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To Seek and Save the Lost

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10)

Thanks be to God for sending his Son into this world so that all who obey that Son can be saved eternally (John 3:16; Heb. 5:7-9). We stand amazed as we go through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John letting our minds retrace the beautiful life Jesus lived. It is difficult to imagine that this man would ever be ill-treated and rejected but he was. Then one day we see him in the garden in such agony that his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground (Luke 22:44). We watch as he is led from that garden to endure trials in which he is mocked, ridiculed, spit upon, beaten unmercifully and finally we see him walk that lonely road to Golgotha where he is crucified (Mark 15:1-25).

Think for a moment about the words of 1 John 3:1, ***"See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God."*** That great love is seen in God sending his Son into this world to be an atoning sacrifice for us (Rom. 5:8-9; 1 John 4:9-10; Luke 22:39-44; Gal. 1:3-4; Titus 2:11-14). Because of that great love we have the exceedingly precious and magnificent blessing of having been rescued from the kingdom of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of God's beloved Son (1 Peter 1:18-21; Col. 1:12-14). The great love of God is seen in the Son of God who gave himself for the church purchasing it with his blood (Eph. 5:25-26; Acts 20:28). We should be impressed and our hearts filled with gratitude to the Father who has made it possible for us to be a part of that church. As members of this body, we are the family of God and we are on our way home. Going home to a place where all tears will be wiped from our eyes and there will be no death, no mourning or crying or pain and everything will be made new (Rev. 21:3-5). As the family of God, we weep together and we rejoice together (Rom. 12:15) and, yes, we dream together of how it will be when we all get to heaven. How beautiful heaven must be and we can know that there is a place in it for us and it is made possible because the Son of man came into this world to seek and to save the lost. Choose to obey the gospel and be saved (Rom. 10:17; James 1:21); choose not to obey and be lost (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Choose to be in Christ and be saved (Acts 4:12; 1 Thess. 5:9-10).

What a priceless blessing it is to be a child of God (Rom. 8:16-17). I pray God's love and tender mercy will surround you all the days of the rest of your life on this earth and though I may never meet many of you on this side of eternity, hopefully, one day we will meet just inside that city. To God be the glory forever and ever!

Charles Hicks

Our Prayer List

- Delores Lawler fell and broke a rib on Monday, she is healing but it still hurts! She also had a doctor appointment on Wednesday regarding her liver that we need to pray about! She misses all of us and will be back as soon as there is a vaccine; she said she would be first in line!
- Shirley Olson is recovering from significant dental surgery; it's a slow process and she hopes to graduate from mashed potatoes soon! She has the best attitude, all the time!
- Charlotte Hahn has company staying with her, her stepson and his wife. We need to pray for Charlotte's son Lou Harrison, he has a cancer diagnosis and needs healing prayers.
- Pat Wearn (Charlottes niece) stays in close contact with Charlotte and what a wonderful service of love she gives to our sweet Charlotte!
- Bonnie was diagnosed with shingles on Friday. Pray for healing and pain removal.



- Jessica Zepf is scheduled for some lab work and on the November 11th, she will have an endoscopy and colonoscopy. The Doctor is wonderfully willing to juggle her schedule to help Jess accommodate her jobs between the Tacoma School district and Home Depot. Jess will have her Covid test on the 7th and need to quarantine until the procedure on the 11th. She will also have a breast biopsy done on Thursday, 11/5. As you can expect these are concerning times and we ask for your very specific prayers for Jessica for answers and healing! - Laura & Darrell

- I have a Praise, that the tests didn't show any problems with my heart. I am thankful to be out of the hospital. Having follow-up on Monday, 10/26 with my GP. Prayers for a smooth move-in to our home. I am trying to just allow things to flow as they happen. No more huge scheduling and planning. My son has heard that he is to receive an injection at Western State. He doesn't know when. He's planning to barricade himself in his room if he sees it coming. Prayers for this injection to happen for his benefit. Love and hugs to all of you.

- Sandi Warner

- Sarah Benjamin is requesting prayers for Maria, whom she met on a prayer group.
- Maria has been in a lot of pain and very ill. The Lord has great purpose for her life and prayers are requested for her healing.
- Melvin Byrd fell and had to have seven stitches on a cut above his eye. Continue to pray for him. Contact is Sammie Russell (509-845-1140).
- Dorothy Fletcher is in rehab in Bremerton for 7 to 10 days, and then if everything goes well, she will return home. Please continue to pray for her recovery.
- Prayers for Davi Armenta as she is recovering at Harborview from a gunshot wound.
- Pray for all of those who are affected by Covid -19, either themselves or loved ones.
- Tammy White's cousin Susan Willis recovering from cancer surgery.
- Continue to pray for Carol Henry Smith's son, Steve's recovery.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.
- Keep the Chapmans in your prayers for their upcoming move.
- Pray for the Byrd family as Melvin recovers from his fall. He is healing well!

Note: If you have a prayer request or an update, please contact Bonnie Mitchell at mitbem0519@gmail.com or 360-895-0453

POCOC Web Site

- Weekly Bulletin - <http://pococ.weebly.com/weekly-church-bulletins.html>
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt.
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ
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- Recently Recorded Sermons - <http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html>
- Current Event Calendar - <http://pococ.weebly.com/news--events.html>

Sunday Worship	
November 8, 2020 – 10:30am	
<p><i>Speaker:</i> Avery Stafford</p> <p><i>Communion:</i> Darrell / Brad</p> <p><i>Song Leader:</i> Praise Team</p> <p><i>Prayer:</i> Praise Team</p>	<p>Parking Lot Info</p> <p>Tune your radio to 93.1 FM</p> <p>You must be in the parking lot to tune in.</p>

Our online calendar includes info about our Sunday Morning Worship:

<http://pococ.weebly.com/news--events.html>

Happy Birthday!

November:

Jessica Zepf – 7, Dan Gross – 15, Jaidyen Jones – 21, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29

December:

Cornell Stull – 1, Nikole Karn – 3, LaDonna Latham – 3, Tristen Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Herbert – 8, Kelli Keagle – 12, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Darlene Woodrow – 24, Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy VanLeuven - 31

Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments	
<p>The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app.</p> <p>The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays.</p> <p>If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.</p>	<p>Warming Center</p> <p>Along with baked goods, clothes are needed; coats, socks, heavy shirts. I even had a guy ask me for a belt. (I took him an extra one I had); Clothing that will help keep them warm in the winter. God Bless each one.</p> <p>Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead</p>

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 2) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ
4135 Carr Lane SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

November 1, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 3,205.00

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