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The memory of the just is blessed. . . (Proverbs 10:7)

Throughout my lifetime, I have read a lot of articles that describe life in many ways. One of which I am especially fond of simply states that “life is a time in which we are busy making memories.” How true this is. From the day of our birth until the day of our death, we do just that. Even after our heart beats for the last time and we take that final step, the things we have said and done in this life will be spoken in memory of us, and I truly believe that those memories will have an impact on the lives of our families and friends as they remember and reflect on how we lived, how we spoke, acted and reacted to the circumstances surrounding us at any given moment. We need to think seriously about this because our reputation, our character, and our influence will live on long after we have folded up our earthly tent and crossed over into eternity.

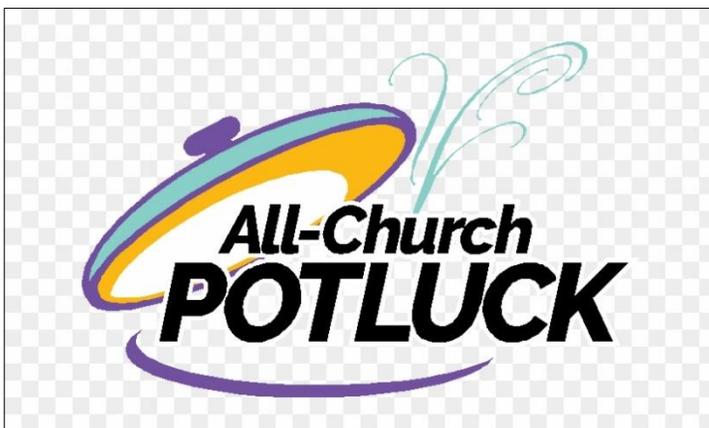
I know that the day we are laid to rest in the silent city of the dead will leave an emptiness in the hearts of our loved ones but hopefully, that emptiness will be replaced with some wonderful memories of things we have said and done. Memories of a little smile or hearty laugh, tender words spoken, a moment of lightheartedness or even a serious moment, a special occasion, a birthday, anniversary, or some festive holiday celebration that will put a smile on their face and a little gleam in e teary eyes.

All these memories are precious indeed but I believe with all my heart the greatest and most comforting memory we can make for them is to live a life today that is devoted to God (1 Thess. 4:13). Live each day in a manner that our loved ones, our friends, all that have known us will remember that we walked with God as best we could through the good times as well as the not so good times of our life (Eccl 12:13; Isa. 12:2-3; Gal. 2:20; Isa. 40:28-31). Live a life that demonstrates to one and all that we love our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). Live letting our light shine before men, not for any personal glory or honor but so that they will be led to glorify God (Matt. 5:16). I know not how any of you feel about this but as for me, this is the legacy I want to leave to my loved ones and friends.

Time for all of us is passing so quickly. Each breath we take just draws us nearer to the day of our departure from planet earth. We may have many years before it happens, and we may have only a few hours, even minutes or seconds. We just don't know. So, let's live life in a way that we can truthfully and sincerely say with confidence, “The time of my departure is at hand, I am ready, I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith” (2 Tim. 4:7).

I recently read a statement that said, “One day you will be just a memory for some people. Do your best to make it a good one”. Making memories, what an awesome thought for you and me to consider this day!

