
Port Orchard Church of Christ

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Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Philippians 3:7-14. Straining Towards Christ

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forget-

ting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

This week prayerfully consider these words, and pray about what it is that holds you back from looking onward, and straining towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called you heavenward in Christ Jesus.

May we be a people who look towards Christ in all situations and places, and strain towards Him in all we do.

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Welcome Guests

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

We seek here 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 their

names 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.

Cody Rousseau

Save the Dates!

Saturday 3/28 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 3/29 Congregational Meeting

Sunday 3/29 Sunday Night Worship

Tuesday 3/31 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 4/1 Girls Bible Study

Friday 4/3 Youth Group

Saturday 4/5 Easter Sunday

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— 1st Thessalonians 5: More and More

This week we will be looking at the final chapter of Thessalonians. We are going to discuss Paul's charge to be a people who are encouraging, loving, and peaceable. We will also discuss the idea of being a people courageous enough to not quench the Spirit.

Coin Drive!

Mountain States Children's Home has contacted us about putting out coin cans once more to help raise money to support their ministry. We have had in the past, Randy Schow preach for us, and have supported them in the past.

If you still have a coin can we would like to encourage you to fill it and help out, and if you are interested in supporting this ministry we would love to get a count for how many cans we need. We collect both folded bills and coins in the cans and then send them back to Mountain States in August, only 5 months from now!

Please contact Connie Switzer if you would like to have a can procured for you to fill!

Campsite Information

Information about the campsite that Ken Avery has held for Memorial Day weekend is as follows:

The campsite is capable of holding up to three campers (although a tight fit)

March Building Cleanup

Sheet 1: Need Volunteers

Sheet 2: Need Volunteers

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Sign up in the foyer; see Lisa Bratcher for instructions.

Serving Mar 29, 2015 :

Prayer Leader: Isaiah Zepf	Communion Prep: Rick Valesco
Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup: Pene Hammock
Offering Thoughts: Darrell Fry	Praise Team: Lead: TBD
Communion Meditation: Ken Avery	
Servers: T. Bratcher & B. Karn	
Ushers: B. Zepf & W. Hammock	
Greeters: J.C. & D. Lawler	
Nursery Attendants: TBD (Need Sign-ups)	Fellowship Team: Donuts— Roy & Jo Vaughn
Sound: Lisa Bratcher	Coffee— Ray Switzer
Slides/Lighting: Chris Hill	Cleanup— Karen Taylor



and there is plenty of tent space. Ken estimates we could hold 30-40 people comfortably. There are 5 picnic tables, and a fire pit available. We also will have access to a water spigot.

If you are interested in being part of this camping experience then please let Ken Avery know as soon as possible.

Pictures

We need pictures for the bulletin! If you are at an event, a study, or anything that has fellow church members at please feel free to take some pictures and send them to the church email to get them added to the bulletin. We are always in need of more pictures!

Nursery and Communion Sign-ups

We need for more people to sign up for doing the nursery and communion prep/clean-up. Both of these jobs are absolutely crucial to have filled for our church. If you feel like you might be able to serve in some way on these different spots please put your name down. We need to make sure we don't have empty slots on these sheets as soon as possible!

Men's Group

Tim Duffy has put together a group for men in the congregation! The groups next meeting will be on the first Wednesday of April, which is the 1st, they will be meeting at his house once more, but plans are to have a rotation in the future months of this meeting. All men from the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you require more information please contact Tim Duffy.

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Let's celebrate the risen Savior together over breakfast and family fun! Tiffany is planning an Easter Egg hunt for the morning of Easter during our usual doughnuts/coffee and morning class time, 8:30am to 10:30am, with the hunt starting at 9:30. We will have a potluck breakfast, fellowship, an Easter reflection, and a hunt for preschool-1st grade, 2nd-4th grade, and 5th-6th grade. Please plan to bring a breakfast food for 15-20 people. If you want to help with this event, let Tiffany know. She would like a few people to help clean up the food, decorate the fellowship hall, and hang invites around town for the community to join us for the hunt & worship service portion of our morning.

Our Prayer List

Continue praying for:

Les Lewis
Betty Widman
Greg Chasteen
Isaac Benjamin
Bryan and Bret Hollman

Pam Woodrow for continued healing after her hip surgery

Darlene Woodrow for her upcoming surgery combating cancer

Melvin Byrd for healing

Yvonne Lawrence while David is away in Japan

Shirley Watson (sister of Connie Switzer) and family after loss of her husband

Snypp Family for continued peace, comfort and guidance

Lynn and Virginia Chapman as they minister to friends and family

Judy VanLeuvan for continued healing and relief.

Grayson Goodwin for healing after his heart surgery, and that his health continues to improve.

Our Church, Missionaries and Nation

March 22, 2015

Worship: 80

Class: 35

Offering: \$2,675.75

Goal: \$3,437.50

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Last Sunday Night Worship

At the end of the month, we'll be gathering for our Sunday night worship and we are beginning a 6-part video series called "God is Closer than You Think." We encourage you want to participate and would like to order books for everyone, so if you are planning on joining us, please let Cody Rousseau know!

Happy Birthdays!

This month we have our next set of birthdays! If you get the chance catch these members this month to offer a happy birthday!

4th- Arianna Avery; Charlotte Hahn.
5th- Lynn Chapman. 10th- Lydia Gerard. 12th- Brad Orser. 15th- Troy Hill. 23rd- Mary Carter. 24th- Jim Furstenwerth. 25th- Darrell Fry. 29th- Mallory Hall. 31st- Rodger Taylor.

Please wish these wonderful family

members a warm happy birthday, God has truly blessed us with each of you, and we are so thankful for each of you! Happy birthday!

Missionary Board

The ladies of the Tuesday morning women's bible study would like to create a missionary board for our church. Something to show some of the many works our church is involved in and supporting. In order to do this they need YOUR help.

What they are looking for is information on different missionaries that you might be involved with helping, what we do not need is a \$ amount you support, or even your name, we simply would like to know which missionaries are supported by members here.

If you are interested in letting us know of a family that is supported by this body please contact LaDonna Latham

with a name and some info. May God bless you as you continue to support His work both locally and abroad.

Upcoming Teen Events

In the coming months many things will be happening for our teens! We have retreats, areawides, workdays, and camps all coming. Here are some of the near things to look forward to!

Retreat: Dates have been chosen for the retreat to Ocean Shores! We will be going on **April 25-26**. Please mark this down, and have your teen involved in this awesome retreat!

Areawide: On May 3rd we will be hosting an areawide, we need people who can do a number of jobs, cooking, cleaning, potentially driving and more. If you can fill one of these needs let Cody know!

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