

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ

## March 26, 2023

### John

I met this gentleman in the mall parking lot last night. I had just let him cross the street in front of me before parking. Once I parked, he waved at me through the window, which I then cracked so we could speak.

His first words to me were:

“Hello. My name is John. I’m 39 and I’m gay. I won’t hurt you. I don’t do bad things. You’re safe. I’ve been homeless for a very long time but this week I got keys to an apartment with help from a group. I don’t do drugs. I don’t smoke. I don’t drink. I’m trying to get \$9 to buy eggs, milk, bread and hot dogs at Dollar Tree. Do you have anything to help?”

I gave him \$10 and he was filled with so much gratitude and asked if I would pray for him. I said yes and he walked away after thanking me again.

I collected my things and by the time I had gotten out of my car, John was already two parking lanes away. Without even knowing what I was doing, I shouted, “John?” he turned around and I yelled, “Can I take you grocery shopping?”

His voice cracked and he said “that would be nice.” By the time he got back over to me, he was crying. He told me he was scared to go into the store looking “so disheveled” and I assured him it was okay.

We started talking and walking around the store grabbing the items he mentioned. He didn’t ask for anything else besides those 4 items above. I asked if he had a freezer in his apartment and he said yes. I told him to grab two of certain items because he could freeze things like the bread and hot dogs.

He told me about growing up in Key West, how his mom was sick with MS and he helped take care of her. She died when he was young and he’s been on his own ever since. He explained how he’s been looking for a job but he has a criminal record for selling drugs - he didn’t do them but he wanted to make money to get off the streets and thought that was the way. Every fiber in my body told me this man was good and just needed help. I had him grab a few extra things (He was VERY excited to get cereal, face wash and “something to drink besides water”). I put a couple of canvas totes in the cart so he wouldn’t have to carry plastic bags.

I spent 20 minutes and \$46 and you would’ve thought John won the lottery. He was overwhelmed with gratitude and kept saying how blessed he was.

We parted ways after check out as I needed to start my own grocery shopping and he went to wait for the bus.

I share this because sometimes it’s the little things that can make a BIG impact. Sometimes it means stepping a little outside your comfort zone to help someone in need. Sometimes it means extending a handout to help someone get a hand up. We’ve all had ups and downs and highs and lows and the unexpected blessings and kindness that come out of those moments are what makes the world go round, especially in times like these.

via Toni Mari Wofford

“When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?” The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ”  
- [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

#### **Easter Month:**

For the four Sundays in April, we will focus our worship time on Jesus; from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, His arrest and trial, His death, His burial, His resurrection, His ascension, and all the way thru to Pentecost and the beginning of the church.

***Please join us as we worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!***

# Our Prayer List

- Pray for healing for Heather's aunt who is in the hospital.
- Brooke Armenta's cousin Joe passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Brooke is on a new medication. She's having dizzy spells and bad headaches. Pray this will pass for her.
- Prayers for Matt and Dallita Goins who son Jadon was killed when a truck lost control and killed him. Keep the family and all the loved ones in your prayers as they deal with this tragedy.
- Continued prayers are requested for Daniel (Fry's grandson) and his mother, Lisa.
- Praise that Gary Chasteen's stress test came out fine.
- Lynn and Virginia Chapman aren't recovering very quickly from the flu they had. Pray for their recovery.
- Rosalie Palmer had surgery on March 20. Pray for her recovery.
- Lift up Evelyn Savage in your prayers. She is recovering from a heart attack.
- Lift Mary Carter and her loved ones in prayers over the passing of her husband Ruben.
- Keep Barbara Byrd in your prayers. She isn't doing very well.
- Praise: LaDonna's daughter Lori received good news from her doctor on the progress she has made. If it continues the next few months, he won't need to see her for 3 years.
- Continue to pray for Theresa Scott, who has stage 4 cancer and was told it is terminal. She is currently receiving chemo.
- Keep our newlyweds, Robert and Jessica Belshay, in your prayers.
- Please add our recent baptisms 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.
- Pray for the Mercy Mobile ministry, led by Cisco and Heather Velez as they minister to the homeless.
- Pray for Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings, both physical and spiritual.
- 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.
- Pray for our leadership team and all our ministries.

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

## LTC - a kick-off dinner

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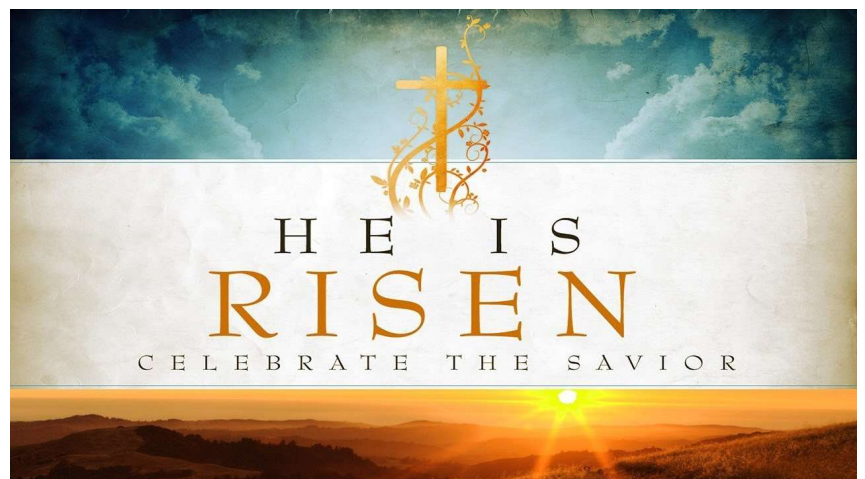
Members of the congregation are encouraged to come.

## Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday

March 24 & 25

9:00am – 5:00pm



## 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 March 26, 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 Josh Bedford	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Jon Powless	Communion: Jim Snead	Offering: Trent Herbert
March Servers – Brian Bungart   Dave Lawrence   Elijan Herbert   Terry Bratcher					
<b>9:30 am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium 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> Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>Bible Class &amp; Prayer</b> Ephesians (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			March 19, 2023 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 3,903.02		
			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:** 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

# Give Me Your Eyes

## Verse 1

Look down from a broken sky  
Traced out by the city lights  
My world from a mile high  
Best seat in the house tonight  
Touch down on the cold black top  
Hold on for the sudden stop  
Breathe in the familiar shock  
Of confusion and chaos  
All those people going somewhere  
Why have I never cared

## Chorus

Give me Your eyes for just one second  
Give me Your eyes so I can see  
Everything that I keep missing  
Give me Your love for humanity  
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted  
The ones that are far beyond my reach  
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten  
Give me Your eyes so I can see  
Interlude  
Yeah yeah yeah yeah

## Verse 2

Step out on the busy street  
See a girl and our eyes meet  
Does her best to smile at me  
To hide what's underneath  
There's a man just to her right  
Black suit and a bright red tie  
Too ashamed to tell his wife  
He's out of work he's buying time  
All those people going somewhere  
Why have I never cared

## Bridge

I've been here a million times  
A couple of million eyes  
Just move and pass me by  
I swear I never thought that I was wrong  
Well I want a second glance  
So give me a second chance  
To see the way You've seen the people all along

## Ending

Yeah yeah yeah yeah



<https://youtu.be/P5AkNqLuVgY>

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