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People Need the Lord

By Micah Powless

Growing up there was a song our congregation sang called "People Need the Lord." That song has been on my mind as I've transitioned back to the secular business world. Every day I'm among thousands of people. I'm around hundreds of employees. Every day I think of that song and how true it is. I know I need Jesus because I'm flawed and weak and need a Savior. I know others do too.

The past few weeks God has given me opportunities to care about people. I've been able to watch, listen, and empathize. I've been hearing their stories and some have broken my heart with compassion.

One lady about 20 years my senior I met in training said she prayed to God asking for Him to send her someone who could talk to her about changing her life. She sat next to me in orientation and I was the one person she talked to and asked if she could have my number if she had questions since we are going through the same program. She contacted me and I've helped her with some issues and she said she cried when she found out I have Christian counseling credentials.

One of the most exciting stories was after work one day one of employees stopped me and asked as a man of faith what my opinion was on something. He said he had been struggling with something that he read in the Bible. He asked, "I was sprinkled as a baby, but I'm an adult with my own faith, do I have to be baptized to be saved?" That led to an amazing spiritual conversation. That conversation made my week.

There was a young man that worked there for a while. My first week I showed him something to make his life easier that I literally learned earlier that day. I told him I believe in him and was proud of him. He stopped and paused and he told me that no one in his life has ever told him that. That is sad. After work he told me he struggles with spirituality cause he's an apathetic Mormon and feels it's just about rules and looking good. It was a chance to talk about grace, relationship, and humility to confess like the publican from the Bible.

There was a lady who works very hard in our store. I wrote her a thank you card. She said that the card made her cry because she had never received anything like that while working there. She said it meant more because she had Thanksgiving alone.

A young lady in our store walked up to me while I was eating my lunch. She just poured out her life story of her hard childhood and that she wanted to know if life could be better. That broke my heart as she was looking for hope.

An employee of mine was having car problems and he came to work early because he walked to work and left extra early to make sure he didn't be late to work. Throughout the day he was on my mind. I went and asked him what time he gets off. He was getting off after 10pm like I was that day. I asked him if I could give him a ride home because he was going to have to wait an hour for the bus and then another period of time on the bus. He knew I had an hour drive home. So, I drove him home and we were able to have a great talk. He was teary eyed that someone would offer him a ride. He now finds me out and gives me a fist bump each day.

Today I had a talk with a young man. He felt comfortable enough to tell me that he failed out of college and that he was depressed without a feeling of purpose. He told me his dad died when he was a young kid and had no male role model. He said he felt suicidal years ago and that experience taught him to be more compassionate and patient to criticize others. This led to a great conversation.

I say all this because going back to the secular world I'm around people who need the Lord. This experience is helping me see that even more again and my heart breaks and goes out to them. I know I'm powerless to really do what they need in life, but Jesus, the Holy One and the compassionate servant leader can!

I encourage you all to take time to truly see people. Hear their stories. Let your heart be touched. Let your hands serve. Let God work and work through you for His glory and His glory alone!

We are surrounded by hurting people with real life issues, struggles, problems, and needs. We are the ones who have the saving message of grace that could save, heal, and strengthen their lives and open up eternity in relationship with Jesus!

We know what it is like to need Jesus. We needed Him before coming to Him. We need Him now through life even though we are Christians. We aren't perfect and we are in continual need of grace, forgiveness, compassion, and love. We need the Lord! So, remember everyone around you needs the Lord. Therefore, do not waste the opportunities and the influence God has given you to love people one step closer to Christ!

Many of our homebound seniors who we provide meals for never have any interaction other than our drivers who deliver their meals to them.

At Meals on Wheels Kitsap (MOWK), we are putting together holiday bags for all of them. Included will be Christmas cards signed by our volunteers and others who would like to participate.

I purchased 2 boxes of cards from Dollar Tree at \$1.00 each and am starting a new tradition on Thanksgiving Day to have my family help sign those cards. I also have some cards left over from previous years. Perhaps this is something you might want to engage your family in doing.



