

**A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ
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COME HUNGRY!

The company motto for IHOP (International House of Pancakes Inc., based in California) restaurants is “Come Hungry. Leave Happy.”® Watching their advertisements for “Never-Ending Pancakes” could also bring to mind, “Come hungry. Leave stuffed!”

“Come Hungry. Leave Happy.” Think of that in a spiritual sense. In much the way our body has its need for being fed, so does the soul. How often do we come to God’s Word with a true hungering? It is just what we need to nourish ourselves spiritually on a daily basis.

Jesus stated, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Matthew 5:6 ESV)

The New King James Versions reads, “...they shall be filled.” When it comes to righteousness (which would include a seeking after a knowledge of God’s Will), possessing a hunger for it does bring the joyful blessing of being filled to satisfaction. The Greek word “Makarios” translated “blessed”, refers to a blessing whose nature is of the highest good. It has also been translated “happy” and “fortunate.”

In Psalm 119:103 we read,

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

Yes, and I would dare say sweeter and more satisfying than IHOP pancakes (though they are quite tasty). Coming to the banquet of God’s Word we can come away so happy and filled to experience life at its best. Consider also this thought in relation to our fellowship. Do we ever hunger for it? Have we experienced coming together hungry and leaving our studies and assemblies happy, joyful, and filled for pressing on in the work of God?

John noted a purpose of his writing in stating, “that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.” (1 John 1:3-4 ESV)

Are we duly acknowledging our need for the full realm of our fellowship: with one another, with God, and our Lord Jesus Christ? Are we experiencing a great sense of satisfaction in that fellowship? Are we living mindful of what we ourselves also contribute to that fellowship?

“Come Hungry. Leave Happy.” May that truly mark our experience with both God’s Word and the fellowship we enjoy. It is a blessing God desires for us to experience as a mere taste of Heaven to come.

Have a great day EXPERIENCING THIS TRUE AND LASTING HAPPINESS!

- Carl Hanson

Our Prayer List

- 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 safety for all of the fire fighters who are battling fires in our local communities.
- Pray for our ministries, the SLT and our church.
- From Sarah Benjamin:

We found out recently that Isaac's breathing problems were due to vocal cord dysfunction (VCD), and not asthma. This is treated through breathing techniques. If he can breathe through his nose while he is running, then he doesn't have difficulty breathing.

Please pray for Isaac that God's will would be done and that he would continue to overcome the breathing difficulties.

*This past weekend Isaac placed 3rd at the 2023 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field in Eugene, Oregon. (photos on page 4)

END OF SUMMER BBQ AT THE FRY'S!

When: August 19th 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!

Last year we had 89 in attendance. Let's break that record!!

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- 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 then click on the desired video.
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Sunday Worship for July 30, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children's Church after communion) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
Speaker: Mark McLean	Singing Brad Orser	Scripture: Mark McLean	Prayer: Elijah Herbert	Communion: Nio/Cisco Velez	Offering: Cisco Velez
July Servers – Brian Bungart Nio Velez Elijah Herbert 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 Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group 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 23, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,947.00		
			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: Tanya Howard – 1, Elijah Herbert – 2, Winnie Wilson – 2, 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

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