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Who Are You Spurring On?

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25
Familiar scriptures can sometimes lose their punch when we limit how we apply them in our life. This passage is most often used to encourage us to go to church—which is a good thing, but is this all the writer is encouraging Christians to do? No, not at all.

As I look at these verses, two phrases stand out: “spur one another on” and “but encouraging one another.” Meeting together is important, not as an end in itself, but because this is where the spurring and encouraging happens. Church attendance is not about punching the clock with God, it’s about what God has gathered us together to accomplish. When the church embraces its purpose to equip saints so that they can help build up the church (Eph. 4:12), powerful things happen and lives are changed.

I am one of those lives.

I have a cloud of witnesses who cheered me on in my younger life. One of those cheer leaders was Carole Colella. She came into my life when she responded to the invitation at a gospel meeting in Willingboro, NJ in 1978. She had been searching for a church that followed the Bible, which she had already been studying. She was a regular guest at our home as she and my mother studied together. She was also one of the voices God used to turn my heart to Christian service.

At that stage of my life I was living at home while attending college. At church I was leading youth group and singing, teaching Bible classes, doing door knocking evangelism and occasionally preaching. What seems clear as day now, was not clear at all to me then. I was aiming to be a lawyer or politician, thankfully I had cheerleaders, like Carole, who helped me hear God’s calling and accept it. To this day she remains a great encouragement to me; even from Florida!

This is what disciples of Christ do to together. They spur each other on and encourage each other to use their gifts and talents for the Master. Gathering for worship is good but only if we use the time as God intended.

Who will you spur on and encourage this Sunday? The Day is approaching, let’s use our time together as God designed it.

Your Brother, Roger Woods

Acts Chapter 8 Study Questions

1. Does the chapter break seem to be in a good place?
2. Who are the "they" in vs 1?
3. What was Saul's motivation in persecuting the church?
4. How was the Word spread as a result of the persecution?
5. Who was Simon and what was his claim?
6. Who was sent to Samaria?
7. What was it that Simon wanted?
8. Where was Philip sent? Whom did he meet?
9. What was the Eunuchs question when he saw water?
10. How did Philip leave?

The church was created on the day of Pentecost. It was spoken of by Jesus. In Acts we see how we enter into the Kingdom. The gifts that we receive when we chose Jesus and submit to Him through baptism, when we share in His death, burial, and resurrection. We become His possession. In Chapter 4 Luke tells us of a lame man at the gate called beautiful. How he is restored and how the crowd reacted. We learn about the rulers' views of the disciples and of the early church. More than that we learn about the heart of the early disciples. When they are challenged, they chose God and rather than ask for comfort from the persecution, they ask for boldness to keep speaking for God. May we have the same prayer. Please join us as we look deeper into Acts.

Why should I attend Bible class?

Have you ever asked yourself that question? "Should I go to Bible class?" The correct answer is YES! Even if you do not like the class teacher or think you already know the topic. The answer is yes. Bible class is important. It is where we can share our lives and learn more about the God we serve. I would propose to you that, no matter how many times you study a topic you can always learn more. God's Word is like an onion; the more layers you peel away, the richer the flavor, and the more flavor you get. We are starting a new study on "The life of Christ." We are looking at His life from the different gospels. Now we could say, I know who Jesus is and what He taught. I don't need to be in class. That could very well be true and if it is, then you have something to add to the class. Be a blessing to others in the class and share your understanding. I try to have discussions in my classes. I want us to engage with the text and dig for what we need from it at that moment. As we start to look to the future, I want to encourage everyone to get involved with classes. We have one on Sunday mornings and one on Sunday evenings; plus some small groups that are meeting at other times. We are to be a people of the Word, and that means that we study it together. Remember, we all have something to contribute. It is also a blessing to learn together. I hope that you will make time to join in our study time as we seek to know Christ better. - Trent Herbert

Delano Bay Christian Camp Summer Camp Registration Open!

www.delano.org

(We are holding four camps this summer)

