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“To Sing Is To Live”

To sing was to live. The setting of death could not mute the life-giving spirituals. Singing was a vital response to death because by doing so the enslaved were countering death with life. The spirituals might have been considered ‘sorrow songs’ by some, but they were still songs that meant life continued to pulse in their oppressed veins. Some scholars say, ‘Without songs to sing, life would be diminished.’ For the slave, however, without a song, life would be destroyed by death because through the spiritual, a musical sermon, the enslaved ‘chants new life’...The ‘urge to sing’ the spirituals was just as indispensable to living as breath flowing through the body. ‘The balm in Gilead was the spiritual itself.’ The actual phenomenon of singing was life-giving and a means of survival.” - Luke A. Powery, *Dem Dry Bones*

If only we understood the power of our songs like the slaves in America understood them. Modern Christians typically view singing as just another thing we do. We do it on Sunday and that's it. If we miss a Sunday or two, we may go weeks without singing. We sing if it is convenient but we don't understand singing as a necessity, as a source of life.

Slaves sang the spirituals daily. They understood singing nourishes the soul. It is as necessary as eating. More than this, their songs were life in a culture of death. Singing was their weapon of choice in a spiritual battle against evil. They knew that God is alive and at work through the power of song. Many things were taken from slaves but one thing that could not be taken from them was their voices and they used them to overcome.

What are we missing?

We need to sing, and not just when it is convenient. We need to sing as if our lives depend on it. We need daily nourishment for our souls in a culture that is constantly seeking to corrupt them. We need to sing life-giving songs in a culture that wants to rob us of abundant life. We need to repel the spiritual forces of evil by offering the praise of our lips. We need to learn from American slaves and reclaim what they knew and understood so well. We must never pass up an opportunity to lift our voices and sing. It is soul work. It is spiritual warfare. It is an act that transcends this earthly realm and pierces heaven.

*Just a
thought...*

“Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Ephesians 5:14 - 20

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- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
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| Sunday Worship for August 21, 2022 (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: Levi Herbert | Offering: Trent Herbert | Communion: Trent Herbert |
| 9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert | | | Children Class: Downstairs Combined Class | | |
| Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID | | | | | |
| Acts Class (Zoom) No class for the rest of summer | | | | | |
| Prayer & Praise Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm | | | | | |
| Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am | | | Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays - 10:00 am | | |
| The Sing Thing – Thursday 6:00pm at the building We’ll sing our favorite hymns & spiritual songs. This will also be a great time to learn (or help someone else learn) to sing one of the harmony parts. | | | | | |

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

Communion will again be available on the table at the front. Or you may pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 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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| Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com | August 14, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 3,215.00 |
| | If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104 |

Happy Birthday!

August: Connie Greer – 20, Hanna Herbert – 22, Dave Snypp – 25, Shirley Olson – 30.
September: Savannah Wilson – 1, Sydney Monk – 4, Barbara Byrd - 9, Dave Lawrence – 13,
 Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29.

Our Prayer List

- Sandi received a steroid shot to her right knee from Orthopedic surgeon this morning (Thursday). So, it's Give it three weeks and physical therapy, then see how it's going. Please continue to keep Sandi in your prayers for complete healing.
 - Tammy White would like prayers for her daughter Brittany who has been diagnosed with cancer in the tissue in her neck where her thyroid used to be. Brittany will be doing radiation treatments. Tammy asks that prayers be lifted up to take the cancer away.
 - Praise: Gary White has been cleared of the infection in his foot and is able once he and the doctor who will be doing the knee replacement connect so they can now proceed with that. Pray that happens soon and the surgery and recovery will go well.
 - Pray for Tammy who along with the brain tumor issues is now having problems the last few days with pain radiating from the middle of her back, hip and pain. She will be seeing a doctor tomorrow to determine if it is sciatica or another problem.
 - Pray for Sandi Warner who has an appointment tomorrow for a clear assessment from her Orthopedic surgeon tomorrow. She can then have the MRI. Pray all this goes well.
 - Pam Woodrow tripped over an electrical cord and broke 2 fingers. Pray for complete and quick healing.
 - Thanks to all the prayer warriors for your prayers for Tony. Although they did have to intubate him, they were able to take the tube out after surgery and put him on a Trilogy machine. They are now taking him to the ICU to watch for any issues. Please continue prayers for his recovery. He will go to a rehab facility upon leaving the hospital. Penny and the family are very grateful to God for his intervention in this as they were very concerned that he would not come off the machine and most likely have a tracheotomy.
 - Cassady is 14, and a friend of the Benjamin family. She had a large, benign brain tumor removed less than a year ago, but is still constantly sick and having symptoms. This has been very difficult. Thank you so very much.
 - Praise Tim Duffy was able to come home Saturday evening and is in the process of healing which in about 6 or 8 weeks would put him on the other side of surgery. He appreciates the prayers being lifted up for him.
 - Misty Nason, a friend of Rick Velasco, had a biopsy done and it is not cancer.
 - Continued prayers for Barbara Byrd, Frankie Gower, Sharon McDaniel, Karen Nance, Virginia Chapman, Janet McKinley, Tammy and Gary White, Troy Hill's father Glenn, Tony DelBarto, LaDonna's daughter Laurie and for all who have medical issues.
 - Pray for the workers fixing up the duplexes and Praise for their dedication.
 - Pray for the people of Ukraine.
 - Pray for our Deacons, Ministerial team, Leadership team and our minister as they work for the good of our church.
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Acappella Celebrates 40 years of Ministry

This video shows some of the early history of Acappella. Sit back; the video is almost four hours long...

<https://youtu.be/P4psbhpklto>





END OF SUMMER BBQ!! @ the Fry's

We want to celebrate the end of summer and just have the opportunity to fellowship with one another!



When: August 27th, 1:00 PM

Where: 1468 Woods Rd E., Port Orchard, Wa 98366
(Darrell and Laura Fry's home)

What to bring: Family, Friends & Yourselfes!

BBQ will include hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixins!
Please, please RSVP so that we can reserve your hamburger or hotdog!



You can email Laura Fry at dwfry@aol.com
or text/call her (360.710.7859)
to let us know how many in your family will attend.

We are looking forward to a grand time!

Delano Bay Christian Camp - Summer Work Party - August 20th!

Financial Peace University
is coming soon!
September 13, 2022



FEAR
is the enemy of
HOPE