

**A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ**  
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**Count the Cost**

"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" (Luke 14:27-28)

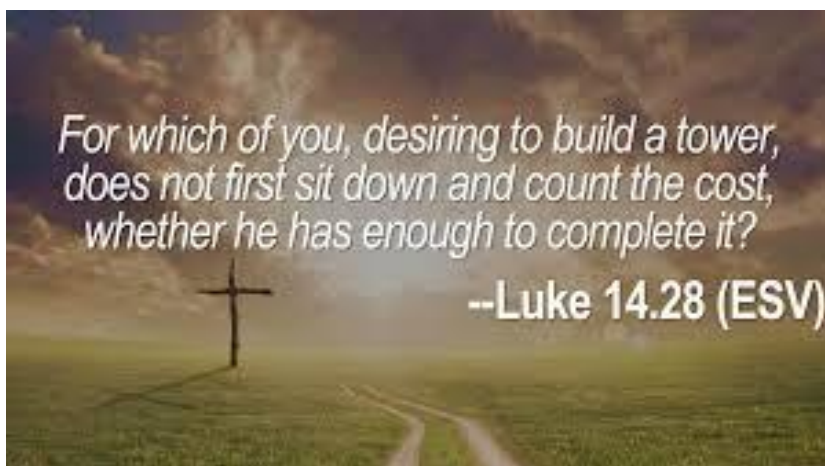
One of the problems with much of American Christianity is that it costs us little or nothing. It reflects our consumeristic culture. Churches exist to please their customers. If a person's needs are not met, they shop for another church. If another church has more programs or a worship style that is more pleasing, people will leave one church and go to it because it seems to offer more. Many churches have embraced this and offer an "attractational" model of Christianity.

Even churches that resist some of the consumeristic elements of our culture may still require little from their members. We are afraid of asking too much. We want to make people comfortable. We don't want to burden them with tasks that are demanding. What is fascinating is that we respect other organizations in our culture who are demanding and ask much. Families will rearrange their lives to ensure their children are on the right sports team. They will not miss a practice because they understand the commitment. We gather in stadiums across the country every Friday night to celebrate this type of commitment and discipline. It is not just sports. We could say the same for band and other activities that matter to us. We count the cost, and we give it our all.

Christianity is a sacrifice. We follow a crucified Savior. It is demanding. It requires commitment. Jesus was up front about this, even if we sometimes minimize or neglect these parts of Scripture. Christianity should not be third or fourth on a list of important things we do during the week. It is not a box we check and then move on to something else. It is everything. It is who we are.

It is who we belong to. It is what we do and where we are going. We are to seek first the kingdom of God. Churches shouldn't be afraid to tell people to count the cost or to talk about commitment. Jesus did, and he changed the world. If we fail to do so, we may not change anything.

- Scott Elliott



## 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](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 September 25, 2022</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion)  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: Jim Snead	Singing: Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Jon Powless	Prayer: Bob McDaniel	Communion:
Servers:	Gary Chasteen	Brian Bungart	Dan Gross	
<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) No class for the rest of summer		<b>Prayer &amp; Praise Meeting</b> (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm		
<b>Men’s Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> (Zoom) Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>The Sing Thing</b> – Thursday 6:00pm at the building 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**

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You still have the option to 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 below. We have a lock mailbox.

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	September 18, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,180.00
If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

### **Happy Birthday!**

**September:** Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29.

**October:** Tim Duffy – 4, Kristy Hall – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Brian Bungart – 15, Cindy Snead – 17, Brittany Pringle – 19, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25.

# Our Prayer List

## A Praise! From the Benjamin Family!

September 22 is the 5-year anniversary of when Isaac Benjamin took his last chemo pill!

- Pray for Tammy White who is not feeling well.
- Pray for Gary's upcoming surgery next Tuesday.
- Pray for Troy's father Glen who has terminal cancer. Praise that the tumor isn't growing. Pray for Glen's wife Deborah who is having some possible memory issues.
- Pray for Paula's upcoming breast reconstruction.
- Rick Valesco is home from the hospital. It was determined that he has an infection. Pray for his health.
- Pray for Trent Herbert's mother who is currently hospitalized as the medical staff determines where the pain she is experiencing is coming from.
- Tammy White would like prayers for her cousin Kathy Johnson who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She also has Lupus.
- LaDonna's daughter, Lori is in her own room and doing good. Monday morning, they found a small bleed in her brain when they did a CT. Pray for a complete recovery.
- Tony DelBarto was removed to Cottessmore for Rehab on Monday. Pray for his complete recovery and healing. Pray the VA application for assistance in changes in their home to accommodate his disabilities can be approved in a timely manner for when he is able to come home.
- Continued prayers for our brothers and sisters: Barbara Byrd, Frankie Gower, Sharon McDaniel, Karen Nance, Virginia Chapman, Janet McKinley, Tammy and Gary White, Pam Woodrow, and Troy Hill's father Glenn, all with different issues.
- Pray for James and Connie Greer as they transition into their new home and Connie recovery from her eye surgery.
- Pray for safe travels back to Honduras for John and Rachelle Gardner and family.
- Pray for the workers who are fixing up the duplexes. And praise God for their dedication.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for our Deacons, Ministerial Team, Leadership Team as they work for the good of our church.

## Sunday Morning Children's Worship is Growing!

There will now be two classes

Children: led by Laura Fry

Preteen: led by Michelle Herbert

Children will be dismissed for class following communion service.

There will be a shower for

## Beautiful Beginnings Learning Center.

The Guest of honor will be *Heather Velez*.  
Hosts will be *Billie Hanson* and *Michelle Herbert*.  
The location will be the POCOC church building.

**September 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm.**

She is registered with Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/PTR7NN6BTX9D/guest-view>

# Bigger Than Any Mountain

Chorus

Bigger than all my problems  
Bigger than all my fears  
God is bigger than any mountain  
That I can or cannot see  
Bigger than all my questions  
Bigger than anything  
God is bigger than any mountain  
That I can or cannot see

Verse 1

Bigger than all the shadows  
That fall across my path  
God is bigger than any mountain  
That I can or cannot see  
Bigger than all the confusion  
Bigger than anything  
God is bigger than any mountain  
That I can or cannot see  
(chorus)

Verse 2

Bigger than all the giants  
Fear and unbelief  
God is bigger than any mountain  
That I can or cannot see  
Bigger than all my hang ups  
Bigger than anything  
God is bigger than any mountain  
That I can or cannot see  
(chorus)



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