



# Port Orchard Church of Christ

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## What is Real Christian Fellowship: What I Noticed When I Read Philippians

**P**aul’s letter to the Philippian church is short and sweet. It can very easily be read in one sitting. In fact, with books as short as Philippians, I like to read them twice in one sitting. If you do that, you may just pick up on something you missed the first time. That’s exactly what happened to me this week. Everyone knows Paul says a lot about joy and rejoicing in Philippians, but here is another theme you may have missed in Philippians.

### What is Fellowship

Unfortunately, when we think about “fellowship” we typically think about sitting around talking to one another or sharing a meal with each other. Now don’t get me wrong, sharing a meal together and visiting is an incredibly important part of being a Christian family, but there is far more to real fellowship than that. The Greek word we translate “fellowship” is “koinonia” and the word meant something like partnership. In the first-century world, to be in fellowship with someone meant to be partners with them in some joint effort. Sharing a meal with someone might have

implied to others that two people were in fellowship, but the meal wasn’t their fellowship. Their fellowship was a deep and intimate partnership.

### Paul’s Fellowship with the Philippians

Paul uses the word “koinonia” (and other closely related words) throughout his letter to the Philippians, but it is translated with various English words like partnership, participation, and sharing. For Paul, his fellowship with the Philippian church was all about the fact that they were partnering with him to share the Good News about Jesus with the world. They partnered with Paul both in their financial support and in their prayers. Paul very much believed that when someone was praying for him, they were helping his missionary work to succeed. He believed strongly that the prayers of the Philippians would help him get out of prison.

There was nothing in the world more important to the apostle Paul than to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. The people closest to his heart, those for whom he had

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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-

ture 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!

**Tuesday 04/02** Ladies Prayer  
**10:00am** Meeting: LaDonna Latham's House

**Wednes 04/03** Prayer  
**6:00pm**

**Thursday 04/04** Men's Meeting  
**6:30pm**

**Saturday 04/06** Deacons Meeting  
**8:00am**

**Sunday 04/07** Congregational  
**After Services** Meeting

**Sunday 04/14** Potluck  
**After Services**

## Serving March 31, 2019:

## 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--**Faith Wichman-28, JT Keagle-29, Mallory Hall-30, Lilly Harris-30, Roger Taylor-31. **April—**Jim Snead-06, Elijah Cormier-07, Jacob Hammock-10, Brandon Karn-10, Jarrod Coley-12, Misty Hammock-15, James Greer-17, Lori Sanders-28.

### Last Sunday

Darrell Fry gave the sermon last Sunday. To listen, go to [pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html](http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html)

### Sunday Night Classes

**When:** Sunday evenings at 6pm starting March 17th

**Where:** POCOC

**What:** *Keep It Simple* (Class will include conversation about the role of women in the church as was decided at the congregational meeting. No plans for reaching a decision have been made; topic will be talked about again at the next congregational meeting on April 7th.)

**Who:** Bob McDaniel

Prayer Leader: Bob McDaniel

Scripture Reader: Dale Sanders

Offering Thoughts: Darrell Fry

Communion Meditation: Wayne Hammock

Servers: Brandon K. & Terry Bratcher

Ushers: Roger Taylor & Rick Velasco

Greeters: Deloris Lawler/Karen Taylor

Prayer Partners: Darrell & Laura Fry

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher

Communion Prep&CleanUp: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Lori Sanders

Youth Worship: Family Worship

Preaching: Dale Sanders

# Youth Memory Verses

Recite to Ms. Bonnie on Sunday, March 31st: Catch Up

Practice this week for Sunday, April 7th: TBA

## Easter Plans

**When:** Sunday, April 21st

**8:30am:** Breakfast of ham, eggs, and sausage provided through the church and sides provided through potluck

**9:30am:** Egg Scramble (We don't really have places to hide eggs outside. Kids will be divided into 3 age categories and unleashed on the grounds to gather eggs from three separate areas.)

**10:45am:** Special Service

**Thank you for all of your donations!**

## Garage Sale

To have a successful garage sale, donated stuff is needed. Please donate usable stuff.

- No big exercise equipment
- No old TVs or stereo equipment
- No badly stained, excessively used, excessively dirty, badly damaged, unworkable or broken, has an odor or appears to be unsafe
- No items that go against church values or standards

Use of funds to be determined. Please contact Barbara Chasteen to deliver your stuff.

