

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ

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### The Right “If”!

When facing life’s varied circumstances and situations, sometimes people begin with something like, “God, if you will . . . then I will. . .”, as though beginning to bargain with God. However, for us to truly know God and trust the working of His Sovereign Will, rather than beginning to bargain we should instead be willing to surrender fully to Him in faith regardless of what might be taking place directly in our life or in the world around us.

This is exactly the kind of surrendered faith exhibited in the lives of [Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah](#) who are most often remembered by their Babylonian names of [Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego](#). (Daniel 1:6-7) When they refused to fall down and worship the golden image set up by King [Nebuchadnezzar](#) -- even at the direct threat of their lives (Daniel 3:13-15) -- the unwavering faithfulness of these three to God prompted the response where we read...

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”” (Daniel 3:16-18 ESV)

They knew what God was able to do! They acknowledged the power God had to intervene on their behalf. However, even if God did not deliver them, they would not bow! They fully surrendered to God regardless of whether they were spared or not!

As we pray regarding particular challenges, circumstances, or situations in our life, even if God does not change them, will we still trust Him? Will we still remain faithful to Him and His Will? Though we know the great power God has (i.e. Ephesians 3:20) to work on our behalf, will we patiently endure and hang in there in spite of not fully knowing what His present Will might be? Perhaps we are intended to grow stronger through the ordeal. It could be God is providing us the opportunity to be an example of faith (i.e. Hebrews 11:1) for others to witness as, in spite of the present, we trust Him for the eternal future He has promised.

If our trust remains in the right place, so will be the “if” in our circumstances. Even if we don’t see what we think ought to be, trusting and patiently accepting the manner in which God chooses to work will always prove to be our best deal. May we trust Him to make it so!

Have a great day WITH STEADFAST FAITH IN GOD’S ULTIMATE FAITHFULNESS!

- Carl Hanson



*Just a  
thought...*

“He who thinks half-heartedly  
will not believe in God;  
But he who really thinks  
has to believe in God.”

- Sir Isaac Newton

[“Newtons God” Video](#)

[The John 10:10 project](#)

## POCOC Web Site ( <http://pococ.weebly.com/> )

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- 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 for July 17, 2022</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church)  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: Mark McLean	Singing: Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer:	Communion:
<b>9:30am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert			<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Combined Class	
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
<b>Acts Class</b> (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm			<b>Prayer &amp; Praise Meeting</b> (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm	
<b>Men’s Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am			<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am	
<b>The Sing Thing</b> – Thursday 6:00pm at the building If you like to sing, this is the place. 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.

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	July 10, 2022 <b>Tithes &amp; Offerings – \$ 3,285.00</b>
If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

### **Happy Birthday!**

**July:** Peggy Hall – 19, Dale Sanders – 19, Sharon McDaniel – 23, Luke Orser – 25, Trent Herbert – 27.  
**August:** Tanya Howard – 1, Elijah Herbert – 2, Winnie Wilson – 2, Scott Hall – 6, Thias David – 12,  
 Terry Bratcher – 17, Connie Greer – 20, Hanna Herbert – 22, Dave Snypp – 25, Shirley Olson – 30.

# Our Prayer List

- Frankie Gower is in St Anthony's while the medical staff determines the reason for bleeding possibly from her esophagus. A CT scan was taken. Pray for a good outcome and treatment if needed. Pray for Frankie to have peace and comfort and for the staff treating her.
- Sharon is scheduled for an MRI on the 19th of July. Pray for comfort and a resolution to her medical situation.
- Pray for Troy Hill's father Glenn for tests results to resolve the pressure on his brain.
- Pray for Sue Sullivan who has Covid.
- Pray for Sandi Warner 's healing of her leg.
- Tammy White would like prayers for her cousins Fred Martin, Martha Nash and Sue Willis.
- Pray that Gary and Tammy have a safe flight home on Saturday.
- Pray for Roger Taylor and his family over the passing of his sister Kathy this past Saturday.
- Rick Velasco would like us to pray for his co-worker, Misty Nelson, who has a tumor and has a history of cancer in her family.
- Pray for a successful Kids Fun Fest/VBS that we are having the following Thursdays, 7-14,21,28 and 8-14. We are praying to reach out to the community. Volunteers are still needed just to help make sure the children are safe and we take care of any needs they might have. Please join us Monday 11am in the fellowship hall if you are interested in helping this mission. Let all you relatives and friends and neighbors with children know. Watch for the flyer.
- Keep the Lawrence family in your prayers grieving the passing of Yvonne.
- Keep in your prayers for Karen Nance, Virginia Chapman, Janet McKinley, Tammy and Gary White, Tony DelBarto, Wayne Hammock, LaDonna's daughter Laurie, all who have medical issues, procedures, recovery.
- Pray for those who are continuing to fix up the duplexes for occupancy.
- Prayers for Ukraine.
- Pray for our Deacons, Leadership Team, our minister as the continue to work for the good of our Church.

## Acts Class

The Sunday evening class just completed the book of Acts, so they will be taking a break for the rest of summer. Stay tuned for news about what will come next.

Jon Powless' younger brother, Mark died unexpectedly on July 6th. Please pray for Mark's wife, Margie, who will continue to raise their three grandchildren by herself. If you would like to help, their daughter, Stephanie has set up a [GoFundMe](#) page to help pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

## Congratulations to Isaac Benjamin

who took 1st place in the track 1500 meters race at State held in the Tri-Cities. This qualified him for the nationals in California in 2 weeks. He also took 2nd place in the 3000 meters which also qualified him for the Nationals. Praise God for the gift Isaac has been given and prayers for his upcoming success in the Nationals.

## Yvonne Lawrence's Memorial Service

will take place at the building,  
July 16, 2022 at 1:00pm.

There will be an opportunity to share a memory of Yvonne with the other attendees.

Reception to follow in the basement.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kitsap Humane Society.

[Obituary for Yvonne Lawrence | Scanlin Cremation and Burial](#)

## Kids Fun Fest VBS



## End Of Summer BBQ at the Fry's!

Mark your calendar:

When: August 27th 1:00 PM

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

All families and friends are  
invited!

More information to come!