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#### Out with the Old & In with the New!

"Out with the old and in with the new!" Lord willing, we will have such a transition this week; moving from 2020 to 2021. As we did not know all that would be experienced in 2020 as it began, neither do we know all that will be experienced in 2021.

However, let us remember we have been sustained to this point and it is still God -- the One Who knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10) -- we can look to and trust as we journey on in life!

May we be encouraged by God's ability as we remember His words to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah where we read... "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I



will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:10-13 ESV)

As God would see His people through their Babylonian captivity, so He will see us through our challenging times in this realm to ultimately bring to fruition the eternal hope that is ours in Christ. In spite of what we might not be able to see ourselves, let us continue trusting God's vision over our life! In view of God's track record, our faith can be kept on track as we journey on through each day He provides. May we trust Him with our whole life as we seek Him with our whole heart!

Have a great day TRUSTING GOD'S DIVINE PLANS!

by Carl Hanson



"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." - Psalm 37:4

Does this mean that if you take delight in the Lord, whatever you desire God will give you?

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Does it mean that if you take delight in the Lord, God will give you the desires?

As we, the church, enter into 2021, let us not simply ask God to bless the plans we've made, but let us also ask Him to share His plans with us so we can follow.

He already has plans for us. We just need to follow.

## Gospel of Luke

Bible Class
Led by Trent Herbert
Discussion Questions

Study Questions Luke Chapter 4

- 1. Who led Jesus into the wilderness?
- 2. Was Jesus really tempted in all ways? Explain.
- 3. How can scripture defeat the enemy?
- 4. What are the three things Jesus was tempted with?
- 5. Explain verse 13.
- 6. Why did the people of Nazareth become angry with Jesus?
- 7. How did Jesus fulfill Isaiah 61:1-2?
- 8. When Jesus was healing and casting out demons, why did He tell the demons not to say who He was?

Chapter Four of Luke shows us the temptation of Jesus and His return to His return to His return to His hometown. He starts His ministry by quoting from Isaiah 61. He heals many and casts out demons. Come share in the discussion as look we look at the start of Jesus's ministry.

Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604 for Zoom Meeting ID

## **Our Prayer List**

Update from Jason Hooper:

I hope that this message finds you well and that the Lord's face continues to shine upon you and the family at Port Orchard.

It's been some time since our family has been able to speak to or see many of you, and we miss you all very much. Wanted to let everyone know that the Hooper family is doing well and staying safe.

It has recently come to light that my mother is suffering from some form of psychosis, causing her to think and behave erratically, and she is vehemently resistant to any treatment or help. However, we are hopeful and prayerful that the Lord's will shall become clearer to us, as we open our heart and mind to Him, and accept His divine purpose. Please keep our family in prayer through this challenging situation that our faith and strength be increased and sustained.

The good news that I'd also like to share is that I recently earned my Real Estate Broker's license! We're very excited about the new journey and I look forward to assisting any and all who have real estate needs (buying, selling, listing, advice, etc.). I've included a photo of my card for you all to keep handy, use, and share as needed!

We love you all very much and look forward to seeing your faces again soon!

- Jason Hooper
- Ray Switzer is asking for prayers for Connie, who fell last September and broke her hip in 3 places. She is doing better but needs our prayers.
- Please lift Roger Taylor's sister up as she is now hospitalized with Covid and not expected to pull through. They also believe the infection she had before (which we prayed about) is back.
- Also, their neighbor Sue Newman has thyroid cancer and Karen has been helping her out.
- Continue to pray for Rosalie Palmer and her family as they grieve over the loss of Chuck. Her grandson Cutter, who is just 15 has been diagnosed with Covid-19.
- Karen Taylor is requesting prayers for Paul Fisher who learned he has lost his hearing totally
- Tammy White met with the neurosurgeon yesterday. It is not an aneurysm. The surgeon stated that it was anywhere from a

cyst to a brain tumor. She will have a test on the 31st and then will be tested every 6 months to monitor it. If she gets any more symptoms, she is to advise him. Prayers requested for it to be nothing invasive or life threatening.

- Pray for my grandson Chris, his son Levi and his girlfriend who have chosen to separate. Lilly has moved back to live with her parents in Puyallup. Chris will have Levi on his days off and right other visits are open. This is an amicable situation and may not be permanent. Please pray for God's leading them to His will.
- Pray for Charlotte Hahn's son Lou Harrison, he has a cancer diagnosis and needs healing prayers.
- Continue to pray for Jessica Zepf's health and more testing.
- Continue to pray for Daniel, and Lisa as she cares for him.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for all of those who are affected by Covid-19; either themselves or loved one.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.

## **POCOC Web Site** ( http://pococ.weebly.com )

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Sunday Worship		
Worship will again be in the parking lot January 3, 2020 – 10:30am		
Speaker: Communion: Prayer:	Brandon Zepf Jim Snead Darrell Fry	Parking Lot Info Tune your radio to 93.1 FM You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

#### **Happy Birthday!**

#### January:

Mark David – 2, Michelle Hebert – 4, Pat Woodrow – 9, Landra Reinke – 12, Isaiah Zepf – 13, Runell Mason – 16, Karen Taylor – 18, Caleb Smith – 23, Forest Gerard – 24, Tammy White – 29, Myron David -30

#### February:

Israel Cormier – 2, Virginia Chapman – 2, Tammy Avery – 5, Laura Gerard – 7, Christopher Hill – 7, Carla Duffy – 8, Melvin Byrd – 9, Terri Wallon (Hall) – 9, Zari Keagle – 9, DeLoris Lawler – 9, Ken Avery – 10, Jennifer Delay – 14, Katrina Coley – 15, Rachel Karn – 18, Zari Cormier – 19, Jason Hall – 20

#### Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments

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.

### **Warming Center**

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.

Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead

## 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

December 27, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 2,950.00

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