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Listening To Follow!

Noted on the news recently was a sort of “hide and seek” experiment conducted with dogs. Recordings of their owner’s voices were made which were then placed about to see what the dogs would do. Each of the dogs were drawn to the familiar voice of their own master. What was noted as being remarkable was how dogs appeared to have the ability to distinguish between voices.

As I listened to this news, I was immediately struck by it being no new concept at all. From long ago it has been noted sheep distinguishing the sound of their shepherd and following them. Jesus even stated it Himself. When He began His focus which ultimately noted Himself as the “good shepherd” (John 10:11), Jesus stated...

“When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” (John 10:4-5 ESV)

That familiarity going both ways between He as the Shepherd and His sheep was noted further as well. (John 10:14 and 27) Jesus walks before us. It is His voice (His message and teaching) we are to distinguish and continue following. It is Jesus we are to remain as familiar with as He is of us. As a good sheep, may we continue following the Good Shepherd’s voice! It leads to eternal safety!

Have a great day CONTINUING TO FOLLOW IN THE LORD’S FLOCK!

- Carl Hanson

Psalms 119:105

“Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

This verse describes how important God’s Word is for our lives.



The Bible is not simply a book of stories, or a set of rules. It is a book of wisdom and guidance given to us by God. If we heed its guidance, it will lead us along the path to eternal life.

It will not only illuminate the way we need to go (light on my path), but it will also show us where we currently are on that path (lamp for my feet).

In order for us to arrive at our desired destination (heaven), we need to ensure that God’s Word becomes a part of who we are as we navigate through this life.

Jon Powless

Acts Chapter 12 Study Questions

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which Herod is described in verse 1? 2. Was this part of the persecution that was taking place? 3. Why would Herod be involved? 4. What was the time of unleavened bread? 5. What happened to Peter? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Why is what happened to Peter important? 7. What was the reaction of the people Peter was going to see? 8. What happened to the guards? 9. How did Herod die? |
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Our Prayer List

- Please pray for the families of Melvin Byrd and also Margaret Meyers, both of whom recently passed away.
- Linda Fry is currently in the hospital as the medical team tries to solve many issues for her to be discharge to a rehab facility. Without significant assistance, she is unable to stand or walk. Pray for Linda and the whole family as they trust that the Lord is always near no matter how big the enemy. The Fry's send their love to all their faithful prayer warriors.
- Please keep Roger and Karen Taylor in you prayers for healing. They were in an accident last week and are getting treatments at the chiropractor for their injuries.
- Pray for Danielle Hogan
- Healing for Sharon McDaniel, Terry Bratcher, Karen Taylor.
- Sharon McDaniel's niece, Carolyn Robak needs healing from breast cancer.
- Pray for Jessica Zepf and her upcoming appointments for treating her medical issues.
- Nancy Armenta has surgery on March 25th for a stage 3 mass on her kidney.
- Jennifer Delay requests prayer for her father and healing.
- Tony DelBarto will have a procedure in the near future to insert a stent where there is blockage.
- Pray for Wayne Hammock that he will be able to go back east to be with his family after finishing up health tests that are scheduled.
- Pray for all the citizens of Ukraine and Russia and all the suffering that they are having to endure.
- Praise God for all that we have here in the US and most of all, our freedom. Also, gratitude to God, who continually answers prayers and provides for our needs.
- Pray for our Deacons, Minister, Missions, Leadership Team and fellow brothers and sisters.
- Pray for our Nation and leaders that all decisions will be led by God.

Melvin Byrd Memorial

The memorial service for Melvin Byrd will be on Saturday March 26th at 3:00pm. The location has yet to be determined. When that information is available, Bonnie will send out the information on the prayer chain. The Byrd Family requests that any cards for Barbara and the family be sent to their daughter Becky who will then get them to Barbara.

Becky Bird
817 E 59th St
Tacoma, Wa 98404

Pioneer Place

Now open to all visitors. Screening, masks and distance are still expected but visits to Barbara Byrd do not have to be prescheduled. To visit her building, ring the doorbell of her building and once you have checked in the staff will give you a code for future visits. Barbara may not be able to visit long. The children are trying not to add more trauma and grief that Barbara is able to handle and they determine the conversation based on her questions. The family thanks everyone for all your love and support. Please lift Barbara and the children up in your prayers.

Easter Planning - March 25th at 7:00 pm

If you are interested in helping to plan events on or around Easter weekend (April 17), please come to this planning meeting in our downstairs fellowship room.

Ladies Spring Tea

April 9, 2022
More info to follow

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

- 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 March 13, 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

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| Speaker: Mark McLean | Singing: Bob McDaniel | Scripture: Mark McLean | Prayer: Dave Snypp | 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) 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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| Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com | March 13, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,716.00 |
| If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104 | |

Happy Birthday!

March: Darrell Fry – 25, Faith Wichman – 28, Roger Taylor – 31

April: Jim Snead – 6, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17, Lori Sanders – 28, Lilly Harris – 30

Relate

Verse 1

Has life hit you so hard
That you've been knocked out
Have you gone too far to find the middle ground
Did they raise you so high
Just to pull you back down
Have you been so lost you could never be found

Pre-Chorus

'Cause I've been real I've been fake
Been a sinner been a saint
I've been right I've been so so wrong
Yeah I've made my mistakes

Chorus 1

(Now) I don't know what it's like to be you
You don't know what it's like to be me
What if we're all the same
In different kinds of ways
Can you can you relate

We both know what it's like to be hurt
And we both know it's like to feel pain
But I think it's safe to say
We're on to better days
Can you can you relate
(Can you relate)

Verse 2

Have you ever been left when you shoulda been loved?
Has there ever been a time when you stayed
But you should've run?

Chorus 2

I don't know what it's like to be you
You don't know what it's like to be me
But by the grace of God
We'll see each other's heart
Can you can you relate



<https://youtu.be/Y7CnoV6P6zc>

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