons. The topic would also be Christian apologetics, including such topics as evolution vs. creation, the trustworthiness of the Bible as a historical document, and the arguments for Jesus being the resurrected Son of God instead of a myth.

If you are interested in coming to an adult apologetics class, please let us know so we can determine if we should invite this person up from Portland.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Jon or Kelli or Sarah.

Thank you all.

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
- Newsletters from Trent Herbert
- Newsletters from Tristan Herbert
- Newsletter from Roy Merritt

Sunday Worship - July 5, 2020 – 10:30am

Speaker – Avery Stafford

Tune your radio to 93.1 FM

You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

June 28, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$1,035.00

If you need communion supplies or song sheet printouts 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.

Gospel of John Bible Study

This Sunday evening Bible study is ongoing. It is a virtual study of the Gospel of John, using the Zoom app to study together.

You can still join in; just call or text Ken Avery (360-689-6434) or Darrell Fry (360-710-8256). The class is using a study guide by Pastor Greg Laurie. The book is a free download and can be obtained at this link:

<https://harvest.org/resources/ebook/gospel-of-john-study-guide/>

The study begins Sunday at 6:00pm, but you should log in a little early.

Happy Birthday!

July: Yvonne Lawrence – 16, Jori Hooper – 16, Peggy Hall – 19, Dale Sanders – 19, Sharon McDaniel – 23, Luke Orser – 25, Trent Herbert – 27, Ricky McKennon – 23, Pilita David – 26

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:

Port Orchard Church of Christ
4135 Carr Lane SE
Port Orchard, Wa. 98366

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Children's Ministry, which I subscribed to, has sent me information to pass on with some Children and Adult activities - to make and color placemats using scriptures.

Feel free to check it out - good family activity.

www.childrensbulletins.com/covid19-childrens-activities-for-churches.

Bonnie

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

Our Prayer List

- **Urgent prayers for Dale Sander's niece Angela**

To everyone who has been praying and supporting Angie Demaray through this time, she needs your support NOW more than ever!!!

This morning (July 1) Angie was given about 7 DAYS left to live if she does not get a liver transplant from a deceased donor because she does not have the time to wait for a live donor.

If she gets it she will have a long road of recovery with multiple life style changes including medication, diet, and a year or sobriety from any drug or alcohol related substance.

It is a miracle in itself that she is able to even make the donor list at all!

So please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

If you'd like to support her in other ways we have a go fund me account set up with the link below and an account set up at stockman bank under the Angela Demaray benefit account.

gf.me/u/yck73v

- Update on Dale's sister, who is in Salt Lake City now.

This evening's update (July 1) is a little harder to give. I don't have my secretary either. We made it to her bedside this afternoon. It's super hard to see her with tubes running everywhere. Every now and then she opens her eyes. I believe she recognizes us, but also has that look of why are you letting them do this to me. She's not following commands. When we asked why the sudden change from her liver numbers going down to she needs on the transplant list today, we're told her numbers began going back up and she's only got about 7 days to get a new liver. She needs a deceased liver, not a live liver, so everyone offering a part of theirs...just hold onto it for another day. We're waiting on insurance to communicate back about their part. And due to Covid-19, some things are slowed down. But they hope to have her listed tonight or tomorrow morning. She'll be pushed up the list due to her age and emergency situation. She's getting a lot of bruising due to her. Look not clotting. They move her around to help prevent sores, which she doesn't like. Mostly they're just trying to keep her comfortable. All I can really say is to keep praying.

- Dale

- Please pray for Praveen Pulukuri, the son of Samuel Bashkar in India. He is a minister in his church there and would like daily prayers for his family and church members.

Good evening my beloved sister Bonnie. How is your family? Your parents are in our prayers. Please pray for my family for children.

Please talk to Port Orchard church of Christ church Elders and deacons of my family and who are living under lock down. Please help to them for time food. Please sister.

