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Rooted and Fruitful!

It has been noted, "People who brag about their ancestors are like carrots -- the best part of them is underground." [source: calendar quote]

Though we may have a rich heritage providing the blessing of a godly foundation for our life, we still must remain mindful of our own life choices, the manner in which we are presently living, and what our life is producing. In John 8, Jesus encountered some who boasted of Abraham being their father (John 8:39) and therefore felt no need of being set free from anything (John 8:33), while Jesus noted their actions revealed they were actually children of the devil. (John 8:44) Though as Jews they had a rich ancestry behind them (John 8:37), they were not living in a like manner of Abraham. (John 8:39) Therefore, in view of their life, it appears the best part was buried underground.

Now, I love carrots and they are good for us. Though what is above ground might be a nice shade of green, it is true the best part is underground. However, with dahlias, the best part is above ground. The root (the tubers) from which they grow are significant, but not as impressive as the many variations of blossoms produced. It is not possible to have the beautiful flowers without the roots, but it is the beautiful flowers which reveal fruitful life exists!

This reminds me of a message of hope to Israel from the prophet Isaiah during the days of King Hezekiah where we read. . . "And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward." (2 Kings 19:30 ESV) [Isaiah 37:31]

Though there had been wickedness in the past, there would be a renewal of fruitfulness as Hezekiah had been instrumental in leading the focus of the nation back toward God. Once again properly rooted downward they would bear fruit upward.

What about our own life? Even if we have been blessed with a godly ancestry, like Timothy (i.e. 2 Timothy 1:5), the life of faith must become our own to embrace and produce fruit. In this regard, may you join me in the plea to God, "Lord, make me a dahlia!"

Have a great day ROOTED FOR BLOOMING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS!

- Carl Hanson



*"Our prayer list is not
an announcement column.*

It is a prayer list."

- Jon Powless

Gospel of Luke Class

The Bible Class on Luke, led by Trent Herbert meets on Zoom Sunday evenings at 6:00.

You can find the current study questions on our web site:

pococ.weebly.com/bulletins--newsletters.html

Our Prayer List

- Paula Hill is scheduled for a mastectomy on July 9th. Keep Paula and her family in your prayers.
- Bonnie Mitchell's niece will be coming to stay with her for a while in August. Pray for both of them that this will be a smooth transition.
- Continue to keep Nancy Davis in your prayers.
- Bonnie Mitchell's grandson has put in a transfer with his company to work at either Gig Harbor or Silverdale. Please pray that God's will be done wherever he thinks would be best and beneficial for him.
- Pray for safety for all those who are or will be traveling in the next couple weeks for safety. The Avery and Cormier families are moving to Atlanta. Bonnie's daughter Kara is traveling to Southern Oregon. Billy and Cheryl Mann are traveling back from Oklahoma after Billy and their daughter were in an auto accident there.
- Michelle Herbert's aunt Stella recovering from surgery.
- Carol Henry's son Steve dealing with chemo for the next three months.
- The Avery and Cormier families will be leaving Washington state at the end of the month to move to Georgia. Please keep them in your prayers for the next part of their journey.
- Len Lewis whose brother Ray Hoover passed away Monday from complications due to Covid. He was living in the Philippines.
- Roger Taylor's sister Kathy, for comfort and peace; currently in Hospice.
- Cindiann Bradburn and her family who recently moved across county and need wisdom and encouragement.
- Jessica Zepf healing for her ankle.
- Sarah Benjamin's grandpa, whose name is Ed, is in a coma and not responsive. He was in a very bad state of health to begin with, but after he got coronavirus months and months ago, he never recovered to even where he was previously. Now he is bedridden and not responsive. Please pray that her dad would be able to visit him and that he can find God, and that God's will would be done.
- Laura Fry's aunt Joyce who recently was diagnosed with cancer.
- Praise that Pat Woodrow's ankle wound is healed.
- Bonnie Mitchell's son-in-law Tony DelBarto was recently diagnosed with heart failure and has an upcoming angioplasty procedure.
- Pray for all our graduating seniors.
- Pray for the upcoming camps at Delano Bay.
- For all our brothers and sisters that God will provide whatever their needs are.
- Praise that Pat Woodrow's ankle wound is healed.
- Darrell Fry's sister Myrna, is still having dizzy spells.
- That as a membership we make the decision God wants regarding the duplexes.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance
- For all our brothers and sisters that God will provide whatever their needs are.
- Praise to God our father who never fails
- FYI: Len Lewis is disconnecting her landline. You may reach her on her cell at 903-707-9998.

