

# Port Orchard Church of Christ



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## You Gotta Just Trust in the Good Lord

Hi, Church. This will be my first bulletin article. Well, at least one that I've actually submitted. I started working on this Sunday evening, beginning with the "elephant in the room" - suspension of gathered worship services due to the Corona Virus. Humbly, Church Leadership made the most thoughtful decision and informed decision that we could, prayerfully, with everyone in mind.

After the email notifications this past week, we tried to contact, either by text or direct call, each family group or individual member, to include our precious visitors, ones that we've met over the past several months (we are growing, CHURCH - Praise HIM).

In the few conversations I've had, or short encounters earlier this week, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Obviously, there were a few who may have disagreed, and that's okay. Empowered by the Body, we approached the decision prayerfully and reverently.

Over the past few days, I've reflected on the impact to others, those who look to our organized gatherings and the ministries we support. You probably did too, took a deep look beyond "just" Sunday morning worship. Don't we cherish our social interaction, our together time, (and encouragement)? The familiar smells from the kitchen before potluck, our prayer meetings, and various Bible studies.

Last Sunday, we were blessed to receive a video chat from Savannah, Winnie, Nora, and Josh. It was fun and cool. We look forward to when we are all together again in the same place, no matter where to hear the wonderful testimonies from each of you, how the Holy Spirit led your devotionals and prayers. What worked, what didn't.

Our "temporary" home church was almost at new capacity (10), four of us and the two dogs, we had evening service sometime before sunset. We found a YOUTUBE channel, listened to some of their church announcements (then hit fast-forward), we sang and worshipped right along with the video feed of the Boulder Crest Church of Christ in Atlanta, GA.

GOD surprised me again, leading us to a sermon entitled, "Seeing Christ in the Crisis". From what I recall, their worship services included or were focused on, publicly introducing elder and deacon nominees, and I quote, "so they can be watched and observed" (I'm filing that one away - it was a good teaching point and perhaps a future sermon topic).

The preacher went on to say, "How dare a virus have the audacity to interrupt our progress; interrupt our lives"; "the audacity to interrupt us from selecting leaders"; "the audacity to send us into crisis".

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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 cen-

tury 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 out!

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.

## Schedule Changes

Bible Study Sunday: 6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium
Warming Center Mondays 9:00am - 3:00 pm	Capital Christian Church 902 Dekalb St, PO
Ladies Prayer Group Tuesday Mornings 10:00am	LaDonna Latham's Home NOT canceled!
Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 6:00 pm	POCOC Auditorium
Game Night March 20, 6:00 - ???	POCOC Fellowship Rm
Deacon meeting March 28, 8:00am	POCOC Conference Rm
Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 4 8:00 am	The breakfast has been canceled for April

## Port Orchard News and Events

### Sunday Preview

3/22 There will be no services at the building from now until April 19th. See the back page for alternate ways to worship at home.


### Previous Sermons

There are still plenty of recordings of sermons on our web site. Just go to [pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html](http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html) and find one that you missed, or would like to hear again.

### Happy Birthday!

**March:** Jason Hooper II - 21, Darrell Fry - 25, Faith Wichman - 28, JT Keagle - 29, Mallory Hall - 30, Lilly Harris - 30, Roger Taylor - 31

**April:** Jim Snead - 6, Elijah Cormier - 7, Jacob Hammock - 10, Brandon Karn - 10, Jarrod Coley - 12, Rick Velasco - 13, Misty Hammock - 15, James Greer - 17, Jasper Smith - 22, Lori Sanders - 28



Psalms 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

## Congregational Memory Verse

*“You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”*

John 14:14

### Extra time on yours hands?

If you are spending more time at home, and are wondering what to do with your extra time... maybe...

- Spend a little extra time in prayer, thanking God for all the good things He has done for you, and ask Him to bless someone you know is easily discouraged.
- Call a friend, neighbor, or family member that you haven't been in contact with for a while. Renew your relationship with those you love. Remember, viruses aren't spread through phone lines or cell towers.
- Make an online grocery order, and have it delivered to Helpline, or to someone you know is struggling.
- Read through your favorite book of the Bible, maybe even in one sitting, like you were reading your favorite novel.
- Write a letter (on paper) to your parents or your kids reminding them that you love them and are grateful for everything they have done for you through the years. Be specific.
- There are so many creative ways you can be a blessing to the people in your life. God made you to be someone special.
- So go be creative . . .