Do you know sister, my father is first Preacher from my area, he was receiving your kind help for your local congregation Port Orchard church of Christ as a first Preacher from my country, he was loss your kind help at the time of from you. (Samuel Bashkar)

- Thanks to those who have been praying for my daughter Penny and their house hunting.

Their proposal for one was accepted today. Now we need prayers for the processes, closing, inspections etc.

I truly appreciate your prayers.

Bonnie

- Pray for Nancy Davis' brother-in-law; Jerry passed away. Please keep their families in your prayers.

- Update on our granddaughter Rachelle and grandson Daniel

Rachelle's original and hopefully final plan is to fly to Houston tonight (Monday) and then on to Honduras tomorrow. However, Honduras is tightening up controls on the towns and there is some speculation that they prohibit travel between towns which would prevent John from driving the 5 hours to the airport to pick her up. They hope to have updated information before she begins her trip home. Of course, if she is going to get stuck, we all agree she needs to stay in Prescott longer which her Mom Lisa would love!

- Daniel had some bad days with the feeding tube and had to have a new one put in, he seems to be doing well with that currently and we are hopeful this will continue.

- Please continue to lift up our daughter Lisa as she cares for Daniel!

- Thank you all for your faithful prayers!

- Laura and Darrell Fry

- Continue prayer for Lynn and Virginia Chapman.

- Steve Smith is undergoing chemotherapy.

- Remember the Warner's son Michael in your prayers.

- Karen Taylor's daughter, Donyel is awaiting the results of a biopsy of a cyst on her ovaries. Pray for a successful report.

- Karen Taylor is requesting prayer for her daughter Angela who is still having some difficulty with pain.

- Karen's friend Virginia Latham is recovering from her broken jaw.
- Pray for Frankie Gower who hurt her back.
- Rick Velasco will be getting an appointment for a neurologist for his varicose veins. He has some other issues with his body also. Pray for him to have some comfort and get the right treatment.
- Sarah's (from The Warming Center) daughter and her husband took in a foster child two years ago and had to give the child back to the family. Pray for all those involved and that this is a good thing.
- 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 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.

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

Granberg Kitchen Fundraiser

At Delano Bay Christian Camp



We were blessed this last year with some extra funds which allowed us to begin to address some longstanding issues within our commercial kitchen in the Granberg Lodge. During these repairs, however, we discovered extensive damage caused by an unidentified leak in our roof. Our contractor addressed the leak and has closed up the holes that you see in the attached pictures. Unfortunately, the extensive damage needs repair before we can open the Granberg lodge for use this summer.

Once we complete this work on our kitchen in early July, Delano plans to open our camp up for a High School Senior and Graduate Camp to celebrate our young people who have had so much taken from them over the past few months and bring them closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Additionally, this work will allow us to rent our facilities to the many groups that have already put deposits in for August.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, stay at home order, and phased re-entry, we understand that our congregations might be suffering from a shortage of income. Delano, too, is experiencing shortages; because of the phased re-entry, we are unable to facilitate the camps that we normally would this summer. In addition to this emergency work, we are continuing to work towards putting new roofs on cabins, opening Bamboo this summer, and working with engineers and the state to bring Delano into compliance with Large On-Site Septic System regulations.



Find out more at the project website: <https://www.delanobay.org/granberg-kitchen-fundraiser>

Modified Spring Work Party

Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic and the phased response plan, we had to cancel the annual Spring Work Party. In its place, we are conducting the **Modified Spring Work Party**. We want our volunteers to come out to Delano and undertake work projects in a socially distanced and safe environment.

We have several major projects that we were undertaking before the pandemic struck. As such, we are attempting to work with contractors, volunteers, and our caretakers to complete the work which was already underway while complying with the mandates from our government.

We are now open for overnight stays in our cabins. If you are able to further one of our active projects in some way, though, please let us know:

Look at the [current worklist](#) to see what projects are available.

If you are interested in helping in these efforts, please contact our caretakers delanobaycc@gmail.com.

We understand if you are unable to help with these projects at this time. Please consider supporting your camp financially as well on our [donation page](#). You can also send a check to:

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