We know the seniors who receive the cards won't know who we are but to them it won't matter. Just knowing someone took the time to acknowledge them with a card does tremendous things to brighten what could be a very lonely and depressing Christmas. Many of them save and read the cards many times during the year.

I am requesting that if any would like to participate with us at Meals on Wheels, sign some Christmas cards and get them to me by December 7th. I will then take them to MOWK on the 9th when I will next be there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360-265-3266 or email me.

May this coming holiday season bring you many blessings of peace and happiness.

Bonnie Mitchell



Our Prayer List

To submit a prayer request for the prayer list,
contact Bonnie Mitchell at mitbem0519@gmail.com, or 360-265-3266.

- Please lift up Margaret Meyers (who used to live in one of the duplexes), has been taken by ambulance to St Anthony's. Please also lift up her family. Her heart failure is getting worse so they are just going to keep her comfortable at the nursing home.
- Continue prayers for Darrell & Laura's great niece, Kelly. She is being transferred to a rehab facility.
- David Bedford is being cared for in a rehab facility following his three strokes.
- Cindiann and George Bradburn are having a hard time adjusting to their new life in Idaho.
- Pray for Barbara Chasteen for her recent surgery to remove the cancer on her leg.
- Tony DelBarto (Bonnie's son-in-law) is receiving palliative care at home.
- Tom Sibley is visiting this week with James & Connie Greer.
- Laura Fry's brother Colin and his wife are here visiting with their daughter Angela and with the Fry's.
- Praise that Ann Sullivan's biopsy was non-cancerous.
- Praise; Paula Hill has finished her treatment.
- Pray for Jim and Cindy who are traveling to see family.
- The Sunday school class is preparing to help with needs for the homeless. If you have a heart to help or ideas, please contact Laura Fry.
- Sharon McDaniel continuing to work with the doctors to ease her discomfort.
- Laura Fry's aunt Joyce: treatments for cancer ending and effects from radiation on the rise.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.
- Praise God for all that he continually does to provide for our needs.
- Our medical personnel and also first responders and all they are dealing with because of the problems associated Covid.
- Our nation and leaders. Port Orchard Church of Christ and our deacons, our leadership team and brothers and sisters.
- Darlene Woodrow's memorial will be held at our building on Saturday, December 11th. There will be snacks in the foyer following the service.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.

Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:13-16

Men's Fellowship

Each Tuesday at 10:00, a group of men meet together to visit and discuss random topics.

Please Join Us

POCOC Web Site (<http://pococ.weebly.com>)

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings too: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video. Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

Sunday Worship (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon)
(Children are dismissed after communion for Children's Church)

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ

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| Speaker: Trent Herbert | Singing: Jon Powless | Scripture: Trent Herbert | Prayer: Brad Orser | Communion: Troy Hill |
| 9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium James Greer / Jim Snead | | | Children Class: Downstairs Combined Class | |

Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID

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| Luke Class (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm | Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm |
| Men's Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am | Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am |

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, there is a collection box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

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

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| November 28, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,286.50 |
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If you have any questions, please give me a call.
God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

Happy Birthday!

December: Cornell Stull – 1, Nikole Karn – 3, LaDonna Latham – 3, Tristan Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Volpitta – 8, Kelli Keagle – 12, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18

January: Mark David - 2, Michell Herbert – 4, Pat Woodrow – 9, Landra Reinke – 12, Isaiah Zepf – 13, Karen Taylor – 18, Caleb Smith – 23, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

People Need the Lord

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Verse 1

Ev'ryday they pass me by
I can see it in their eyes
Empty people filled with care
Headed who knows where
On they go through private pain
Living fear to fear
Laughter hides the silent cries
Only Jesus hears

Chorus

People need the Lord
People need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams
He's the open door
People need the Lord
People need the Lord
When will we realize
People need the Lord

Verse 2

We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right
What could be too great a cost
For sharing life with one who's lost
Through His love our hearts can feel
All the grief they bear
They must hear the words of life
Only we can share

“You are the light of the world.

“A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16



Watch and Listen to the song here...



www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdJZbp3Z7ks

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