

A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ December 10, 2023

His Name is Bill

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant, kind of esoteric and very, very bright.

He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students, but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair... The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat. The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before!)

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now, the deacon is in his eighties, and has silver-gray hair, and wears a three-piece suit. He is a godly man, very elegant, very dignified and very courtly.

He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is thinking that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do.


And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won't be alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the minister gains control, he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."

Be careful how you live. You may be the only 'Bible' some people will ever read.

- Jude Seddon

Our Prayer List

- Pray for Brooke and Gia, who are not feeling well.
- Pray for Brian Bungart, who will have another MRI with to determine if the tumor on his spine is cancerous.
- Please pray for Darrell, Laura, young Brandon and Julia leaving for Honduras and returning Dec 17th.
- Pray for others who have illnesses in their families
- Please pray for the less fortunate who are out in this cold weather.
- Please lift Gary Chasteen and his family in prayer. His nephew Sean passed away on Thanksgiving Day.
- Praise God that Shari's son David doesn't have cancer, but he is being treated for a lung infection.
- Praise for our celebration of the Mercy Mobile's 1st year!
- Pray for the Snypp family as Dave's father recently passed away.
- Pray for suggestions for those who may become future Deacons or Elders. Should you have any suggestions, please submit the names to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) - Darrell & Laura, Brad and Eunice, Bob and Sharon or to our Deacons Gary, Troy, Brad and Cisco.
- Pray for Israel.
- Pray for the Herbert family's mother and sister will be having surgery this week.
- Praise God, who is good ALL THE TIME.

A person with their arms raised in a field at sunset. The person is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored top and dark pants. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a warm orange glow from the setting sun. The foreground shows a field of tall grass or reeds.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

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- 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 then click on the desired video.
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Sunday Worship December 10, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (No children's church is this week.) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Fuzzt Volpitta	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Cisco Velez	Communion: Jon Powless	Offering: Jon Powless
For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link: http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf					
December Servers – Brian Bungart Elijah Herbert Dan Gross Terry Bratcher					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men's Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Book of Daniel (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home – 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			December 3 rd - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,938.46 If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		

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!

December: Cornell Stull – 1, Nicole Karn – 3, LaDonna Latham – 3, Tristen Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Volpitta – 8, Madison Casely – 13, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Barbara Foran – 24, Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy VanLeuvan 31.

January 2024: Mark David – 2, Michelle Herbert – 4, Pat Woodrow – 9, Isaiah Zepf – 13, Karen Taylor – 18, Tammy White – 29, Myron David - 30