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FINDING THE PEARL!

It has been said, "If an oyster can make a pearl out of an irritating grain of sand, just think what you could do if in every situation you chose to rejoice!" (shared by Tom Green) In Paul's letter to the church at Rome we read. . .

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5)



To rejoice in hope may perhaps be easy. In the face of life's challenges, hope can still give rise to rejoicing. However, to rejoice in sufferings is something else. In order to do this the focus must move from the suffering to what the life is being moved toward in spite of it. This moves the focus away from suffering as a stop sign or roadblock to recognizing it as merely part of the pathway leading forward. As ability to endure is strengthened and character is developed, the sense of hopefulness also increases. These are pearls of

great value! However, another pearl in going through trials is that in the process of the agitation, we are step-by-step becoming more and more like Christ Who also experienced joy in the face of suffering (Hebrews 12:2) knowing what would be provided for us through what He endured on our behalf. In the midst of peril may we look for the pearl being produced through the process!

- Carl Hanson

Our Prayer List

- Update on Davi from her dad Zach sent yesterday. Blessed to have spent the last 2 days with Davilynn! She is having a difficult time breathing and has fluid built up in her lungs. I ask that you please continue to pray for her health restoration! She has been doing such an amazing job fighting through every procedure though things are complicated! A special thanks to those nurses, doctors and specialists who've taken such great care of her! I pray for them to be guided by God in their treatments!

Please also continue to pray for our family and friends, many of which have been rightfully heartbroken under such circumstances! Things have been extremely tough on all of us but especially Brooke who has to be at the hospital at nights by herself! I pray that she is comforted and feels all of our love!

Lastly, I am absolutely overwhelmed by the amount of support through prayer, words of comfort, meals and monetarily! You all are in our prayers and we are forever grateful to have you in our lives!! Know that we appreciate you all more than you know and will never forget your displays of love and caring expressions!! Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!! We love you all!!

- From the Fry's sent Monday evening: I want to thank all of you for the prayers for Roger and Linda's grandson Michael, our nephew. He has been discharged from the hospital with a referral to a neurologist, the cyst is one issue but the other symptoms are related to calcium kind of thing that goes on in your ears I don't understand it all. His wife is a wonderful advocate for his well-being and is seeking a second opinion. Michael is still disoriented in too many ways and she's quite concerned. Please continue praying for him. Tomorrow we will be leaving Prescott for home. It's going to be very difficult to leave Daniel and Lisa tomorrow. Look forward to seeing all of you very soon. Much love! Darrell and Laura
- Karen Taylor is requesting prayers for her daughter, Donyel Hussey, who will be having a hysterectomy in Anacortes on September 28th. She will have her covid-19 test prior to that on the 25th. Karen will go up there on the 25th and return home on October 2nd.
- Her daughter Angela is recovering from her partial hysterectomy last month.
- From Darrell & Laura Fry: We had some really good days with Daniel and Lisa in Prescott, Daniel sleeps a lot but we actually had one day he went for a drive and lunch with us. Such a good day. We went down to the Phoenix area to see Roger and Linda. All 4 of us planned to go to Bakersfield to see Dennis and family. I had what wound up being an allergy issue for a couple of days so we postponed our trip a couple days to be safe. We made it to Bakersfield yesterday and surprised Dennis. It's been delightful. We will head back to Arizona tomorrow, then up to Prescott on Saturday, spend a couple more days with Daniel and Lisa before we make our way home. Very thankful for all of your prayers! We remember all of you in ours! - Love Darrell and Laura

- Cindiann Bradburn is looking to relocate, and she is seeking wisdom from God in the next steps to take for where to go. Please pray for this family.
- I got a call from my cousin Susan Willis. She found out she has uterine cancer. Could you please add her to the prayer chain? She attends the Hood River Church of Christ. She knows she is in the palm of God's hand. But she is still nervous. Which is understandable. Thank you, Tammy White
- Lila Mason's brother Jon is back to work and his wife Sherry is doing better.
- Pray for DeLoris Lawler's son-in-law, Bob Groves, who had a heart procedure a Swedish. Pray also for his family and the medical staff.
- Pray for those of our family who are going through different health, financial, health procedures, tests and emotional issues. Those of our family who are directly involved with treating those with COVID-19. God knows who they are and we know they are our brothers and sisters.
- Dale Sanders' father Glenn and niece Angie are doing better.
- Continue to pray for Lynn and Virginia Chapman.
- Continued prayer please for Sandi Warner's son Michael who will have a court date next week to determine involuntary medication.
- Pray for Frankie Gower who hurt her back.
- Pray for our nation and its leaders for all those who are living in areas where there is rioting that they will be safe as will their businesses.
- Continue to pray for our Spiritual Leadership Team, Deacon Leadership Team, our church family, our missions, our families, our nation and its leaders.
- Prayers to defeat Satan.
- Pray for all those in the school system who are affected in so many different ways with all that needs to be done to protect each and every one of them. For the parents who are getting the education right along with their children.
- Pray for those who participate in the study of the Gospel of John on Sundays using the Zoom app.
- Rick Velasco would like prayers for Brad Bayliffe, who has leukemia. Also, for Rod Cunningham who has PTSD and has a lot of anxiety and is currently unemployed. Pray for these men, and for Rick as he ministers to them.
- Steve Smith is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments in preparation for surgery in September.

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

POCOC Web Site

Note: Some additional files are 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 (uploaded on Fridays)
- Current newsletters from Roy Merritt (2 new), Trent Herbert, and Tristan Herbert (2 new)
- Recently Recorded Sermons
- Current Event Calendar

<p>Sunday Worship in the Parking Lot September 13, 2020 – 10:30am Speaker – Trent Herbert Tune your radio to 93.1 FM You must be in the parking lot to tune in.</p>	<p>If you need communion supplies, 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 it out at the service. So please call; we will get whatever you need delivered to your door.</p>
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Happy Birthday!

September: Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Eloise Gerard – 17, Charlie Fender – 21, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29.

October: Tim Duffy – 4, Kristi Hall – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Cindy Snead – 17, Brittany Pringle – 19, Paula Hill – 20, Jules Hooper – 22, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25, Jodi Hooper – 28.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app.
The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays.
If you would like to participate,
contact Laura Fry for login information.

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 mailbox.
- 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

September 6, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,375.00

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