

# **A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ**

## **May 14, 2023**

### **A Mother's Influence**

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is a day set aside in the United States in which mothers are honored. This is a day that traditionally involves gifts, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls to express a measure of appreciation. Sometimes there is a tendency to wax overly sentimental on Mother's Day and I suppose that it is well that it should be that way.

Someone once said, "there is no influence in the world today like the influence of a mother." While I believe this to be true, I would add the words, "especially a Christian mother". On December 23, 1862, Abraham Lincoln wrote in a letter to a young girl who was deeply depressed over the death of her beloved father, "All that I am or even hope to be, I owe to my mother—God bless her."

While I am sure that there were other sources of good influence on his life other than just his mother, this is a great tribute paid to her. It is a tribute that speaks to the profound effect that our mothers have on shaping our lives. I believe with all my heart that in many homes the most influential member of that home is the mother. As I think about that, I am reminded of the words of Paul to Timothy, "For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and I am sure that it is in you as well." While Paul is the one from whom Timothy learned the message of the New Covenant, there is no doubting the tremendous impact the grandmother and mother had in shaping the life of Timothy (2 Tim. 1:13, 2 Tim. 3:14-15).

I hold in my heart many precious memories of my mother that will be with me for so long as I live on this earth. As I reflect on my life today, those words from Abraham Lincoln take on great meaning to me. I firmly believe that without the godly influence she had on my life it is likely that I would not be writing this message today or any other bible thought for that matter. I also pay a tribute to my beloved wife who for so long as she lived, provided for our four children a rock-solid foundation on which to build their lives.

For many of us our mothers are no longer with us on this side of eternity yet their influence on our lives still continues to have an impact on our life. To all who still enjoy the presence of their mother, I can only say to you, show them how much you appreciate them. Call them, visit them, talk to them, hug them and tell them that you love them. And don't confine this to just one day a year. Do it every day, every week, every month throughout the year. And if you really want to show how much you love and appreciate your mother, make sure that she is proud of you by the way you live your life each day. I can only imagine the joy that must have filled the hearts of Lois and Eunice as they thought about Timothy and the man he had become. You cannot overstate the value and influence of mothers!

- Charles Hicks

## Our Prayer List

- Mary Carter is home recovering from surgery.
- Cindy Snead is recovering at St Anthony's for a few more days.
- Pray for Jon Powless' foot healing.
- Darrell and Laura will be traveling from 5-15 to 5-22, visiting Darrell's sisters in Arkansas and Missouri.
- Praise Brandon Zepf has graduated and is back home.
- Herbert and Armenta families for whatever their needs are.
- Brooke Armenta is still not feeling well . Pray the doctors can find some relief for her.
- Our 9:30 Bible Class and 10:30 Children's worship are taking a new direction. Pray for a smooth transition. Pray for all who are involved with teaching our children.
- Prayers for our SLT and ministries.
- Thank God for all our blessings – physical and spiritual.

**Potluck!**  
May 14, 2023  
After our morning  
worship service



## 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.



<p><b>Sunday Worship for</b>  <b>May 14, 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></p>					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Cisco Velez	Communion: Dave Snypp	Offering: Bob McDaniel
May Servers – Brian Bungart   Dave Lawrence   Elijah 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			April 30, 2023 – Tithes & Offerings - \$1,607.00 May 7, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 3,060.00		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
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### **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!**

**May:** Julia Karn – 17, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26.

**June:** Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin – 24, Greg Warner – 29, René Powless – 29, David Pilita – 26.

# Family

Family, singing in the kitchen  
Family, running through the yard  
Family, going on vacation  
Family, on the credit card

Family, all in this together  
Family, we're taking a chance  
Family, like birds of a feather  
Family, kick off your shoes and dance

Family, on the way to the city  
Family, laughing in the rain  
Family, it ain't always pretty  
Family, can drive you insane

Family, got the keys to the kingdom  
Family, take it a la carte  
Family, all four seasons  
Family, well bless your heart

You don't choose em, you can't lose em  
We all have a song to sing  
Some are crazy, some are amazing  
All got a little bit of everything

Family, sons and daughters  
Family, like a photograph  
Family, baptized in the water  
Family, put me on the map

Family, all in this together  
Family, we're taking a chance  
Family, like birds of a feather  
Family, kick off your shoes and dance

Your shoes and dance

Kick off your shoes and dance



<https://youtu.be/N8I5hnWRZYY>

## Family

[Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors](#)

Songwriter: Drew Holcomb