

**A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ  
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**RESOLUTE RESOLVE!**

How committed are we to following God's commands? How devoted are we to surrendering to His direction? How locked in are we of heart and mind to keep on seeking His Will and following in it?

The writer of Psalm 119 stated. . .

"I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules." (Psalm 119:106 ESV)

Though we ought to be known for our yes being "yes" and our no being "no" (i.e. Matthew 5:37; James 5:12) -- being people true to our word -- the psalmist here marked the depth of how serious he was about following God's righteous rules. He had promised! His resolve was marked by an oath. This was his personal resolute focus in surrendering to the Sovereign Will of God. During the days of Nehemiah, he led the people in committing with an oath to walk in accordance with God's Law. (Nehemiah 10:28-29) Making such a commitment with others can strengthen our resolve in being held accountable with one another.

When we consider the covenant of marriage in the exchanging of vows in pledging love to another, how much more so do we need to consider the seriousness of this in the covenant relationship with God. Such is actually a testimony of the genuineness of our love as John stated. . .

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3 ESV)

And. . .

"And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it." (2 John 6 ESV)

God's commands are good and good for us. They have our best in mind. They are not burdensome. The real burden is to go our own way and be left with the weight of sin remaining on us. If we have true devotion toward God, we will be devoted to Him and His Will. May we experience the blessings of true freedom, lasting joy, and pervasive peace by fully surrendering to His Sovereign Will!

Have a great day SOLEMNLY SURRENDERED TO GOD'S WILL!

- Carl Hanson

**Work Day!**

There will be a work day this Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to do a little sprucing up around the building.

## Our Prayer List

- Heather's younger brother Chris Chilton was told he has kidney cancer. He will be seeing the doctor on August 30th about having it removed. Please pray for Chris.
- Rick Velasco went to the hospital yesterday (Tuesday) because he was having trouble swallowing. They told him he has swollen salivary glands. He is feeling better this morning but please continue to pray for his health.
- Pray for Gary Chasteen's nephew Sean who may have to have his leg removed due to an infection.
- Pray for Gary and Barb's granddaughter Rachel who had to have their dog put down due to cancer.
- Oilda Harris's daughter Frances Vega works for a cruise ship company. Oilda hasn't heard from her in 4 weeks. Please pray that Frances is okay and will be in contact with Oilda very soon.
- Pray for the Byrd family after the recent passing of Barbara Byrd.
- Prayers for Nancy Armenta and upcoming appointments to determine what the treatment will be.
- Continue to pray for Brooke Armenta's healing.
- Pray for continued healing of Jon Powless' foot.
- For all those who are struggling for many different reasons, pray for them to find peace.
- Pray for the safety of all of the firefighters who are battling fires in our local communities.

### END OF SUMMER BBQ AT THE FRY'S!

When: August 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM  
Where: 1468 Woods Rd E, Port Orchard  
(Darrell and Laura Fry's home) 360.710.7859

All families are invited! Please ask your neighbor and friends. Parking can be a little challenging but we had a wonderful turnout last year and look forward to seeing you all!

If you could text how many in your family are attending, that would make it easy to have enough hamburgers and hot dogs!

### Attention All Women

We will begin a Secret Sisters meeting in September. The women from Ekklesia will also be joining us.

It will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, beginning in September and going through June.

If you are looking to get closer to God and to have closer unity with your sisters in Christ, then this is for you.

September 14<sup>th</sup> will be our first meeting. It will be an orientation and name drawing. We will always have a meal prepared at the meeting to enjoy dinner together.

We will spend time with a devotional and prayer, as well as having craft nights, game nights, and theme nights.

The goal of this group will be to encourage each other as well as to get to know each other better.

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

- Weekly Bulletin – Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online. Click on Teachings
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video recordings, too:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the desired video.  
Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



<b>Sunday Worship for</b> <b>August 6, 2023</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: Trent Herbert	Singing Fuzzy Volpitta	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Brad Orser	Communion: Dave Snypp	Offering: Floyd Whitlock
August Servers – Brian Bungart   Nio Velez   Elijah Herbert   Terry Bratcher					
<b>9:30 am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
<b>Men's Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			<b>Ladies in the Word</b> Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>Bible Class &amp; Prayer</b> Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			July 30, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 3,457.00		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					

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

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also 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.

### **Happy Birthday!**

**August:** Thias David – 12, Terry Bratcher – 17, Connie Greer – 20, Hanna Herbert – 22, Dave Snypp – 25, Shirley Olson – 3

**September:** Savanna Wilson – 1, Sydney Monk – 4, Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29

# Trust And Obey

## Chorus

Trust and obey  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey

## Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey

## Verse 2

Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way  
What He says we will do  
Where He sends, we will go  
Never fear only trust and obey

## Ending

Trust and obey

Psalms 56:3-4

When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise—  
in God I trust and am not afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?

But if we walk in the light, as he is in  
the light, we have fellowship with one  
another, and the blood of Jesus, his  
Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7  
(NIV)



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