*1st - 3rd Grade Camp
July 17th – 20th*

*4th - 6th Grade Camp
July 24th - July 30th*

*Junior Teen Session
7th - 9th Grade Camp
July 10th - 16th*

*Senior Teen Session
10th, 11th, 12th, New Grad)
June 25th - July 2nd*

Our Prayer List

- Update on Melvin Byrd from Melia McNatt:
Hi Friends. They're trying to let us take dad back to Pioneer Place in the next day or two. Big decisions will be made about which building, whether or not he'll be with mom, what they will allow in terms of compassionate care visits, and if we want him to be in hospice or not.
Please pray with us about these next steps. Thank you!
(They told us mom is actually doing quite well and hanging out with the other ladies. However, she still sounds pretty sad at certain times of the day.) And dad's biggest problem is that he's not eating much.
Keep Melvin and Barbara and their children in your prayers
- Sue Sullivan would like prayers for a young mother Daniel Hagen, who is very dear to her. Daniel has a brain tumor. Pray for her mother Lima for a calm to come over her so she can do what she needs to do next. Sue thanks the Church.
- Please pray for Jennifer, a lady who messaged us on our Facebook page. She is requesting help with her spiritual life and also her medical issues. She is returning to work and is searching for a physician who is able to help her with her allergies and asthma. She is returning back to work and asks for strength. Please lift her up in prayer that God, who knows her and knows her needs) will provide her needs.
- The following prayer request came to us online through our website. Please lift his gentleman up and his requests in prayer:
- Please pray for my mom Lorraine's salvation and pray for her healing. She lost her hearing, has memory loss, bad posture, body pain, and high blood pressure. Pray for excellent health. Pray for a long life for Lorraine. Pray for the removal of debt and financial blessings and financial security for Lorraine. Pray Lorraine's possessions last a hundred times longer and will supernaturally become newer and repaired. Also, please pray for salvation and excellent health and long life for my uncle Seve, Aunt Jackie and pray for salvation, healing and long life for my mom's boyfriend Joe who has cancer. In the name of Jesus, Amen. Please pray GOD brings me (Phil Chavez) my helpmate real soon in JESUS Name. Been praying for this since my early mid 20's and now I'm 49 years old
- Sharon Mcdaniel's niece, Carolyn Robak was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Please lift Carolyn and her family , Sharon and her family up in prayers.
- Praises and thanks lifted up to our Father for a successful surgery for Jon. Pray for Jon's recovery.
- Congratulations to Fuzzy and Elizabeth Volpitta, their daughter, grandparents Nancy Armenta and Trent and Michelle Herbert on the birth of a little boy on February 8th. Pray special blessings for this little one.
- Sharon McDaniel for healing and encouraging results.
- Karen Taylor healing after a fall at her daughter's home.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve - results from his cancer treatments.
- Nancy Armenta's upcoming surgery on March 25th for a stage 3 mass on her kidney,
- Tony DelBarto - Stent procedure on March 3rd.
- Karen Taylor's friend JC Pate who has stage 4 throat cancer.
- Jessica Zepf having some medical issues.
- Linda Fry - healing and comfort from pancreatic cancer.
- Darrell Fry and his family over the passing of his cousin and also his aunt. Darrell is traveling to California from Arizona this weekend for the services.
- Sandi Warner's son Michael's father Brink who has Covid.
- God's blessings and meeting the needs of our church family and biological families.
- Our medical personnel and also first responders and all they are dealing with because of the problems associated with Covid.
- Our nation and leaders. Port Orchard Church of Christ and our deacons, our leadership team and brothers and sisters. Pray for those who experience feelings of anxiety, stress and even depression loss of jobs normally and additionally from Covid.
- Praise, thanks and gratitude for our Heavenly Father who knows all and sees all and takes care of us.

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- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristen 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 for February 20, 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: Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Bob McDaniel	Communion: Bob McDaniel
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) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

We are meeting inside the building, but we are still not passing trays row by row. Be sure to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

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

Happy Birthday!

February: Melvin Byrd – 9, Terri [Hall] Whallon - 9, Zari Keagle – 9, Deloris Lawler – 9, Jason Hall – 20
March: Charlotte Hahn – 4, Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Darrell Fry – 25, Faith Wichman – 28, Roger Taylor – 31

Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still
Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me



www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE

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“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:12-14 NIV