
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Guarantees and Promises

This week I was talking with Barbara Chasteen as she was lamenting the many things she has tried to get the stains out of our old blue chairs. Having been in the office the last few weeks, I knew that she wasn't kidding when she said she had tried all the cleaning agents she knew of. The chairs were still stained.

She decided she would go to Wal-Mart and try to find something, anything, that might do the trick. So she took off and I continued to read my book.

When she got back she told me I should think about something for the next bulletin article. I should think about the promises labels make and where we put our trust.

I have to say, a few days went by and the idea bubbled around in my head. So I figured this week we could spend a hot minute really dwelling on the idea of promises and guarantees.

I am sure all of you have purchased something that promised to fulfill some need at some time. We have all done it, that pill that will make you head feel better, that lotion that will keep your skin from burning, that new phone or gadget that will make your life easier. We know the promises of which I speak.

Like me, like Barb, we have all had the quick one pulled on us. We have purchased or procured the thing that promises so much, and likely, been let down when it failed.

It is sometimes hard in a world where so many promises are broken in the same breath they are spoken to have trust, am I right? So when we look to the promises of Christ, when we look at the assurances of God's covenants, it can be hard to accept them openly.

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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 4/10 Youth Group

Sunday 4/12 Senior Saints Potluck

Monday 4/13 Community Meal

Tuesday 4/14 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 4/15 Girls Bible Study

Friday 4/17 Youth Group

Tuesday 4/20 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 4/21 Girls Bible Study

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Romans 1

We are going to be starting a new series on Romans this week, so please feel free to brush up as much as possible on Romans chapter 1 as we look into one of Paul's many letters.

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!

1st— Veva Janes. 4th— Virginia Martin. 6th— Jim Snead. 7th— Lucille Lowe. 10th— Marydeane Furstenwerth, Jacob Hammock, Brandon Karn. 12th— Jarrod Coley, Brad Orser. 13th— Rick Velasco. 17th— James Greer. 19th— Rubin Carter. 21st— DJ Magneson. 28th— Lori Sanders.

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!

Coin Drive!

Coin cans are in! If you wanted a can please pick it up from the lobby on your way out this week! Remember that donations to Mountain States Children's Home directly benefit the children being ministered to there. Cans will be collected in August so make sure to grab your can today! Let's band together and contribute to their wellbeing! May God bless you as you seek to bless His people.

April Nursery Needs

Slot 1: April 19th

Slot 2: April 19th

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

Serving April 12, 2015 :

Prayer Leader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Prep:	Warners
Scripture Reader:	Reading Group	Communion Cleanup:	Bratchers
Offering Thoughts:	Ray Switzer	Praise Team:	Lead: TBD
Communion Meditation:	Gene Gerard		
Servers:	J. Hall & J. Bickle		
Ushers:	G. Chasteen & J. Coley		
Greeters:	J.C. & D. Lawler		
Nursery Attendants:	Pilita & Myron David	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— R & K. Taylor
Sound:	Lisa Bratcher		Coffee— Rick Valesco
Slides/Lighting:	Chris Hill		Cleanup— Karen Taylor



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) 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.

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

The men's group will be meeting on the 15th of April this month, due to lack of awareness on the 1st. We will be meeting at the Duffy residence at 6:00. We encourage all the men of our congregation to attend if possible. For more information or directions call Tim Duffy.

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Thanks to all who came for breakfast and the Easter egg hunt last Sunday! We would love to give a special thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who brought wonderful food for the breakfast and to all the people who helped get the egg hunt prepared. If you get a chance please thank Tiffany for coordinating such a wonderful time for us!

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!

Our Prayer List

Pending Surgeries

Lucille Lowe's Son
Darlene Woodrow on April 6th
Bryon Bungart- Dan Gross' Son

Travels

Jim & Cindy Snead
James & Connie Greer
Dale & Lori Sanders

Healing

Bonnie Mitchell: Chest CT on April 3rd, and learning to deal with new diagnosis.

Tanya Howard & Tammy White's father, for discomfort breathing

Margaret Meyers for her surgery on 4-21

Yvonne Lawrence for Stress and back pain

Isaac Benjamin for continued healing and health

Greg Chasteen

Family to remember in prayer:

David Lawrence, Pam Woodrow, Pyke family, Betty Widman, Judy VanLeuvan

Our Church, Missionaries and Nation

April 5, 2015

Worship: 113

Class: n/a

Offering: \$5,228.08

Goal: \$3,437.50

If you are like me this can get all to frustrating when often the language we use for this trust is called "faith."

Well this week I would like to encourage you to think differently. I would love it If you, instead of buying into promises, tried to buy into a journey.

See God calls each of us into a relationship, and while He desires trust from us, what He seems to enjoy more is the faith of those who don't yet see. (John 20:24-29)

Remember that faith happens before trust, faith happens in the

area where doubt and fear war for our ultimate inaction.

So this week, this month, in the coming year, honestly for the rest of your days, spend some time learning to trust God by taking steps in faith.

In Genesis 15 we have the small statement: "Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness." This is following a harrowing saving of Lot, wherein old Abraham ran into battle with the young guys to fight not one but many kings in an all out fight. Then again in chapter 22 when he follows through with God's demand that he sacrifice his son Isaac.

These things that he did, he did before he knew what God was thinking. He took a leap, and had faith that God knew better.

I say that to say this. Take that scary leap of faith. It might be hard, and it might be scary, but the trust you gain in the Lord as you courageously walk in faith with Him, is something that is so freeing.

My prayer for you this week is peace, peace that you might have the courage to Trust in God. Whose promises are the only true and steadfast ones we have.

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