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A SEARCHING DESIRE!

In bookstores, I have seen large sections marked “self-help”. I have even seen Bibles in these sections. However, with all the “self-help” material available and time spent searching those pages, why are things in this world not getting better and why are there still so many struggling with a healthy perception of themselves?

Though reading the Bible ought to be a daily practice, is it merely so we can help ourselves or is it to gain a greater understanding of the One Who can bring the needed changes to our life? If just reading the Bible alone were enough, Jesus need not have given His life for us. We need help beyond ourselves to be restored to the image God had in mind for us from the beginning. (Genesis 1:26-27)

It is in being united with Christ that we are able to become the new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) God intends. Consider the humble, yet very open, request of the psalmist David where we read. . .

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Psalm 139:23-24 ESV)

God knows us better than we know ourselves. We hide nothing from Him. However, are we open enough to ask God to search us and reveal to us what part of our life we have not yet surrendered to Him? As we read the Scriptures, rather than thinking of how they might apply to others, are we always remaining open to the revealing of what is out of place in our own life with a readiness to follow God in His everlasting way?

May you and I remain open to the testing of God so that the dross may be removed from our life and so become like silver purified again and again until it is enabled to reflect the face of our Loving Refiner!

Have a great day HUMBLY REMAINING IN THE TRANSFORMING HANDS OF THE DIVINE REFINER!

- Carl Hanson



*Just a
thought...*

*“I the Lord search the heart
and examine the mind, to
reward each person
according to their conduct,
according to what their
deeds deserve.”*

- Jeremiah 17:10

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 Karen Taylor's daughter, Doniel who fell yesterday and hurt her back.
- Brittany Pringle requests prayers for many things going on in her life, particularly her boyfriend Brighten's mother who is very ill. Britany also wants everyone to know she loves you and this church and is thankful for everyone.
- Barbara Chasteen for her upcoming surgery to remove the cancer on her leg.
- Tony DelBarto (Bonnie's son-in-law) is a patient at St Anthony's being treated for pneumonia. Please continue to pray for his recovery and for Penny and Chris.
- Yvonne Lawrence now home recovering from her broken hip surgery.
- Praise for Jon Powless, who has had some bleeding in his eyes for about three months and had to get monthly shots in his right eye. His appointment at the Retina Center on Monday showed that it has cleared, so he won't need any more shots, and the planned laser treatments also won't be needed.
- Please pray for the Hope Children's Home in Honduras. Our granddaughter Rachelle has tested positive for Covid and her husband John is showing symptoms along with five of the children at the cottages. Rachelle is feeling pretty rough and trying to manage through all of this, pray she is able to rest and heal. Pray for all of the residents adults and children of the homes! We thank you for loving them and being so faithful in prayer! - Darrell & Laura Fry
- It's pretty stormy today and will continue this week. Pray for safety for everyone.
- Darrell and Laura in Hawaii for a couple of weeks.
- The White family traveling to Florida.
- Bob & Sharon McDaniel on a short vacation next week.
- Pray for Angela (visitor) who is serving her parents, Stephen Reynolds receiving dialysis and mother in a nursing home. Pray for her parents also.
- 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.
- Pray for Tanya Howard and her friend Debbie's family. Debbie recently passed away.
- Pray for Jim and Cindy who will be traveling to see family.
- Sue Sullivan's husband Joe who is waiting for an appointment with the surgeon regarding the growth on his thyroid.
- Sharon McDaniel continuing to work with the doctors to ease her discomfort.
- Paula Hill currently having radiation. The blood clots will take 3 months to leave.
- 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.
- Melvin and Barbara Byrd and Charlotte Hahn in their new residences.
- Gary and Barbara Chasteen's dog Ziggy that her remaining time is comfortable.
- 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 the problems associated Covid.
- Our nation and leaders. Port Orchard Church of Christ and our deacons, our leadership team and brothers and sisters.

*... and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

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

Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Trent Herbert	Communion: Dave Snynn
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

Luke Class (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
 Men's Meeting Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 9:00 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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If you have any questions, please give me a call.
 God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

Happy Birthday!

November: Brian Bungart – 15, Dan Gross – 15, Haidyen Jones – 21, Julie Snynn – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29

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