



Port Orchard Church of Christ

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Renewal of Teaching/Learning

Article by Melvin Byrd, taken from the February 17th, 1987 bulletin of the Port Orchard church of Christ.

Godliness is a learned behavior. It is contradictory to human nature. When left to ourselves, allowed to have our own way and do our own thing we become everything but godly. Godliness comes only through training and practice (1 Timothy 4:8; 2 Timothy 3:16). It involves learning and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7).

It should not surprise us, therefore, that in His infinite wisdom God established two great, yet basic teaching organisms--one is the home, the other is the church. Both are important! The responsibility of parents teaching their own children is clearly stated in Scripture (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6). The strength of early training by parents is well documented even in secular writings and in Scripture (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15). It simply must not be neglected.

The church also has a teaching responsibility, not as a substitute for negligent parents, but as the "pillar and

ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15), making known the "manifold wisdom of God" (Ephesians 3:10), "teaching and admonishing one another" (Colossians 3:16). The early church grew as it did and developed as it did because they were teaching and being taught (Acts 18:11; 2 Timothy 2:2). The church today must not take her teaching responsibility lightly. We must do the very best we can, for the sake of godliness.

But, how much importance do we place on the teaching responsibility of the church? How serious are we about teaching? How serious are we about learning? Have we forgotten that we are, first of all, students of the Word of God? This may sound a little negative, but please consider it anyway, okay? Why is it that we, as parents, expect, even demand, that our children not only attend classes, but also that they do their lessons and even make as good grades as possible--all that merely for a secular education? Why is that? When at the same time we permit our children to miss Bible classes for work, week-end trips, sports activities, and even to do their public school homework. Why is it that our children go to public

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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 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.

Save the Dates!

Friday 3/01 Kids & Tweens
6:00pm Crafts for Ghana

Tuesday 3/05 Ladies Prayer
10:00am Meeting: LaDonna
Latham's House

Wednes 3/06 Prayer
6:00pm

Thursday 3/07 Men's Meeting
6:30pm

Saturday 3/09 Deacon's Meeting
8:00am

Sunday 3/10 Congregational
After Services Meeting

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

Dale Sanders will be giving the sermon this Sunday. Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

March--Lilly Harris-03, Ariana Avery-04, Charlotte Hahn-04, Lynn Chapman-05, Brad Orser-12, Garrett Cates-15, Troy Hill-15, Darrell Fry-25, Faith Wichman-28, JT Keagle-29, Mallory Hall-30, Roger Taylor-31.

Last Sunday

Gene Gerard gave the sermon last Sunday. To listen, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Office Hours for Week of March 3rd

M: 9:00am-2:00pm, **T:** 12:30pm-3:00pm, **W:** 10:00pm-3:00pm, **Th:** 9:00am-2:00pm, **F:** 9:00am-11:30am. If there is a significant last-minute change to Tuesday's hours, notice will be given through the prayer chain.

Serving March 3, 2019:

Prayer Leader: Darrell Fry
Scripture Reader: Dale Sanders
Offering Thoughts: Brandon Zepf
Communion Meditation: Dave Snyp
Servers: Brandon Karn·Terry Bratcher
Ushers: Roger Taylor & Tim Duffy
Greeters: DeLoris Lawler·Karen Taylor
Prayer Partners: Ken & Tammy Avery
Sound: Isaac Benjamin
Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher
Communion Prep&CleanUp: Rick Velasco
Song Leader: Jamin Mason
Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell
Youth Worship: Kelli Keagle
Preaching: Dale Sanders

Kids Memory Verses

Recite to Ms. Bonnie on Sunday, March 3rd: Galatians 2:20

Practice this week for Sunday, March 10th: Mark 1:17

Memorial Service for David Latham

When: Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 11:00am

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Contact Bonnie Mitchell for information.