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

- Psalms 139:14

### Our Prayer List

#### Healing

Steve Smith (Carol Smith's son), Carol Smith's son who has cancer, Ken Stratton. Also all who are currently suffering from the cold and flu.

#### Upcoming Surgeries

Daniel Tillman, Karen & Roger's daughter.

#### Encouragement:

To all those who are tirelessly working to deal with the Covid-19 virus. Prayers that God will guide them.

#### Travelling

Darrell & Laura Fry should be on their home, Jim & Cindy Snead.

**Praise:** Knowing our God is in control. Dale Sander's sister had her surgery and is cancer free!

Continue to pray for everyone who our Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.



“Pray without ceasing”  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

**March 15, 2020**

Worship:

Class:

Offering: \$780.00

## You Gotta Just Trust in the Good Lord

I think you get the point, our lives were interrupted too. He continued, reading from his chosen scripture, Psalms 91:1-2, "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadows of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.' "

Whether we gather or do not gather, the questions are, "How do we respond in times of crisis?" and "What should we do in this crisis?"

I love older people (elderly/seniors), my mother-in-law is the oldest person I know (save Dorothy, by six months) born shortly after one of history's worst pandemics, the Spanish Flu (1918) and has survived through four pandemics and is now living in the 5th pandemic that has occurred during her lifetime. I love the way she approaches crisis, hardship, and yes, even death. Her words, ever soothing, comforting words, ring ever truer, "You gotta just trust in the good Lord". Did you read that? "You gotta just trust in the good Lord"; simple, noble, humble, faithful truth.

We need to see Christ in the crisis. We need to run, not walk to Jesus and then hold on tight. Don't you know, every song that you and I have ever sung, each prayer that we have prayed, or have been touched by another's words, matters? Each of these experiences means something, it means and should remind us, we are covered by the blood of Jesus. You and I are protected in his sheltering arms. Psalm 34:7 reads, The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Some may lose their jobs, homes, diminished ability to provide for one's self. It's predicted that many more will become ill and sick, perhaps many more may even die. They, however, do not need to be sick alone, die alone or even be afraid alone. Just trust in the good LORD. Our job, our mission could not be any less important now than ever before, with the same zeal and desire as on the day we first believed and/or were baptized, ambassadors for Christ, sharing and proclaiming the good news of the Gospel. Introducing or reintroducing our friends and neighbors (and strangers) to Christ, in the midst of the crisis. Write a letter, send a card, call someone or check-in with a friend. Journal, blog, but most of all pray. We should speak - speak with power, boldly, as Peter did. Acts 5:20 says that when the angel of the Lord rescued him from prison, he said to Peter, "Go, stand in the temple courts, and tell the people all about this new life."

This new life is eternal life, covered in the blood of CHRIST. We are protected. That's the only way. No matter where we meet, we ARE still HIS Church, just trust, trust in the Good LORD.

**Ken Avery**

## Worship @ Home

### Links for Church Bulletins, Sermons, & Worship

#### Port Orchard Church of Christ

<http://pococ.weebly.com/weekly-church-bulletins.html>

<http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html>

#### Central Kitsap Church of Christ

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ckcocorg1/featured>

#### Bellevue Church of Christ

<https://www.bellevuechurchofchrist.org/resources/sermons-bulletins>

#### Lakeview Church of Christ

<https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/bulletins-2020/>  
<https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/media/sermons/>

#### Puyallup Church of Christ

<http://puyallupcofc.org/audio.html>

#### Center Road Church of Christ

(Kokomo Indiana, where Micah Powless preaches)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqrHe67ggRTedkhGQkd-ZEg>

#### Max Lucado publishes an "Online Church" on Facebook.

This is a collection of videos of some of his weekly sermons.

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external\\_log\\_id=cc2ff9cde8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external_log_id=cc2ff9cde8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado)

#### Music

##### The Acappella Company

<https://acappella.org/>

##### Acappella Praise & Harmony

<https://acappella.org/praise-and-harmony/>