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**LOVE THE TRUTH!**

For someone to be so bent on doing their own thing that God would give them over or up to it is a dangerous position to move toward. (i.e. Romans 1:24, 26, 28) In looking at life lived in this world, some are not truly seeking the truth but only for validation of the freedom to choose whatever they want to do. However, that would mean to accept the consequences for moving that direction; even consequences potentially of an eternal nature.

In Paul's second letter to the church at Thessalonica, he noted those who "refused to love the truth and so be saved." (2 Thessalonians 2:10) The consequence of that hard-hearted refusal was. . .

"Therefore, God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 ESV)

Rather than finding pleasure in the righteous will of God, these were noted as being allowed to continue down their chosen path of pleasure in unrighteousness. Now, before we think that doesn't sound fair, let us understand such was not a God caused but a God allowed direction based of their own rebellious choosing! In striving to keep our life on the right path of the truth of God, what should mark our desire and prayer? Drawing from the psalmist's words in Psalm 119 we read. . . "

"Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law!" (Psalm 119:29 ESV)

You will watch a generation of Christians — **OF CHRISTIANS** — set the Bible aside in an attempt to become more like Jesus. And stunningly it will sound completely plausible. This will be, perhaps, the cleverest of all the devil's schemes in your generation. Sacrifice **TRUTH** for **LOVE's** sake. And you will rise or fall based upon whether you will sacrifice one for the other. Will you have the courage to live in the tension of both **TRUTH & LOVE?**

*Beth Moore*

Moving God's direction means moving away from what is false and contrary to His righteous will! That is what repentance is all about; turning from sin and back toward God!

Even for one who has long been walking away from God, the good news is that as long as there is life there is hope. (i.e. Ecclesiastes 9:4) Today is an opportunity to embrace the truth and continue walking in it! Therefore, let us love the truth God has so graciously revealed to us, and so be saved!

Have a great day **TURNT FROM FALSE WAYS TO GOD'S WAYS!**

- Carl Hanson

## 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. He will have surgery soon, but no date, yet.
- 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



**Mark Jamieson**  
Gainesville, FL

**9:00am  
Speakers**



**Tresvan O'Neal**  
Tacoma church of Christ



**Justin Kellar**

Speaking on Today's Mental Health Crisis



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<b>Sunday Worship for</b> <b>May 21, 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 Fuzzy Volpitta	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Dave Snyppe	Communion: Brad Orser	Offering: Brad Orser
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			May 14, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,230.00		
			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.