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END and BEGINNING

Though the number of our years (yours and mine) may not be the same, here we are together once again at the beginning of a new year. What will it hold? What will be experienced? We may each have some ideas of what we either hope will or will not come about, but we cannot with certainty declare all we will go through. As James declared, "you do not know what tomorrow will bring". (James 4:14 ESV)

Still, as we reflect on the year which has just ended let us remember we obviously came through all the varied challenges, circumstances, happenings, and situations encountered through it. This in itself should give rise to thanksgiving, as well as thankfulness for all the good moments enjoyed through the year. With this in mind, we can step forward into this new year in faith and hopefulness in spite of the unknowns. Why? Because of the One Who does know!

Just as the nation of Israel was reminded God was the One to be trusted and turned to, so it is with us. That of which they were reminded should boost our faith in Him as well, as He stated. . . "9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'" (Isaiah 46:9-10 ESV)

Though we are at the beginning of a new year, God already knows how it will end and He continues all things moving toward the accomplishment of His Divine purposes. Of all the plans which might be made, it is His purpose which will stand (Proverbs 19:21) and so our need is to simply remain walking with Him and in accordance with His Sovereign Will!

Remaining on His path we can know each step brings us closer to the eternity prepared for us! Regardless of the experiences in this realm, may our faith remain fixed on Him and His ability to fully bring to fruition all His blessed promises!

Have a great day FOCUSED ON THE ONE WHO FULLY KNOWS WHAT IS AHEAD!

Carl Hanson

*Just a
thought...*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Acts intro and Chapter Questions

1. What is Luke's reason for writing Acts?
2. Who is Luke/what do we know about him?
3. Who is the audience of Luke?
4. Who is chosen to replace Judas?
5. Jesus gives a plan for the new church what is it?
6. What do we find the disciples often doing?
7. What happens to Judas?

In Luke's follow up writing, he records the birth of the church and it's spread throughout the known world. We are introduced to many who labored hard for the Kingdom, even losing their lives. We meet Paul, who goes from persecutor to proclaimer and gives us many of the letters that we read in the New Testament. Churches are established in many towns, and grow. We learn our church history and what the church is. The mystery of the gospel is revealed and we see how we fit in.

I hope you will consider joining us as we walk through Acts, asking questions of the text, checking context, and learning more about the early church. We meet on Zoom for an hour and have great discussions. I encourage you to ask those who have gone through Luke about their experience and prayerfully consider joining us. May God's grace and peace be with you all.

Our Prayer List

- Pray for Bonnie's nephew Gary who is awaiting a Cardiac Abrasion. He is currently hospitalized as the stabilize him for this procedure. Pray for Gary, his wife Marci and the medical team that is working with Gary.
- Please lift Jon Powless up in your prayers. Jon had a biopsy taken Monday of a spot on his head to determine if it is cancerous. Please keep him in prayers. Results won't be in for 10-14 days.
- Our thoughts and prayers go out to René Powless and her sister Kay whose mother passed away in her sleep early in the morning on December 29th. Cards may be sent to the family at: René Powless, 6870 SW Old Clifton Rd, Port Orchard, WA 98367. Please lift up the family in prayer.
- Linda Fry, who is getting appointments set up to treat her medical issues.
- Bob McDaniel family. They have possibly been exposed to a family member who has tested positive for Covid. He would like a little divine intervention for the entire McDaniel family who will be withdrawing from church for a period of time.
- Praise to God that things are getting settled for Cindiann and George Bradburn.
- Pray also for Bonnie's daughter, Penny and Jennifer McKenzie and Morgan Wright, who will be returning from a California vacation on Friday. Pray for their safe travels and good health.
- Pray for Bonnie's nephew's girlfriend, who is expecting their first child in March. She has tested positive for Covid.
- Please lift up Margaret Meyers (who used to live in one of the duplexes). She has been taken by ambulance to St Anthony's. Please also lift up her family. Her heart failure is getting worse so they are just going to keep her comfortable at the nursing home.
- David Bedford is being cared for in a rehab facility following his three strokes.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.
- Pray for Bonnie's son-in-law Tony, who will have a procedure to hopefully input a stent where there is a blockage. Pray for the medical team who is treating him and for Penny as she awaits the outcome.
- 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.
- Sharon McDaniel continuing to work with the doctors to ease her discomfort.
- 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 around Christmas time.
- Praise to God for all he provides to care for our needs.

Prayer Requests

To submit a prayer request for the prayer list, contact Bonnie Mitchell at mitbem0519@gmail.com or 360-265-3266.

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Sunday Worship for JANUARY 9, 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: Jim Snead	Communion: Dave Snyp
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium James Greer / Jim Snead / 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!

January: Pat Woodrow – 9, Landra Reinke – 12, Isaiah Zepf – 13, Karen Taylor – 18, Caleb Smith – 23, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

February: Christopher Hill – 7, Melvin Byrd – 9, Terri [Hall] Whallon - 9, Zari Keagle – 9, Deloris Lawler – 9, Jason Hall – 20

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(Repeat)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>

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