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A FEW MORE YEARS!

Here we are a few days into the new year. At this point in our life the number of years behind each one of us is not the same and how many more may be ahead for each one of us may differ as well. Considering there is a sense in which life is short (i.e. James 4:14), whether the years be few or many, what are we making of them? If we desire a few more years, ought we to give serious consideration as to how we are using the one we have? As we consider the time we have been given, is our focus resting more on our own desires than on the Will of Him Who has given it?

It has been stated, "If God gives you a few more years, remember, it is not yours. Your time must honor God, your home must honor God, your activity must honor God, and everything you do must honor God." (A. W. Tozer)

In noting the rightful focus behind whatever we are considering in life, Paul urged. . .

"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8 ESV)

This was the very aim of Paul's life as he noted where we read. . .

"for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:19-21 ESV)

As we seek to live in a manner reflecting our surrender to the Lordship of Christ, that connection to Him is to be kept in mind as our eternity is linked to Him. How can we think we can live separate from Him now – living life for our own desires and purposes – and think we can be united with Him in eternity? Whether our life be long or short, the long and the short of it is that it ought to be lived for the One Who has given it; honoring Him as the gracious giver of all good things. In this way we reveal our understanding of the inestimable value of the gift of life He has provided as we look toward the eternity promised in the Lord. It is in living to honor the Lord that we will find the most honorable manner of living as we seek to please Him in all things.

Jesus stated. . .

"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." (John 12:26 ESV)

Living to honor Him through surrender to His Sovereign Will ultimately brings the honor of the Father to us. May we live honorably as we trust to be so honored!

Have a great day HONORING THE ONE WHO GAVE IT!

- Carl Hanson

Our Prayer List

- Rick Velasco had his follow-up appointment on Tuesday for his knee pain. He won't be needing surgery. He was given some exercises to do and told to take ibuprofen for pain. Continue to pray for his healing.
- Pray for Brooke Armenta's niece born on January 5th and is in the ICU at Mary Bridge Hospital. She is unable to keep food down so the staff has inserted a feeding tube. Pray for her healing and for the peace for the family .
- Continue prayers for Brooke who is having more tests for her health and also that the family is able to find another place to live.
- Pray for Heather Velez's brother Chris Chilton, who is having further tests for possible cancer. Pray for the family as they go through this journey with him.
- Praise - Our elders were able to anoint Brittany Pringle on Sunday.
- Brittany has surgery Tuesday morning to remove the stent from her pancreas to her stomach and replace with a couple stents. Pray this will be the solution needed for the drainage to stop.
- Dan Gross's daughter Danielle, who lives in Texas, will be having a hysterectomy on the 17th.
- There are a lot of illnesses currently in our area. Pray for quick healing for all those who are suffering.
- Pray for all those suffering in the cold weather. Pray for safety for all during the inclement weather.
- Pray for those who are grieving the passing of their loved ones; the McDaniel, Celletti, Chasteen, and Snypp families.
- Pray daily for our new Elders, our Deacons, Preacher and all the ministries.
- Pray for our church and that we allow God to lead us in the direction He has planned for us.
- Pray for our children and their classes and groups.



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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. Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



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| Sunday Worship January 21, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children’s church this week. – Dismissed after communion to go downstairs) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ | | | | | |
| January Servers – Brian Bungart Elijah Herbert Dan Gross Terry Bratcher | | | | | |
| Speaker: Trent Herbert | Singing Darrell Fry | Scripture: Trent Herbert | Prayer: Bob McDaniel | Communion: Cisco Velez | Offering: Cisco Velez |
| For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link: http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | January 14 th - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,307.00 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:

- 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!

January 2024: Isaiah Zepf – 13, Karen Taylor – 18, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

February 2024: DeLoris Lawler – 9, Fuzzy Volpitta – 12

MODERN DAY

Christianity

Unchanging Truth in an Ever-Changing World

JULY 11-13, 2024



John Baker
Katy, TX



Jeff Jenkins
Lewisville, TX



Chris McCurley
Charlotte, TN



Mark Teske
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Kerry Williams
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"Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." - Eph. 4:15