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START FROM NOW!

As Paul looked back on his life, he acknowledged an ancestry in the flesh which could have generated great pride. (Philippians 3:4-5) However, in connection with that rich heritage was a zeal which led him to be a persecutor of the church. (Philippians 3:6) As such, not only had he sought out and locked up those who had turned to belief in Christ, he had also cast his vote against them when they were put to death. (Acts 8:1; 26:10) Because of that, he noted how unworthy he was to even be called an apostle. (1 Corinthians 15:9)

I'm sure Paul would love to have changed that part of the history of his life, but how could he? What was done was done! However, what was important was where he went from there. It is the same for all of us in relation to the past. It has been said, "Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending." (Carl Bard)

This was where Paul focused as we read...

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14 ESV)

Paul strained forward! Paul pressed on toward the heavenly goal! Unable to change the past, he was encouraged that history could remain history as he walked Heavenward in Christ! Like Paul, there may be some regrettable pieces to our life history, but in Christ we can presently press on toward a brand-new ending. Though our past may explain some things about us, it does not have to define us!

May we continue to focus on the Heavenly goal in Christ as we trust in His power to get us from wherever we are to where He desires us to be!

Have a great day LEAVING HISTORY BEHIND AND LEANING TOWARD HEAVEN!

- Carl Hanson

Judy Van Leuven

Please join us in celebrating 80 years for Judy Van Leuven.

Saturday, June 25th, 2pm
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Please no gifts, but we would like to shower her with cards.

We would like to receive the cards in advance if possible.

Thank you!

Cards can be mailed to:
Judy Van Leuven
c/o Tammy White
13975 Crestview Cir NW
Silverdale, WA 98383

Or handed in person to
Tammy White or Tanya Howard.



Please join us following services on Sunday **June 5th** for

celebrating **Levi Herbert and Abi Drake's**

High School Graduation.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, paper plates and cake will be provided by the church.

Donations of sides (salads, beans, vegetable trays.) are being requested.

Watermelon is being provided and we have plenty of chips.

Please let Bonnie Mitchell (360-265-3266 or email Mitbem0519@gmail.com) know if you are able to help with providing the sides and/or help serving.

Any questions please let me know.

Our Prayer List

- Obi Herbert has a doctor's appointment on June 9th to determine treatment for a sty on his eye that isn't healing. Pray for the medical staff to be able to diagnose and treat the problem.
- Prayer request for Troy, and my dad, Ken Stratton (E. Wenatchee). They both have tested positive for Covid and no, they have not been around each other. Lol. Both are in good spirits. – Paula.
Please pray for a hedge of protection from this virus for Paula from getting Covid.
- Please pray for Cassidy. She is a friend of Bonnie's family, and she is in middle school in Idaho. She just had a large, benign brain tumor removed six months ago because it was causing problems. But now, six months later, she is still having issues, and is currently in the hospital for testing. Everyone is concerned. She also suffers from chronic headaches. Thank you so much for praying.
- Please pray for James and Connie Greer. His brother Franklin passed away this morning in Houston.
- Pray for Franklin's wife Virginia and the Greer family.
- Pray for Sandi's son Michael whose birthday is upcoming. Also for an interview he has applied for. Pray for Greg.
- Roger Taylor's sister Kathleen's infection is now in her bloodstream. Her health is failing and not expected to live much longer. Pray for Roger, Kathleen and their families. Pray for the medical staff.
- Karen's friend Virginia is having shoulder surgery tomorrow. Karen would like prayers for her and the medical team.
- Praise that Nancy Armenta went through her kidney surgery successfully. She is resting at home. Praise for a good report back and for her recovery.
- Pray for Tammy White who has been diagnosed with 3 brain tumors and will see the neurologist. Pray the doctors who will be treating her are God led.
- Pray for Lori Warnke. She will be having brain surgery for an aneurism, but it has not yet been scheduled.
- Pray for those grieving over the loss of loved ones: The Fry family, the Byrd family and the Meyers family.
- Prayers for Levi Herbert's graduation. Pray for Penny and Kara (Penny's daughter) as they are traveling this week.
- Pray for our sisters Barbara Byrd and Charlotte Hahn.
- Always be mindful in your prayers for those who are lost, lonely, hungry, trafficked, depressed etc.
- That we will walk with an Attitude of Gratitude for all God has blessed us with - especially His son Jesus.
- Continued prayers for the citizens of Ukraine and also pray for their enemy.
- Many blessings and thanks for all the work the Deacons, Minister, Leadership team, Missions do for us, for our nation and its leaders. May all of their decisions be God led.
- Pray for many blessings to our brothers and sisters.

Study Questions Acts 21

1. Is Luke traveling with Paul still?
2. Why is Luke's recording of all the places they went important? How does it help us?
3. Who was Agabus and what did he tell Paul?
4. What was Paul's response?
5. What was the response of the others to Paul?
6. For what reason was Paul to go with the men who were under a vow?
7. What charge did the crowd give against Paul?
8. Who did the commander think Paul was? How?
9. What two languages did Paul use?
10. Why did he want to address the crowd?

Laura Fry is hosting a luncheon on Monday June 6th at El Sombrero at 12 pm, to thank those that helped with Children's Bible class during the last several months while she was in Arizona.

She also invites any of you who have a heart for the ministry to our young people. There is lots of planning for the future to be done. This would be a great opportunity to share ideas and visions for our young ones!

Please let her know if you are able to attend so that she can be sure to reserve a place for you!

Laura Fry 360.710.7859. Text or call!

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- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
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- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

Sunday Worship for June 5, 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: Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Greg Warner	Communion: Jon Powless
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 & Praise Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am		
The Sing Thing – 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	May 29, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 850.00
If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

Happy Birthday!

June: Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Lila Mason – 15, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin, Pilita David – 26, Greg Warner – 29, René Powless – 29.

July: Yvonne Lawrence – 16, Peggy Hall – 19, Dale Sanders – 19, Sharon McDaniel – 23, Luke Orser – 25, Trent Herbert - 27