## Women of the Word Ladies Day

**Where:** Colbert church of Christ

16205 N. Yale Road

Colbert, WA 99005

**When:** Saturday, April 27th, 2019. 8:30am-3:00pm

**Guest Speaker:** Laura Boswell, Northern Lights church of Christ (AK)

*No cost to attend. Breakfast and lunch served.*

*Register by mail or email to [colbertchurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:colbertchurchofchrist@gmail.com)*

## Kennewick Church of Christ 2019 Spring Lectureship

**When:** May 1st-5th, 2019

**Where:** Kennewick Church of Christ

3926 W. Kennewick Avenue

Kennewick, WA 99336

**Theme:** *Humble Beginnings*

**More Information:** [www.kennewickcoc.com](http://www.kennewickcoc.com)

*See Board in foyer for speakers and schedule.*



## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Bonnie Mitchell, Jessica Zepf, Keagle Family, Chuck Palmer, Clyde Griffin, Rachel Karn, Those Suffering from Colds and Allergies

### Encouragement:

Randy Knox and Family, 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.

**March 17, 2019**

Worship: 54

Class: 28

Offering: \$2,231.00

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the most affection, were those who shared that vision. His appreciation boiled over for those who “labored side by side with [him] in the gospel,” those he called “fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

Paul’s love for the church in Philippi wasn’t based on how many pot-lucks they had shared together, but on the fact that they were committed to helping him reach the world with the Good News about Jesus.

### **Additional Types of Fellowship**

Paul also mentioned his fellowship with other partners in the gospel. Specifically, Paul talked about men like Timothy and Epaphroditus. These were men Paul considered “fellow workers” and “fellow soldiers.” These were men who had often risked their lives to help Paul spread the Good News.

But there are other “fellowships” mentioned in Philippians. There is a fellowship of the Spirit. Paul encouraged the Philippians to be of one heart and mind based on their “participation in the Spirit.” In other words, the Spirit of God was partnering with the church to make

them into the people he wanted them to be. The Spirit was working inside of them “to will and to work for his good pleasure,” so they could “shine as lights in the world.” Paul taught them that this partnership they shared with the Spirit, ought to impact the way they treated one another.

Another “fellowship” in Philippians is a fellowship of suffering. Paul longed to share (koinonia) Christ’s suffering. He viewed suffering for Jesus as a way of being in deeper fellowship with Jesus. And when the church sent Paul a gift in prison, he said they were sharing in his trouble. They were in deep fellowship with him when they sacrificed of their own means to try to lift part of his burden.

### **Having Real Fellowship Today**

There is much we can apply from this theme to the church today. Ask yourself some of these questions:

**Are you in fellowship with your church family?** Do you consider yourself their partner, helping them with burdens and struggles, sharing with them the responsibility of reaching your community with the

Good News?

**Are you in fellowship with preachers, evangelists, and missionaries?** Do you partner with them by in sharing your finances and prayers to ensure their success?

**Are you in fellowship with the Spirit?** Do you understand that the Spirit of God wants to partner with you to change the way you think, feel, and act? Are you participating with him so that you are a light shining in the world?

**Are you in fellowship with Jesus?** Do you long to share his suffering and are you sharing in the suffering of persecuted brethren throughout the world? Spend some time today reading through Philippians. Spend some time thinking and praying about your fellowship.

I love you and God loves you,

**Wes McAdams**

**December 19, 2018**

<https://radicallychristian.com/what-is-real-christian-fellowship-what-i-noticed-when-i-read-philippians>

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### **Kennewick Church of Christ Ladies Day**

**When:** Thursday, May 2, 2019 8:30am-11:30am

**Where:** Kennewick Church of Christ

**Speakers:** Amanda Stephanus (Deluth, GA) & Sheina Dindy (Lakeland, FL)

*Breakfast and lunch will be served.*

**More Information:** [www.kennewickcoc.com](http://www.kennewickcoc.com)

### **Sauk River 2019 Ladies’ Retreat**

**When:** Friday, May 17th– Sunday, May 19th, 2019

**Where:** [saukcamp.com](http://saukcamp.com)

*Register before May 1st and attend the whole weekend for \$45.00, attend Friday and Saturday for \$35.00, and attend Saturday Only for \$20.00.*

*Register after May 1st and attend the whole weekend for \$60.00, attend Friday and Saturday for \$40.00, and attend Saturday Only for \$30.00.*

**Theme:** *Castles, Bridges, and Trolls*

**More Information and Questions:** [nyla@saukcamp.com](mailto:nyla@saukcamp.com) or (206) 595-7796