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BIGGER OR BETTER?

The problem with the rich fool in our Lord's parable (Luke 12:16-20) was not that he had much, but that he held it for himself and what he perceived as his future rather than putting it to use for the glory of God. Faced with the dilemma of an abundance, he tore down his smaller barns to build bigger ones in order to store up for a good future for himself. Though he had such ends in mind, it was his end which came and what he amassed would then go to others. It appears he might as well have given it away to start with!

When I look at my own life, perhaps a good question to frequently ask myself is this: Am I building my barn bigger or am I using for better what God has entrusted to me? When life is kept more about God than about me, the trust will remain in Him for His continued provision as I put to use all He has blessed me with.

In light of this man's soul being required of him that night (Luke 12:20), let us remember Jesus' warning. . .

"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?" (Mark 8:35-37 ESV)

How are we focusing on our life and on what we possess? Is it about bigger amounts or better use? I have noted the following quote before (which I've had posted on a wall both in my office and at home), but think it worth mentioning again: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything You gave me.'" [Erma Bombeck, February 21, 1927 – April 22, 1996] Isn't that a wonderful perspective for living?

Let us find the ways for using our abilities, possessions, and time in service to others and in honor of God Who has given us life and all that is at our disposal to use!

Remember, it is in being rich in good works that treasure is stored up for a future life that is truly life. (1 Timothy 6:18-19) May it remain so with us!
Have a great day LIVING FOR THE BETTER!

- Carl Hanson, Port Townsend Church of Christ

New Bible Study

Beginning Sunday May 17th at 6:00 p.m., we will be starting a new Bible study utilizing the Zoom app. The study is on the Gospel of John using the study guide from Pastor Greg Laurie. The study guide is a free download and it can be obtained by entering: The gospel of John study guide-harvest in your search engine. It should take you directly to the download page.

If you would like to be included in the Zoom meeting sessions please let Ken, Darrell or myself know so that we can get you included in the live study/discussion times.

We look forward to as many as possible to join us on the 17th. It promises to be a great study!!
For the Kingdom, Bob McD.

Warming Center Update

During the Covid-19 quarantine, the Warming Center at Capital Christian Center has continued to serve meals to the homeless 3 days a week often running short of food and supplies. We are currently organizing to supply the meals on Mondays again on a delivery basis. If you can help with that or wish to donate to that cause, please let one of the SLT folks know, thank you in advance!

Our Prayer List

- While attending a patient with Covid-19, Brittany (Gary and Tammy's daughter) became exposed to the Covid-19.
She is working temporarily in New Jersey utilizing her nursing skills to help out.
Brittany is very worried and Gary and Tammy are very concerned.
Please lift Brittany and the White family in your prayers.
- From Sarah Benjamin: Isaac has been losing weight over the last four months, and we don't know why. He has also been abnormally tired lately. We have an appointment tomorrow and bloodwork soon.
Please pray for his health.
- Bonnie Mitchell's friend Chris Kalac suffered a stroke on Tuesday and was airlifted to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center ICU. The next few days are critical as the medical staff tries to break up many blood clots. She is considered at high risk. Pray also for her husband, Ron. Due to current restrictions, he isn't allowed in the hospital. Pray for all involved.
- Pam Woodrow requests prayers for Amber Parrault who is having a breast biopsy on Wednesday.
- Michael Mathis had a stroke and is in the hospital.
- Michelle Johnson may lose her job as her employer is cutting jobs.
- 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
- Brittany (Gary & Tammy White's daughter) is a nurse and has volunteered to go help at the hospital in New Jersey for a month. She left earlier this week. and plans to return on May 23rd. Pray for her safe travels. Safety while she is there. and that she will stay healthy and not get the virus. Pray for Gary and Tammy and their family also.
- 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.
- Shirley Deford and Rick Velasco's Uncle Jack and Cousin Laurie for healing
- George who has Lou Gherig's for his health and safety
- Wayne Hammock and the passing of his nephew
- Whitney, granddaughter of the Byrd's for safety as a nurse dealing with treating patients with Covid-19
- Karen Taylor's friend, Virginia Latham recovering from surgery for a broken jaw
- Greg and Sandi Warner as they wait completion of the renovation of their home
- Greg and Sandi Warner for their son Michael to get court ordered medication to help his healing
- Margaret Meyers grandson, Ryan has been diagnosed with Covid-19. His mother , Laurie will need to quarantined with him for the next 14 days. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 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.

<http://komonews.com/news/local/reports-of-child-abuse-in-washington-are-down-advocates-worry-victims-arent-getting-help>

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

Happy Birthday!

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

June: Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Lila Mason – 15, Dorothy Fletcher – 23, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin – 24, Cathie Cates – 26, Pilita David – 26, Greg Warner – 29, René Powless - 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 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

May 3, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$3,000.00

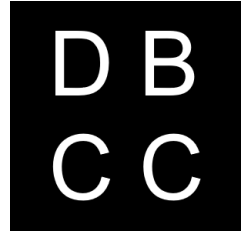
Any questions, please give me a call. God bless you, Gary Chasteen - (cell) 360 731-4104

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Camps are Canceled This Summer

Based on Governor Inslee's most recent orders, the Delano Bay Christian Camp Board of Directors has had to make the difficult decision to cancel our five DBCC sponsored camps, our Spring Retreat, and the Family Day. We will still be doing work on active construction and repair projects in a limited capacity.



Find out more information about refunds, cancelations, and rescheduling group events on our [COVID Response Page](#).

Worship @ Home

[Links for Church Bulletins, Sermons, & Worship](#)

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

Max Lucado

<https://www.facebook.com/187741385161/posts/10163459189265162/>

The Acappella Company:

<https://acappella.org/>

Acappella Praise & Harmony:

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

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

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, 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.

Meals on Wheels Information for Seniors

Any senior 60 + is eligible for this program . If interested and would like to get these meals please call the Meals on Wheels Kitsap Office. If you want to ask me about it, I will be happy to talk to you . If you know of anyone who can use this please pass the information along.

This is for those seniors who are not homebound. Suggestion donation is \$3.00 a meal . If you are unable to pay - that's ok.

Bonnie 360-265-3266

Meals on Wheels To Go Program - Community dining clients now may pick up five (5) frozen meals one day a week. Meal pick-up remains the same -- 11:45 am to 12:15 pm -- at the sites and day of the week listed below no later than 2:00 pm one working day before pick-up. New seniors in need who qualify should call the office to apply.

MONDAY	Burley Community Hall, 14853 Burley Avenue SE, Burley
	Pinewood Manor Apartments, 280 Sylvan Way, East Bremerton
TUESDAY:	Conifer Ridge Apartments, 1721 Fircrest Dr. SE, Port Orchard
THURSDAY:	Silverdale United Methodist Church, 9982 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale
	Bainbridge Senior Center, 370 Brien Dr. SE, Bainbridge Island

Meals on Wheels New Office Hours - We are shifting to a Monday through Thursday work week. Phones are staffed from 9:00am to 3:00pm on those days. Please call **360-377-8511** or **toll-free at 888-877-8511** if you need to reach us.

We welcome your tax-deductible contributions to ensure that providing healthy, nourishing meals to vulnerable seniors who rely on our services remains uninterrupted. Donations are gratefully [accepted online by clicking here](#) or by mail at 2817 Wheaton Way, Suite 208, Bremerton, WA 98310