

## **"The Gift of Perspective"**

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Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks, and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness, when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. Today is a gift, that is why it is called The Present.

### **Gospel of John Bible Study**

A Sunday evening Bible study began last week. 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 or Darrell Fry. 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.**

# 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.
- 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>

- 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.

**Note:** If you have a prayer request or an update, please contact Bonnie Mitchell at [mitbem0519@gmail.com](mailto:mitbem0519@gmail.com)

### **Happy Birthday!**

May: 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**

## **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=cc2ff9cd8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external_log_id=cc2ff9cd8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado)

Max Lucado – Treating the Trauma of the Soul

<https://youtu.be/waZpeiUV59c>

The Acappella Company:

<https://acappella.org/>

Acappella Praise & Harmony:

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

If anyone needs 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.

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](http://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

May 24, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$6,978.00

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: [mlcell@wavecable.com](mailto: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.