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BLESSED DIFFERENCE!

Now, we may be encouraged that “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” (Hebrews 13:8 ESV) And we should be! Living in this ever changing world we need such a constant in which to anchor our life and provide assurance for the eternity He ascended to prepare for us. However, are we the same today as we were yesterday? Is that necessarily a bad thing? Is that not rather as it ought to be?

The statement has been made, “It’s no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then.” (Lewis Carroll) Though we cannot go back in time and change things about yesterday, we can reveal today we have learned from life lived in all the yesterdays which have gone by. In the days behind us we acted in accord with our character of the past. We were a different person then. The blessed difference for today has come through remaining in a continued state of learning, growing, and maturing. Why ever desire to go back there even if we could? Embracing who we have become now and continuing to surrender more and more to the Will of God keeps the door open for the furthering of becoming all He desires us to be.

Peter urged. . .

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation -- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (1 Peter 2:2-3 ESV)

Let us continue to crave the pure milk of God’s Word, remaining nourished by it, and so continue growing up in our salvation. May we praise God for His Divine guidance to make us different today than yesterday!

Have a great day SURRENDERED TO GOD’S TRANSFORMING POWER!

*Carl Hanson
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Please congratulate the two young persons graduating this year from High School.

I am attaching their addresses if you wish to acknowledge them with a card. Although we aren't having a congratulatory reception for them we are as a church presenting each with their own Bible. Pray for Isaac and Chloe as they start a new chapter in their lives.

Chloe Jayne LaDeaux
4313 Chatterton Ave SW
Port Orchard 98367

Isaac Hollmann
4000 Coronet Pl. SE
Port Orchard 98366

We are going to try to host one camp this year.

Modified Senior Teen Session

Finding Jesus in a Pandemic



Registration is now open (Thursday, June 11, 2020) for a Modified STS!

More Info & Registration

This camp will be open to upcoming Seniors and Graduating Seniors (classes of 2020 and 2021). Camp dates will be July 20th-25th. We will only have 30 spots available (priority goes to the class of 2020).

Based on the phased re-entry plan from the State, the DBCC Board believes that we will be able to host a camp in late July. We hope to provide an awesome camp where we can encounter the good news about Jesus the Christ to further his kingdom with our graduating seniors one last time before they move on in their lives to whatever God has in store next.

Because of the phased re-opening restrictions, we may not be able to facilitate this camp at all: Pierce county has not entered phase 3, we will not be able to do MSTs. If, however, we are in phase 3 by July 20th, we will do everything we can to get our campers out to Delano.

Please continue to pray for our camp, our local churches,
and the mission of bringing the gospel to the ends of the Earth.

Mailing Address: Delano Bay Christian Camp, 812 Stamford Rd SW, Lakebay, WA 98349-9678

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 - June 21, 2020 – 10:30am

Speaker – Ben Cook

Tune your radio to 93.1 FM

You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

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.

Our Prayer List

- Nancy Davis is requesting prayers for her brother-in-law Jerry and his family. Jerry is now on Hospice. Pray for Nancy also.

- Thank you all for your prayers for Greg and me during this very upsetting time. Our home/garages fire demolition began this week, finally. Permits are still in works for construction. We are grateful for our church family and all the support and encouragement we receive.
Together in Christ,
Greg & Sandi Warner

Please continue prayers for them as they await completion.

- From Bonnie: Shortly before service on Sunday, I received a call that one of my nephews, Gail passed away at his daughter's home in WI early today.

Please pray for his daughters, Tabitha and Tiffany and His siblings Valerie, David and Cheryl. Prayers also for my siblings.

My brother Gail and Carol (their mother) divorced and Carol took the children to Grand Forks, ND. A year later she left them with a babysitter and never came back. They were 6, 5, 4, and 2 years old. After months of discussion with the CPS and the Judge in ND, my mother (63 years old) was blessed by God to become legal guardian of all 4 of them and raised them after raising 10 of us, So these 4 are pretty special to all of us.

- Daniel Tilman Update - Jayne, Lisa's mom, and Jack arrived safely to Lisa's with the assistance of a member of their church driving them.

[Daniel is out of ICU and they hope he will get to come home tomorrow.](#)

Thank you so much for all of your prayers.

Laura

- Update from Virginia Chapman: Lynn's fibrillation is somewhat controlled now. Our thanks for all of you who have prayed and offered any help. Right now, we don't know of a need, but it is so inspiring to have the offers.

We still love you, and feel part of the church family, tho' our health has not allowed us to be with you.

We're thankful that there is no pain or even discomfort, just tired, frustrated, and reminding each other that God

is still in control. Thank you for your prayers. We'll keep you updated...

- Dale Sanders' father (Glen Sanders) will be having knee replacement surgery on June 3rd at 7:30 am MDT in Denver, Colorado. This was planned before the virus thing and fortunately is coming off as scheduled.
- Stimulus money received by a member has been donated to help someone who would be unable to pay their rent due to the current situation. If you know of anyone who could use this blessing, please let Bonnie Mitchell know and she will pass it along.
- Please lift up Mark Riordan to our powerful and merciful GOD - details are already known to our Creator - Much thanks and love
- Steve Smith is undergoing chemotherapy.
- 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.
- We need to continue to pray for those being affected by child abuse even more so with the Stay at Home that we have going on. It breaks my heart to think that this even goes on but when those affected can't escape to get the help - especially children who can get help through the schools.

- 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.
- Pray for those who participate in the study of the Gospel of John on Sundays using the Zoom app.
- George who has Lou Gehrig's; for his health and safety
- Whitney, granddaughter of the Byrd's for safety as a nurse dealing with treating patients with Covid-19
- Greg and Sandi Warner for their son Michael
- Pray for all of the high school and college students who are not going to be able to graduate because of this virus. I know of two; Karen and Roger's grandson and Darlene's son, who is to graduate from college.

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

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!

June: Dorothy Fletcher turns 100 on June 23rd! Miki Gross – 23, **Kenny Benjamin – 24, Cathie Cates – 26, Pilita David – 26, Greg Warner – 29**, René Powless – 29

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

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

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

June 14, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$2,688.00

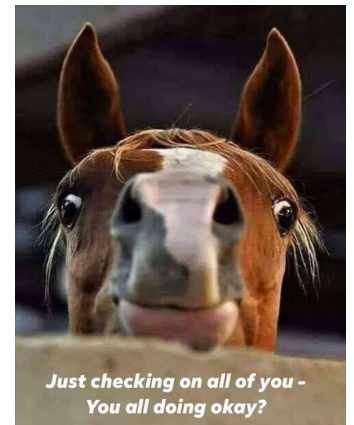
If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you - Gary Chasteen - (cell) 360 731-4104

May 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. 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: mcell@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 meantime, 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.