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Rejoice In The Lord

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice (Philippians 4:4).

Today, as faithful children of God, we enjoy some marvelous blessings that should fill our hearts with rejoicing, even in the midst of a nation that seems to have gone mad, a nation in which all manner of unrighteousness, wickedness and gross immorality is being accepted and endorsed.

We serve a savior who has prepared a dwelling place for us in the wonderful city of God (John 4:1-3; 2 Cor.5:1-2). In that eternal home all sorrow, pain, separation, death, fear and anxiety will have passed away; no tear of frustration will ever dim our eyes (Revelation 21:3-4). My friends, if this does not fill your heart with rejoicing, then nothing ever will. I love to sing, "There's a wonderful place we call home. 'Tis a city of glory divine. It is built in the garden of rest. And that beautiful home shall be mine."

Isn't knowing that we have been rescued from the kingdom of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of God's dear Son, just cause for great rejoicing to swell up in our hearts (Colossians 1:12-14). "Redeemed-how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the lamb." O, how I love to sing, "*When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, It is well with my soul.*" Rejoice in the Lord my friends, rejoice in the Lord!

We have the awesome promise that as a child of God we can go to him in prayer with our requests and receive a peace that will keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7). How beautiful are the words of our Lord to his disciples in John 14:27, "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled; neither let them be afraid.*" Living in this old sin-sick world with all its trouble, strife and unrest would be most miserable without the peace of God ruling in our hearts thus making our journey a safe one. The peace of God ever calming the troubled waters of our lives is cause for great rejoicing.

We should be rejoicing and thanking God each day we live because as faithful children of God we have the blessing of a hope that goes beyond this earthly life. To God be the glory forever and ever!

Charles Hicks

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

- Darlene got a phone call from her sister Sharon to tell her that their younger sister Barbara Burchfield had a heart attack. She lives in Monroe and is in Providence Covie Campus in Everett. She is on machines keeping her alive. Her husband Scott and their 2 daughters can not go in to see her. Pray for Darlene's family; her sister Sharon and her brother Ken and their mom. Pray for Barbara's family.
UPDATE: [Pam sent a text Tuesday night that Barbara passed away late Wednesday afternoon.](#))
- Brittany (Gary & Tammy White's daughter) is a nurse and has volunteered to go help at a hospital in New Jersey for a month. She is there now 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.
Update: While attending a patient with Covid-19, Brittany became exposed to the Covid-19. Brittany is very worried and Gary and Tammy are also very concerned. Please lift Brittany and the White family in your prayers.
- Isaac Benjamin has been losing weight over the last four months, and we don't know why. He has also been abnormally tired lately. Please pray for his health.
- Bonnie Mitchell's friend Chris Kalac suffered a stroke last week 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 had a breast biopsy last week.
- 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
- 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.
<http://komonews.com/news/local/reports-of-child-abuse-in-washington-are-down-advocates-worry-victims-arent-getting-help>
- 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 will participate in the study of the Gospel of John which begins this Sunday at 6:00pm using the Zoom app.
- 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
- Greg and Sandi Warner as they await the completion of their home renovation
- Greg and Sandi Warner for their son Michael to get court ordered medication to help his healing
- Karen Taylor's friend, Virginia Latham recovering from surgery for a broken jaw
- Pray for Karen and Roger's son and daughter in law Aaron and Angel as his hours have been cut so pray for his hours to increase.
- 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.
- Margaret Meyers' grandson, Ryan has been diagnosed with Covid-19. His mother Laurie will need to be 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: 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 10, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$4,725.00
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Any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen - (cell) 360 731-4104

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 – Green Pastures

<https://www.facebook.com/maxlucado/videos/2843857235663274/>

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