
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Springtime; New fruit, new life.

Every year there is a schedule my body goes through. Starting with the first day of spring happiness returns! Summer is full of wonderful joy, and then fall happens. Like its name, my mood begins to plummet, and winter is a cold dark time in the Rousseau house. Do any of you experience this?

Well my friends, spring is upon us! In a few days time we will be starting the most wonderful thing ever! New life. Flowers will be blooming, trees will be regaining color and life, the sun will start winning the battle against the cold, slowly the length of the day will increase little by little. Ah, the beauty of springtime.

Even just this week I got to look out my window and see birds and sunshine! How good to have new life amen?

This week as I was reading through the first section of Thessalonians I was reminded of the joy of seeing a new brother or sister as they explore Christ. The zeal, the fire, the motivation and mostly the joy.

It reminded me of seeing springtime. Something that should always come around in a cycle. There should be a time for hard work, and for pain and growth, and likewise a time for

joy, play and new life. (Ecc. 3:1-8.) As I thought about this it seemed to me like we are at a similar crossroads.

Wouldn't you say? In the last year we have gone to the work of pruning like Christ encourages us (John 15:1-2), now is time for new life. We have gotten ourselves set, we have worked hard, we have come to springtime.

There is new life started already, bible studies and life groups, worship services and community meals, we have some ideas of life to come even! Not only are there new additions to our family here, both newborn and adult, some are yet to come! (Praying for the Pyke's new baby!)

It is time for us to fill this place with faith, work, endurance, and joy. The time for reflection and introspection was long due, and now the time for joyous exploration is here.

If you are not plugged into something here, find a spot. If you have an idea of how to add to the ministry of this body, share with a deacon, or a minister, or a friend. Let's get going! Let's remember our God has a ripe harvest and few workers. We need to be ready to jump in and bear His fruit!

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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!

Friday 3/5 Youth Group

Sunday 3/8 Senior Saints Potluck

Monday 3/9 Community Meal

Tuesday 3/10 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 3/11 Girls Bible Study

Friday 3/13 Youth Group

Tuesday 3/17 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 3/18 Quilters Group

Wednesday 3/18 Girls Bible Study

Friday 3/20 Youth Group

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.

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— 1 Thessalonians 1-2: Our Glory and Joy

We will be starting a series going through first and second Thessalonians this week. We will be starting with the first two chapters this week, and looking at the way Paul, Silas, and Timothy view their work in Thessalonica. We will also be discussing what their faith looks like, and how ours should imitate it. Prayerfully explore these chapters during Sunday morning, but more so during your week!

Men's Group

Tim Duffy is working on putting together a new men's discussion group. He is looking for the right time, and day of the week. If you would like to be part of this group please connect with him on Sunday morning, or call him. We would love to see as many men as possible filling this event out. It will be a wonderful time to share our lives with one and other, and to spend time praying and growing together.

Bibles for Kids

Praise God, two of the requested five bibles were given this week! If you are able to help donate a kids bible to the children's ministry, please let Tiffany Rousseau know. We are looking for new bibles specifically geared toward children, such as the Zondervan Backpack Bible and they are for boys and girls.

Serving Mar 5, 2015 :

Prayer Leader:	Roy Vaughn	Communion Prep:	Rick Valesco
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Pene Hammock
Offering Thoughts:	Ken Avery	Praise Team:	Lead: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation:	Darrell Fry		Connie Greer
Servers:	T. Bratcher & B. Karn		Sha'lon Pyke
Ushers:	B. Zepf & W. Hammock		Kenny Benjamin
Greeters:	Dale & Lori Sanders	Fellowship Team:	
Nursery Attendants:	L. Fry & J. Zepf		Donuts— R. & J. Vaughn
Sound:	J. Hammock		Coffee— Ray Switzer
Slides/Lighting:	T. Herbert		Cleanup— D. & P. Woodrow



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.

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.

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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 1, 2015

Worship: 89

Class: 38

Offering: \$2,757.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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!

Free Motion Quilting Class

We hosted the Quilters for the first time this week! What a wonderful group of people! If you are interested in attending next months class, as an active participant or even as an auditor feel free to! They meet the third Wednesday of each month from 10-2 at the church building! Contact Cody for more info.

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