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**FORMER FOR THE FUTURE!**

Living life with the focus fixated in the rearview mirror can be as dangerous to the soul as driving a car while focused in the rearview mirror and thus leading to crashing into what is ahead. This is why Paul urged to keep the view focused on “straining forward to what lies ahead.” (Philippians 3:13)

Our past cannot be changed, and we must not allow it to hold us back from moving forward. However, there is looking back which can bring encouragement for pressing on.

In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul encouraged... “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4 ESV)

The Greek word translated “endurance” is “hupomonē”, which is used in the New Testament as “the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings” and denotes “patiently, and steadfastly.” [source: Strong’s Lexicon]

Based on the encouragement of the Scriptures we have been given a basis for enduring the varying circumstances of life. Looking back at God’s track record as recorded throughout the Scriptures aids us in confidently looking ahead to the future that is ours in Christ. Looking at the former provides hope for the future! May that foundation of hope continually encourage our pressing on in the Lord!

Have a great day ALLOWING GOD’S TRACK RECORD TO BOLSTER OUR FAITH!  
- Carl Hanson

*Just a*

*thought...*

*"God is the captain of our ship.  
If he is not, where are we headed?"  
Trent Herbert*

*"He guides me along the right paths  
for His name's sake."  
- Psalms 23:3*

# Our Prayer List

To submit a prayer request for the prayer list,  
contact Bonnie Mitchell at [mitbem0519@gmail.com](mailto:mitbem0519@gmail.com), or 360-265-3266.

- Please lift Barbara Chasteen who was diagnosed with skin cancer on her leg today. It doesn't appear to be melanoma. She will have a biopsy on it tomorrow. Pray for both Barbara and Gary as they wait the results.
- Tammy White's cousin Martha Nash has been diagnosed with kidney and bone cancer. Please lift Martha and her loved ones up in your prayers.
- From Bonnie: Chris and Bonnie's covid tests came back negative. Keep Chris, Levi and Lilly in your prayers as they are still in direct contact with each other. Both mom and dad need to work so pray that their employers will work with them regarding their situation and their jobs protected.
- My doctor has prescribed a new antibiotic to fight this sinus infection that is now going on over a month. I just completed 2 weeks of one antibiotic so we pray this next one will do the trick. Please pray for my healing.
- I wish to thank all of you prayer warriors for your prayers for my family the past few days and continued prayers until all in our family is back to what is normal for us.
- From Yvonne Lawrence: I am scheduled to go home Wednesday, October 27. Both the occupational therapy and physical therapy will continue at home. Please pray for David that God give him strength as he will be my primary care giver. Thank you for your prayers! They were greatly appreciated!
- Pray for Angela (visitor) who is serving her parents, Stephen Reynolds receiving dialysis and mother in a nursing home. Pray for her parents also.
- Pray for Nancy Armenta's test results that were done for her kidneys.
- 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 passed away last week.
- 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.
- LaDonna Latham's daughter Laurie continued healing.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.
- Melvin and Barbara Byrd and Charlotte Hahn in their new residences.
- James and Cindy Snead whose daughter Kirschon has Covid.
- Gary and Barbara Chasteen's dog Ziggy that her remaining time she is comfortable.
- Pat Hearn, niece of Charlotte Hahn, finishing up her cancer treatments this October.
- 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.*

– James 5:16 –

If your background check has expired, please take care of that. The list of expiration dates is on the bulletin board across from the office. Blank forms are also there and can be turned in to either Gary Chasteen or Jon Powless.

## **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](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**

<b>Sunday Worship</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 noon) Watch live stream or after our worship time: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a>				
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Wayne Hammock	Communion: Jon Powless
<b>Classes</b>				
		<b>Adult:</b> Auditorium James Greer / Jim Snead	<b>Children:</b> Combined Class Downstairs	
<b>Luke Class</b> Zoom Meeting: Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604 for Zoom Meeting ID		
<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, 10:00 am				
<b>Prayer Meeting</b> Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, 5:00 pm				

### ***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.

#### Church Address:

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

October 24, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings – \$ 970.00

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

### **Happy Birthday!**

**November:** Trinity Delay – 1, Serenity Delay – 1, Laura Beigler – 2, Brandon Zepf – 2, Jessica Zepf – 7, Brian Bungart – 15, Dan Gross – 15, Haidyen Jones – 21, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29

# He Gave Me A Song

## Verse 1

He took my burdens all away  
Up to a brighter day  
He gave me a song a wonderful song  
A wonderful song I now can sing  
In my heart joy bells ring  
He gave me a song a wonderful song

## Chorus

He gave me a song to sing about  
He lifted me from sin and doubt  
Oh praise His name He is my King  
A wonderful song He is to me

## Verse 2

Brighter the way grows ev'ry day  
Walking the heav'nly way  
He gave me a song a wonderful song  
A wonderful song I now can sing  
Praises to Him my King  
He gave me a song a wonderful song

## Verse 3

I am redeemed no more to die  
Never to say goodbye  
He gave me a song a wonderful song  
And some of these days in that fair  
land  
Sing with the chorus grand  
He gave me a song a wonderful song



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Watch and Listen to the song here...



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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zt15EgCuYi8&list=RDzt15EgCuYi8&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zt15EgCuYi8&list=RDzt15EgCuYi8&start_radio=1)

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