When is the last time you actually prayed
for every request on this list?

Do You Have Time Today?



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)

There **WILL** be “in-person” worship

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

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



Speaker: Trent Herbert Scripture: Darrell Fry Prayer: Bob McDaniel Communion: Jon Powless	To worship from the Parking Lot: Tune your radio to 93.1 FM You must be in the parking lot to tune in.
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Children will be dismissed after communion (with parent's permission)
 for **Children's Worship** downstairs

Classes

Bible Classes Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15am	Adult: Auditorium James Greer	Children: Combined Class Downstairs
Luke Class Zoom Meeting: Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604 for Zoom Meeting ID	
Ladies Prayer Group Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, 10:00 am		
Prayer Meeting Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, 5:00 pm		

Happy Birthday!

July: Yvonne Lawrence – 16, Jori Hooper – 16, Peggy Hall – 19, Dale Sanders – 19, Sharon McDaniel – 23, Ricky McKennon – 23, Luke Orser – 25, Trent Herbert – 27

August: Tanya Howard – 1, Elijah Herbert – 2, Winnie Wilson – 2, Scott Hall – 6, Thias David – 12, Terry Bratcher – 17, Rodney Cormier – 18, Connie Greer – 20, Hanna Herbert – 22, Dave Snypp – 25, Shirley Olson – 30.

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

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) 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.

Church Address:

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

June 27, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,357.00

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

Our Camps

Based on current forecasts, we are planning on having summer camps this year. We will comply with all of Washington State and Pierce County Health Department requirements. We are not sure what that will entail but will make sure to communicate all details as soon as we understand them. We will continue to keep you up to date with all changes to our plans as the state gives us more information on COVID-19 regulations.

We may only be able to open the camp at a reduced capacity this summer. If so, we will allow registration on a first-come, first-served basis. So, register early!

Registration is now open for all camps.

We host and staff camps for students in 1st grade all the way until they graduate from High School. Learn more about each of our camps and how your camper can encounter Jesus there!

1st - 3rd Grade Camp

July 18th – 21st

4th - 6th Grade Camp

July 25th – July 31st

Young Teen Session - YTS (7th - 8th Grade Camp)

July 4th – 10th

Junior Teen Session - JTS (9th - 10th Grade Camp)

July 11th – 17th

Senior Teen Session - STS (11th, 12th, New Grad)

June 26th – July 3rd



[Delano Bay Christian Camp - https://www.delanobay.org/](https://www.delanobay.org/)

Note: There are camperships available if you have a child who would like to go to camp, but could use help with the funds. Contact Laura Fry

I Pledge Allegiance to The Lamb

Verse 1

I have heard how Christians long ago
Were brought before a tyrant's throne
They were told that he would spare their lives
If they would renounce the name of Christ
But one by one they chose to die
The Son of God they would not deny
Like a great angelic choir sings
I can almost hear their voices ring

Chorus

I pledge allegiance to the Lamb
With all my strength with all I am
I will seek to honor His commands
I pledge allegiance to the Lamb

Verse 2

Now the years have come
And the years have gone
And the cause of Jesus still goes on
Now our time has come to count the cost
To reject this world to embrace the cross
And one by one let us live our lives
For the One who died to give us life
Till the trumpet sounds on the final day
Let us proudly stand and boldly say

Chorus

I pledge allegiance to the Lamb
With all my strength with all I am
I will seek to honor His commands
I pledge allegiance to the Lamb

Bridge

To the Lamb of God who bore my pain
Who took my place who wore my shame
I will seek to honor His commands
I pledge allegiance to the Lamb

SONG OF THE WEEK

Watch and Listen to the video here...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zslyvZeU-IE&t=85s>

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PHILIPPIANS 1:20-30

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.