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Ten New Ways God is at Work Today

Weariness and discouragement can sap our spiritual life - but renewal is within reach because God is always at work. Our troubles can seem huge to us at the moment, but God sees beyond them - he *is* beyond them. Let's be encouraged today to see the ways that God brings newness into our lives every day.

See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you. - Isaiah 42:9

1. New Mercies! What a joy it is that His mercies are new every morning - because we need the mercy of God every day! Lamentations 3:22-24 *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."*

2. We live Within a New Covenant! As you read through the Bible and see all of the sacrifices you might be glad, like me, that we do not live under the obligations of those. More importantly, none of those sacrifices could forgive sins - it would take the blood of the Lamb of God to do that.

1 Corinthians 11:25 *In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

Hebrews 8:6 *But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.*

3. Jesus Gave Us a New Command! The 'new' of this command focuses on the love of Jesus.

John 13:34 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

4. Jesus Gives Us New Life! Beyond the mistakes, troubles, and regrets of the past - God gives us a new life when we identify with Jesus Christ in baptism.

Romans 6:4 *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

5. We are a New Creation! We are not the same people we were before we gave our life to Christ. We are not the same people we were when we first gave our lives to Christ - we continually are growing in our faith.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

Galatians 6:15 *...What counts is the new creation.*

6. We Have a New Attitude! God is not just looking for outward obedience, but for inward maturing into holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24 *You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

7. Praise for the New Birth! The power of the new birth is found in the resurrection - He can promise new life because He is a Risen Savior!

1 Peter 1:3 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

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Our Prayer List

- Jon Powless' friend Mark, whose sister-in-law, Julie just got a double-lung transplant last Friday night. Mark has asked to put her on the prayer list for healing. She is in Florida, and Mark will travel there every few weeks to share in her care.
- Pray for Neda Herbert, who is receiving heart treatment.
- Continue to pray for Nancy Armenta's sister Ida's recovery.
- Pray for Alyssa, our new Sister in Christ.
- There are a lot of illnesses currently in our area. Pray for quick healing for all those who are suffering, and for safety for all those suffering in the cold weather.
- Pray for our Deacons and their families: Josh Bedford, Dan Gross, Roger Taylor, Fuzzy Volpitta, and Gary White. Floyd Whitlock, Cisco Velez.
- Pray also for our Elders and their families: Gary Chasteen, Darrell Fry, Bob McDaniel, Brad Orser, Dave Snypp & Greg Warner. Pray also for Trent and the many missions within our congregation as we work toward God's plan for us.

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8. The Promise of a New Future!

2 Peter 3:13 *But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.*

Revelation 21:1 *Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.*

9. We Will Be Singing a New Song!

Revelation 5:9 *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

Psalm 96:1 *Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

10. New Everything!

Revelation 21:5 *He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

When life has us feeling weary and worn out, remember the ten ways God is bringing newness into your life! Have you experienced a newness in your relationship with Him? How

many of us need to have a renewed appreciation for the newness he brings to His children?

Thanks for reading. I pray it is an encouragement to you.

- John Dobbs

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

Car Wash & Bake Sale
After service this
Sunday, April 14th

We're raising funds
to cover hotel,
gas & registration fees



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- 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.

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Sunday Worship April 14, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (No children's church this week.) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
February Servers – Brian Bungart Elijah Herbert Dan Gross Terry Bratcher					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Levi Herbert	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Dave Snyppe	Communion: Darrell Fry	Offering: Darrell Fry
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 – 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			April 7, 2024 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 5,260.00		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		

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:

The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.

Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.

Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

April 2024: Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17.

May 2024: Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Julia Karn – 17, Barbara Chasteen – 25.

June 2024: Judy Van Leuven – 11, Obediah Herbert – 14, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin – 24, René Powless – 29, Greg Warner – 29.

Life

(Opening lines are spoken as a sermon- "John 10")

I am the door
By me if any man enter in he shall be saved
And shall go in and out and find pasture
The thief cometh not but for to steal
And kill and to destroy
But I have come that they might have life!
And that they might have it more abundantly

Restless folks live restless lives
But the father hears their cries
He can feel the sorrow they feel
Jesus came to empathize
More than you can realize
Offering a life that is real

Chorus:

Since he came to give us (life)
There's been nothing like this (life)
I'm complete within His life
Such a source of healing (life)
Simple truth revealing (life)
There's no other feeling life

Repeat Chorus

Many who have heard His voice
Often fail to make the choice
Giving Him the total control
Burdens He could take today
They will carry anyway
Hopelessly to pilot their souls

Repeat Chorus (x2)

Giving us life - His life - There's no other life
He's giving us life, oh yes He's giving us life -
There's no other life

There's no need for living down
When there's happy life around
Look at what the master has done
Give it time and you will see
You can sing along with me
This is why the Savior has come

Repeat Chorus (x2)

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