Men's Breakfast

When: Saturday, March 2nd, 8:00am

Where: Lakeview church of Christ

1709 112th Street South

Tacoma, WA

Suggested Donation: \$4.00. *Proceeds benefit Delano Bay Christian Camp.*

Thanks

Brothers Gary Chasteen and JT Keagle spent about 2 hours on February 12th shoveling snow off of the flat portions of the roof and the base of the upper pitched roof in order to allow the melting snow to drain through the down-spouts. This prevented heavy snow, ice, and water from pooling on the roof for longer than necessary. Gary also rented equipment and cleared the parking lot for Sunday services.



Our Prayer List

Healing:

Dave Daniello (hockey team), Mike (relative of Lisa McDaniel), Karen Taylor's daughter-in-law, Tony Del-Barto, Melvin Byrd, Rachel Karn

Encouragement:

LaDonna Latham & Family, All Children in the Memory Verse/Bible Reading Program, Tiny Village Team, Our Congregation

Other:

Northwest Mission, For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village, Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders. Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

February 24, 2019

Worship: 64

Class: 38

Offering: \$2,560.50

school each day well-equipped with paper, notebook, pens, lessons ready, and we even insist that they get there on time? But when Sunday comes these same students arrive totally unprepared for learning--no Bible, nothing to write with, lesson not prepared, and not even in the class room on time.

The problem, and, of course, the solution, does not lie with the children, but with the adults. I would suspect that there are more adults taking college level courses today than at any time in our history. Many of us are presently enrolled in such classes. When we enroll, we are expected to attend, study, participate and learn. We expect it of ourselves and commit ourselves to it, allotting the required amount of study time necessary to complete that course. Why aren't we that serious about the Bible classes? When parents and other adults who know what it takes to successfully complete a course of study, continually come to Bible class unprepared to learn, without their textbook (Bible) and arrive late--we really can't expect much "life-changing-learning" to take place--neither in us, nor our children.

In this "Year of Renewal," this is a call for renewal of a strong emphasis upon Bible teaching/learning, and doing it well. I would urge three things. First, let us insist that every teacher in every Bible class be qualified, prepared and seriously committed to "life-changing-teaching." Not every Christian is called to be a teacher (James 3:1). It is a frightening responsibility for one to assume when he is unqualified for it.

Second, as a Bible school, let us be sure that we are offering quality, well-defined courses of study for children and adults as well. Each course should have clear objectives, a definite beginning point, and an end. Not merely classes which go on indefinitely where we are "always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth."! (2 Timothy 3:7).

Finally, let us as students commit ourselves to "life-changing-learning." The primary purpose of our Bible classes is not fellowship. We do not attend Bible class simply because that is just a part of church. The one and only purpose of our Bible classes is teaching/learning. Teaching isn't done until learning takes place. And learning doesn't happen without effort on the part of the student. Let's go to class prepared, tools in hand, expecting to learn.

Yes, I know this is too long. I also know that some may think it too harsh and negative and take it wrong. But I hope not. I just believe that if we are not "being renewed in knowledge in the image of (our) Creator" then any other effort at renewal will be futile.

Women's Roles

As you are aware, a continuing conversation of women's roles in the church was held during our monthly congregational meeting on Sunday, February 17th. As a result of the conversation, it was decided that we would revisit the topic again after the potluck on March 10th around 1:30pm and it is anticipated that those in attendance will have studied and will be prepared to continue the conversation on the following points:

Can Women:

- ◆ Lead Scripture reading during the worship service?
- ◆ Lead prayer during the worship service?
- ◆ Lead communion?
- ◆ Serve communion?
- ◆ Preach during the worship service?
- ◆ Be a song leader or praise team leader during worship?

During the course of the conversation, the question was raised regarding the issuing of a survey in which individuals may give their preferences about each of these points: yes, no, not sure/no opinion. This survey may be considered after the March 10th meeting.

In the meantime, it was decided that a video the deacons have viewed regarding this topic also be viewed by the members of the congregation as a starting point. The video was prepared by a Churches of Christ minister and details the Scriptural reasoning for the Churches of Christ stand on the role of women in the Church. Members are free to view any information they would like and use that during our conversation on March 10th.

The Deacons want to express that WE ALL come with love on our hearts and peace in our ears. This is a conversation among brothers and sisters IN CHRIST! PLEASE be willing to listen and share.

You can access the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luoK7tTlkEw>