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BEHIND MY BACK!

In my years of ministry, while trying to fulfill my role the best I can, I have found brothers and sisters doing many things behind my back. Behind my back brethren have stepped forward and taken care of needs I had not been made aware of.

Behind my back, brothers and sisters have encouraged and uplifted others of whom I was unaware needed encouragement. Behind my back my reputation has been defended and upheld when my actions or words unknowingly missed their mark. Behind my back, there have been those who have constantly prayed for me and my family for the strength and wisdom needed in ongoing ministry. Yes, behind my back many encouraging and God glorifying things have happened; many of which I might never know, but can know they have occurred.

Peter urged. . .

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:10-11)

I am greatly encouraged and so thankful for all those who serve behind my back. May God keep me mindful that I am not alone, but am only another servant among many!

Have a great day ENCOURAGED BY THE GOOD SERVICE OF OTHERS!

- Carl Hanson

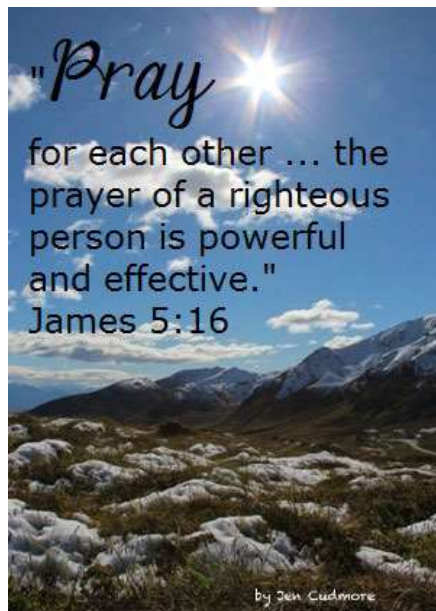
Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

*Just a
thought...*

Philippians: 2:1-4

Our Prayer List

- Heather Velez's brother Chris Chilton has surgery scheduled for September 25 at which time the medical staff will determine whether they need to remove the kidney or just a portion of it.
- Frankie Gower is still a resident at Life Care Center room 14. Her health is improving and she can have visitors.
- Pray for those who are recovering from Covid.
- Praise for the big improvement of Barbara Chasteen from her stroke.
- Continued prayers for the Cellitti and McDaniel families.
- Brooke Armenta still needs prayers as the medical staff figures out what treatment they can do for her.
- Pray for our schools – the administration, teachers and pupils for a safe and productive year.
- For all those who are struggling pray they may find peace.
- Prayers for Bruce and Debbie Sharp's son Adam who has brain cancer.
- Pray for our SLT and ministries that they will make God-led decisions.
- Praise God for all he is doing for our church, our spiritual and physical blessings and needs.



Potluck!
September 10, 2023
After our morning
worship service

Attention All Women

We will begin a Secret Sisters meeting in September. The women from Ekklesia will also be joining us.

It will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, beginning in September and going through June.

If you are looking to get closer to God and to have closer unity with your sisters in Christ, then this is for you.

September 14th will be our first meeting. It will be an orientation and name drawing. We will always have a meal prepared at the meeting to enjoy dinner together.

We will spend time with a devotional and prayer, as well as having craft nights, game nights, and theme nights.

The goal of this group will be to encourage each other as well as to get to know each other better.

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 then click on the desired video.
Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



Sunday Worship for September 10, 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 Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Cisco Velez	Communion: Fuzzy Volpitta	Offering: Fuzzy Volpitta
September Servers – Brian Bungart Elijah Herbert Dan Gross 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			September 3, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,136.00		
			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!

September: Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29

October: Tim Duffy – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Cindy Snead – 17, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 18,

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Verse 1

Wonderful grace of Jesus greater than all my sin
How shall my tongue describe it
Where shall its praise begin
Taking away my burden setting my spirit free
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me

Chorus

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea
Higher than the mountain sparkling like a fountain
All-sufficient grace for even me
Broader than the scope of my transgressions
Greater far than all my sin and shame
O magnify the precious name of Jesus
Praise His name

Verse 2

Wonderful grace of Jesus reaching to all the lost
By it I have been pardoned saved to the uttermost
Chains have been torn asunder giving me liberty
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me

Verse 3

Wonderful grace of Jesus reaching the most defiled
By its transforming power
Making Him God's dear child
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me



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?si=kOkMFxX9JSvr19IF](https://youtu.be/EhSONw8a_A?si=kOkMFxX9JSvr19IF)

“In love, he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.”

Ephesians 1:5-6

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