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### Nostalgia

*"Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this." (Ecclesiastes 7:10)*

"Nostalgia is a very human trait. When school children returning from summer vacation are asked to name good and bad things about their summer, the lists tend to be equally long. As the year goes on, however, if the exercise is repeated, the good lists grows longer and the bad lists gets shorter, until by the end of the year the children are describing not their actual vacations but their idealized image of 'vacation.'"

- Stephanie Coontz, *The Way We Never Were*

Nostalgia is a drug that intoxicates us into believing an idea of the past that is not accurate and often ignores the problems and hurts that were present then. Nostalgia entraps us by causing us to cling to an idea that can never be recreated. Nostalgia can cause us to be overly critical of others because no one can live up to its perfect standard.

Nostalgia robs us of being able to make a difference. It causes us to have an unhealthy focus on the past rather than addressing the present or looking forward to the future. It is helpful to know the past, but we shouldn't live in it. We need to live in the present while working toward a better future.

Nostalgia is a temptation for Christians and churches. A church that has declined over the years wants to look back to its glory days. The problem is that nostalgia only leads to further decline. No one wants to be a part of a church that only talks about what they used to be. Christians who embrace nostalgia are in danger of turning away the next generation of Christians. Young people do not want to be a part of a group that continually looks down upon them and thinks they cannot do anything right.

What are we to do?

God has put you in this moment. Live in it. You will not be judged by how greatly you long for the past. You will be judged by what you do now.

You can make a difference. Turn your attention to the present. Pay attention to what is happening all around you. There are people in need. There are young people who need mentors. There are lonely people who need friends. It is not always easy living in the present, but this is the work God calls us to.

You do not have a time machine. No matter how much you long for the past, you can never go back. Things will never be as they were. That's ok. God does not promise to take us back to our childhood. He promises us a better future. He is at work now to redeem creation, and he invites us to be a part of this work. Look ahead and focus on what God is doing

- Scott Elliott

# Our Prayer List

- Praise that Nancy Armenta went through her kidney surgery successfully. She is resting in her room 241 bed 2 at Tacoma General. Per her surgeon he stated they successfully removed the tumor and they have sent it to a lab for evaluation. Praise for a good report back and for her recovery.
- Cindiann Bradburn is requesting prayers because they need to find a new RV park to live in. They can no longer afford to stay in the current RV park.
- Please continue prayers for Tony DelBarto for a successful stent procedure on Friday.
- Pray for Roger Fry and the family this next week which may be difficult for them.
- Laura Fry is asking for prayers for the Prescott Arizona area where wildfires are burning. Pray for Lisa and Daniel's safety.
- Pray for Jason Hall who is currently struggling with past life experiences. His heart is hardened toward Christianity. Pray for Jason to be open and receptive to any encouragement.
- We received through our website a prayer request from Chrissy Howard who is asking for prayers for God to help them with their finances.
- Pray for Bonnie's neighbor Theresa who has come down with Covid.
- Lift up James Sneed who has tested positive for Covid. Pray for Laura Fry and Jessica Fry who are recovering from Covid.
- Pray for Tammy White who has been diagnosed with 3 brain tumors and will see the neurologist in 3 weeks. 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.
- 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.

## Acts Chapter 16 Study Questions

1. What way did Paul choose to go?
2. Who does Paul meet up with?
3. Why did Paul feel it necessary to circumcise Timothy after going to Jerusalem to agree against it?
4. Why do you think the Spirit kept them from Asia and Bithynia?
5. Where did the Spirit direct them to go?
6. Why did they go outside the city on the Sabbath?
7. Who were the first converts?
8. What trouble did Paul get into?
9. What did the jailer want to know?
10. How was he and his household saved?
11. What was the outcome for Paul and Silas?

In Acts chapters thirteen and fourteen, Luke records the first missionary journey of the early church. Paul and Barnabas completed the mission while John Mark turned back early on. On this trip Paul declares that he is turning to the gentiles because of the hardness of the Jews. We learn that it is in Antioch that the term Christians is first used to describe the followers of Jesus. Paul is mistreated and stoned, maybe to the point of death. In chapter fifteen we'll see the first major conflict handled by the early church in Jerusalem. Please join us as we continue to follow the growth of the early church.

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<p><b>Sunday Worship for May 1, 2022</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church)</p> <p>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></p>				
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Jon Powless	Communion: Trent Herbert
<p><b>9:30am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert</p>		<p><b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Combined Class</p>		
<p>Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID</p>				
<p><b>Acts Class</b> (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm</p>		<p><b>Prayer Meeting</b> (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm</p>		
<p><b>Men’s Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am</p>		<p><b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am</p>		

### ***Communion and Tithes & Offerings***

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.

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	April 24, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,865.00
	If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

## Happy Birthday!

**April:** Lori Sanders – 28, Lilly Harris – 30.

**May:** Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Anna Harris – 4, Julia Karn – 17, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Sarah Hill – 31.

# See Me Through It

## Verse 1

Things are getting real, Jesus take the wheel  
Only way I'm getting to the other side  
Days are getting dark, Life's a little hard  
Blinded but I'm tryin' not to lose sight

## Pre-Chorus

I don't got this, I know you got this  
Yeah, yeah, yeah  
And I'll believe it, before I see it  
Yeah, yeah, yeah

## Chorus

I know you're gonna see me through it  
If anybody can you can do it  
God I know in the trial and the pain  
Fire and the rain  
You're gonna see me through it

You're gonna see me through it  
If anybody can you can do it  
And whenever my heart runs away  
You save the day  
You're gonna see me through it

## Verse 2

When the sky falls, who'm I gonna call  
The one who put it up there in the first place  
Full scale attack, Devil on my back  
Better lace 'em up  
And go put on my game face  
(Pre-Chorus)

## Bridge

Our God is bigger than all our problems  
The only one who knows how to solve 'em  
So if you're sitting in the back, rock bottom  
Prayers in the air if you got 'em  
(Repeat, then to Chorus)

## Ending

Yeah, yeah, yeah  
I know you're gonna see me through it



<https://youtu.be/q8anLMKB9N8>

## See Me Through It

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