

# The Surrendered Life

I have been crucified with Christ... —Galatians 2:20

To become one with Jesus Christ, a person must be willing not only to give up sin, but also to surrender his whole way of looking at things. Being born again by the Spirit of God means that we must first be willing to let go before we can grasp something else. The first thing we must surrender is all of our pretense or deceit. What our Lord wants us to present to Him is not our goodness, honesty, or our efforts to do better, but real solid sin. Actually, that is all He can take from us. And what He gives us in exchange for our sin is real solid righteousness. But we must surrender all pretense that we are anything, and give up all our claims of even being worthy of God's consideration.

Once we have done that, the Spirit of God will show us what we need to surrender next. Along each step of this process, we will have to give up our claims to our rights to ourselves. Are we willing to surrender our grasp on all that we possess, our desires, and everything else in our lives? Are we ready to be identified with the death of Jesus Christ?

We will suffer a sharp painful disillusionment before we fully surrender. When people really see themselves as the Lord sees them, it is not the terribly offensive sins of the flesh that shock them, but the awful nature of the pride of their own hearts opposing Jesus Christ. When they see themselves in the light of the Lord, the shame, horror, and desperate conviction hit home for them.

If you are faced with the question of whether or not to surrender, make a determination to go on through the crisis, surrendering all that you have and all that you are to Him. And God will then equip you to do all that He requires of you.

### WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS



### Deacons:

#### **Church Staff:**

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## **Welcome Guests**

We are so glad that you decided to visit Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, we pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek to worship God like the first century church did, with a sense of awe and with a fear

of the Lord. Some things we do might seem old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to know that at its core, it is for the praise of God's glory.

You are not required to do anything weird or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free to join us in worshipping God to the best of your abilities. If you have any specific needs, we have a ministry staff that would love to connect with you. Ask the people sitting around you for

names of the ministry staff and to point them

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a chance to worship God in a deep and meaningful way.

Port Orchard Church of Christ

### Save the Dates!

Sunday 3/5 Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 3/11** Memorial Service for Bette Widman

**Sunday 3/12** Senior Saints Potluck

Tuesday 3/14 Ladies Prayer Group

Wednesday 3/15 Bible Study

**Friday 4/21-4/23** Ocean Shores Teen Retreat

### **Port Orchard News and Events**

### Pulpit Preview- "Being a Christian"

James Greer will be preaching this upcoming Sunday. Worship Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you here!

### **Happy Birthday!**

March has arrived, it's time to celebrate our March babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! Ariana Avery, Charlotte Hahn - 3/4., Lynn Chapman - 3/5., Lydia Gerard - 3/10., Brad Orser - 3/12., Troy Hill - 3/15., Darrell Fry - 3/25., Mallory Hall - 3/29., Roger Taylor - 3/31.,

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Darrell Fry**

Darrell Fry shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

#### **Bette Widman Memorial**

Bette Widman's service is this Upcoming Saturday at 2 pm. A potluck will follow the service.

### Serving March 12, 2017:

Prayer Leader: Troy Hill Communion Prep: Rick Velasco
Scripture Reader: James Greer Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family
Offering Thoughts: Brandon Zepf Praise Team: Jeff Duffy

Communion Meditation: Wayne Hammock

Servers: Brandon K. & Terry B.

Ushers: Gary C. & Jim S. Sunday School & CW Helper: Lori S. & Rachel K.

Greeters: Warner Family

Nursery Attendants: TBD Preaching: James Green

Sound: Brittney Pringle

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher







### **Senior Saints Potluck**

There will be a Senior Saints Potluck following Worship this Upcoming Sunday.

### **Congregational Meeting**

Notes from the congregational Meeting are out in the Foyer.

#### **Ocean Shores Retreat**

There will be a teen retreat out at Ocean Shores April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. This retreat will be led by Sarah, Ryan Pike and Cody, Tiffany Rousseau. Gene will be in charge of accommodations. If you feel led to come help cook or come help in any other way, please let Gene Gerard know.

### **Upcoming Concerts**

Who: Mercy Me

**When:** Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm **Where:** Xfinity Arena Everett, WA

Who: News Boys

**When:** Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm **Where:** ShoWare Center Kent, WA

If you are interested getting a group together to go to one of these or both

please let Ken Avery know.

#### Sauk River Women's Retreat

Sauk River Women's Retreat Will be May 19th thru the 21st. Registration price is \$45.00 if postmarked before May 5th and \$60.00 at the door. Registration forms will be on the bulletin board in the foyer or you can go to the website and print your own. If you have any questions contact Karen Edwards at (360) 319-3298.

www.saukriverchristiancamp.com.

### **Delano Bay Christian Camp Dates**

1st-3rd Grades

**Director**: Jeb Bristow-Hannah **Dates**: July 2 - July 5, 2017 **Price**: Deposit = \$30 **Early Registration =** \$75

Late Registration (after 6/16) = \$115

## **Our Prayer List**

### Prayer requests: Upcoming Surgeries

Rick Valesco, Barbara Byrd, Tim Duffy Delores Brun, Runell Mason, David Latham, Ken Woodrow, Gary Chasteen, Shirley Olsen, Virginia Chapman, Wayne Hammock's son Randy Jennifer Delay and James Greer.

#### Others:

Karen Taylors son finding work, Seth & Sarah Cartwright teaching in china, Glorianna moving to California, Wayne Hammock's brother Michael having a hard time, Fry's relative Luke test benign, praise for Cindy Snead's daughter Krishon who test came back benign. Prayers for our Church, Deacons, Ministries, First Responders, Our Leaders and the President.

# **Encouragement over loss of loved ones:**

Delores Brun and family Avery Family Mason Family Warner Family Magneson & Hahn Family

March 5, 2017

Worship: 71 Class: N/A Offering: \$2,679.00 Goal: \$3,437.50

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Late Registration (after 6/23) = \$275

**Delano Bay Summer Camp Session** 

**Dates** 

4th-6th Grades

Co-Directors: Jeff Oden & Brandon

York

**Dates**: July 30 - Aug. 5, 2017

**Price**: Deposit = \$75 **Early Registration = \$150** 

Late Registration (after 7/14) =

\$200

YTS: 7th & 8th Grades

**Director**: Ben Cook

**Dates**: July 23 - July 29, 2017

**Price**: Deposit = \$75

**Early Registration** = \$150

Late Registration (after 7/07) =

\$200

JTS: 9th & 10th Grades

**Director**: Brad Grow

**Dates**: July 8 - July 15, 2017 **Price**: Deposit = \$100

Early Registration = \$225

STS: 11th & 12th Grades (& HS Graduates)

**Director**: Carter Davis

**Dates:** June 24 - July 1, 2017

**Price**: Deposit = \$100 **Early Registration** = \$250Late Registration (after 6/9) =

\$300

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