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So Loved Paula Harrington

Our congregation has a bus ministry and we're blessed each week to have several neighborhood kids participate. Last Sunday morning I sat beside one very rambunctious little boy and tried to wrangle him during the service. As I kept quieting him, he continued to talk aloud and make noises.

The Lord's Supper was nearing and my patience was running thin so I grabbed a pen and sheet of paper and handed them to him. I quietly instructed him to write something. He replied, "*Something God would write?*" I nodded. Anything, I thought; my inner voice begging him to calm down and be quiet. A few moments passed before he looked up and sincerely whispered, "*But I don't know anything God would say.*"

His sweet little eyes searched mine so I took the paper and pen and wrote the words, I love you, and then handed the paper back to him. "*God loves me,*" he read and then looked my way. I nodded at the statement that seemed more like a question. I took the paper and wrote, Mrs. Paula loves you, too. He read the words aloud (of course), "*Mrs. Paula loves me but God may love me.*" He emphasized the word may too heavily and I couldn't stop the flood of emotion that overtook me.

Yes, we were in a worship service and the plates were being passed but all that mattered on the back row of that church building was that a sweet kid with too many problems in his young life, living in the Bible belt of the greatest nation on this planet wasn't completely positive that the Creator, the Father, the God of Heaven and Earth loved him or not.

I took that piece of paper and wrote, God loves you, Jesus loves you, and Mrs. Paula loves you, and then I put my arm around him and relaxed. Maybe he did make too much noise. Maybe he was extremely wiggly. Maybe I wasn't supposed to be comfortable and hear everything that was being said from the pulpit that morning because, at that moment, what mattered most was going on where I was sitting.

We can shout that God loves this world from the rooftops but if we don't take the time to show others that love than our words don't matter. We can proclaim the peace that passes all understanding until we're blue in the face but if we are impatient and rude to others, it means nothing. We can write articles, sermons, and books on the great grace of our loving God but if we don't give it then what good is it?

I hugged that little wide-eyed boy and vowed to tell him every chance I got that God loves him. I want him to know the one who not only preached a message of love, he lived it. He wasn't too good, too busy, or too tired to change lives. He walked among us and saved us. He sent his disciples out into a dangerous and broken world and told them to make a difference. And he tells us the same today.

So, Lord, help us show others your love until they are certain of how loved they are. Guide us while we try and forgive us when we fail but never let us forget how much you care.

On Easter Sunday there will be an egg hunt for the children. Donations of egg fillers; such as candy, stickers, erasers that can fit in the plastic eggs are needed.

There will be a bin at the church for the donations this coming Sunday and throughout the week.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our Prayer List

- Please keep Dale Sanders' niece Genni Stone who is at 24 weeks carrying twins and concerns are she may deliver early. She is home but carefully being observed. Pray for the babies and their loved ones.
- Pray for Neda Herbert, who is receiving heart treatment.
- Pray for Nancy Armenta's sister Ida who is recovering at Swedish Hospital from an aneurysm.
- Pray for Alyssa, our new Sister in Christ.
- Continue to pray for Michael and his medical issues. Please pray for him to have faith and trust in abundance in his new adventure with God.
- Pray for Jon Powless' foot. He will have the surgery on his foot, but the date isn't set. It should be within the next month.
- Jon & René's granddaughter, Makayla just got out of surgery to repair a torn ACL. She came home (Poulsbo) from college in Texas last week for the surgery. She is on the school wrestling team... Please pray for her recovery. We don't yet know how this will affect her future plans.
- 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, Trent and the many missions within our congregation as we work toward God's plan for us.

*The story of the cross ...
began long before the cross.*



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- Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletins & Newsletters.
- 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 March 24, 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 Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Darrell Fry	Communion: Cisco Velez	Offering: Cisco Velez
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			March 17, 2024 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,650.00		
			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!

March 2024: Darrell Fry – 25, Roger Taylor – 31.

April 2024: Jim Snead – 6, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17.

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

Chorus

Didn't My Lord deliver Daniel
Deliver Daniel deliver Daniel
Didn't My Lord deliver Daniel
An' why not a every man

Verse 1

He delivered Daniel from de lion's den
Jonah from the belly of the whale
An' de Hebrew children
From de fiery furnace
An' why not a every man

Verse 2

I set my foot on de Gospel ship
An' de ship begin to sail
It landed me over on Canaan's shore
An' I'll never come back
No I'll never come back
No I'll never come back anymore

Read about Daniel in the
6th chapter of Daniel



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