- Charles Hicks



Our Prayer List

- [A note from Bonnie] It's been a long coming, however I have been given a list of recent baptisms and our new brothers and sisters. When I became a Sister in Christ I shared with Bob Bickle, who was my minister in Longview, that it was harder being a Christian. He shared with me that Satan was working overtime to get me back. Based on that I feel so strongly that we as brothers and sisters need to keep the names of our new family members in constant prayer. Please add them to your prayer list so we can help them grow: Greg Wood and his daughter Alexia Wood, Stafford Carter, Stan Whisenant, Hal Williams, Rich Hurd, Barbra Hurd, Ben Thomas, and Danika Armenta.
- Praise: Darrell & Laura Fry's great-grandson, Ronan McGrath is now home with Mom & Dad.
- Mike, one of the homeless men had a massive heart attack from drug use. Lift up his family in prayer.
- Pray that the rampant drugs running in our community can be curtailed.
- Pray for wisdom for those who enforce drug abuse and for their safety.
- Tim Duffy was admitted to St. Joseph hospital because of a clogged artery in his leg. The doctors are conferring to find the best solution. Pray for his recovery. He can have visitors.
- Keep Barbara Byrd in your prayers. She isn't doing very well.
- Many of our brothers and sisters are experiencing covid and the flu. Pray for their recovery and protection of all our brothers and sisters from this.
- From Mary Carter: Rubin Carter has been in the hospital for several days and they found that he too has cancer...internal abdomen. We are waiting for the pathology report to come back so we can begin treatment...my surgery will then follow. Thank you so much! Love to you all.
- Amber Blair's grandfather passed away. Please lift this family up in prayer, Pray for Micah and Amber as they travel for the memorial service.
- Roger Taylor update: no cancer, but has swelling of the tongue. He will see a throat specialist.
- Prayers are requested for Zach and Merideth Russell and their twin daughters, in Boise, who were born prematurely on Wednesday evening. One of the girls weighs 1lb-9oz and the other is 2lb. Zach is the son of Brian and Sammie Russell.
- Pray for Evelyn (the Frys' neighbor) who has come down with COVID.
- LaDonna's daughter Lori will be having surgery on March 2nd to replace the bone the surgical team removed from her skull. Please keep Lori and the family in your prayers.
- Continue to pray for Brooke Armenta, who is still having medical issues.
- Continued prayers are requested for Daniel (Fry's grandson) and his mother, Lisa.
- Pray for Rich who is moving to Arizona. Pray this will be a true blessing for him. Pray also for his mother Barbara, who will be missing him.
- Pray for Peggy Hall as she continues to help her mother recover from broken hip surgery.
- Continue to pray for Theresa Scott, who has stage 4 cancer and was told it is terminal. She will begin radiation soon.
- Praise for all the new baptisms and also for those who have chosen to be clean and/or clean and sober.
- Pray for the Mercy Mobile ministry, led by Cisco and Heather Velez as they minister to the homeless.
- Pray for our leadership team and all of our ministries.
- Pray for Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings – both physical and spiritual.

Note: Since the bulletin is only published weekly, these prayer requests are not always the most current.
To receive these requests promptly, contact Bonnie Mitchell at 360-265-3266.

Roger Taylor 360-443-2130 (cell) rogert49@comcast.net	Karen Taylor 360-672-5825 (cell) busybee5169@gmail.com	Baby Shower for Amber Hurd March 19 th @ 12:15pm Amber's Registry
4126 Carr Ln SE - Port Orchard, WA 98366 (360) 443-2130 (home)		If you bring diapers (any size) you will receive a raffle ticket to win a prize.

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the desired video.
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Sunday Worship for March 12, 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: Trent Herbert	Singing Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Dave Snypp	Communion: Fuzzy Volpitta	Offering: Wayne Hammock
Servers – Brian Bungart Dave Lawrence Elijan Herbert Terry Bratcher					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium 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 Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Ephesians (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			February 12, 2023 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 5,081.00		
			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!

March: Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Darrell Fry – 25, Roger Taylor – 31
April: Jim Snead – 6, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Chorus

Hold to God's unchanging hand
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Build your hopes on things eternal
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Verse 1

Time is filled with swift transition
Naught of earth unmoved can stand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand

Verse 2

Trust in Him who will not leave you
Whatsoever years may bring
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling

Verse 3

Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay
Seek to gain the heavenly treasures
They will never pass away

Verse 4

When your journey is completed
If to God you have been true
Fair and bright the home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17 (NIV)



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