

# **Intimacy With God**

# **Romans 8:14-17**

Suppose I asked you to characterize your relationship with God. Would you say He is like a friend whom you meet occasionally for coffee? Or is He at the opposite end of the spectrum—a valued member of your household who is included in every aspect of daily life? Most likely, the nature of your bond falls somewhere in between.

Whatever the state of your relationship with the Lord, be assured that He wants something closer and more meaningful. God desires a connection so deep and strong that words like *friendship* and *fellowship* cannot fully describe it. He created us for intimacy.

Of all the creatures on earth, human beings are the only ones made in God's image. Like Him, we can think, reason, feel, and make choices, though we do none of these things as fully or perfectly as He does. The attributes that separate people from the rest of creation equip us to relate to the Lord in a unique way.

Jesus called His followers "friends" (John 15:15), and Paul wrote that believers are sons of God (Gal. 4:7). Those are not distant, impersonal relationships! When we spend time with the Lord, we grow as close to Him as a beloved child to

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a father.

Some believers have the mistaken idea that *doing* something "Christian" is the way to make God happy. But the way to please our Father is by *being* Christian. He wants us to live in such a way that others see He is our Father and best friend.



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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

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.

Port Orchard Church of Christ

# Save the Dates!

Saturday 4/29 Spring Work Party

**Friday 4/28-4/30** Spring Teen Retreat

**Tuesday May 5/2** Ladies Prayer Group

Friday May 5/3 Bible Study

May 5/6 Deacon's Meeting

May 5/7 Congregational Meeting

May 5/14 Mother's Day

May 5/14 Senior Saints Potluck

May 5/29 Memorial Day

# **Port Orchard News and Events**

# **Pulpit Preview-**

Bob McDaniel will be preaching this upcoming Sunday. Worship Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you here!

## **Happy Birthday!**

April has arrived, it's time to celebrate our April babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! Jim Snead - 4/6., Elijah Cormier, Lucille Lowe - 4/7., Charlie Fender, Brandon Karn - 4/10., Jarrod Coley - 4/12., Rick Velasco - 4/13., James Greer - 4/17., D.J Magneson - 4/21., Lori Sanders - 4/28.,

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **James Greer**

James Greer shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

### **Lucille Lowe**

Please continue to pray for Lucille Lowe. She is now at home and will be on hospice.

# 2017 Spring Teen Retreat (Grades 7 - 12)

**When:** April 28-30, 2017

Where: Delano Bay Christian Camp

# Serving April 30, 2017:

Prayer Leader: Dale Sanders Communion Prep: Barbara Chasteen
Scripture Reader: Gene Gerard Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Offering Thoughts: Troy Hill Praise Team: Gene G., Laura G., Rachel

Communion Meditation: Ken Avery K., Greg W.

Servers: Brandon Z. & John B.

<u>Ushers: Wayne H. & Ken A.</u> Ken A. Sunday School & CW Helper: Dale S., Rachel K.

Greeters: Dale S,. & Deloris L.

Prayer Partners: Fry Family Preaching: Bob McDaniel

Sound: Brittney Pringle

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher







Cost: No cost

**Retreat Theme:** I am a Christian, I am a Pilgrim Registration form is available at <a href="https://www.delanobay.org">www.delanobay.org</a>

Please mail registration form by Apr 21 to:

Delano Bay Christian Camp

P.O. Box 44347 Tacoma, WA 98448

# **Spring Work Party at Delano**

There will be a work party out at Delano on April 29th at 9 a.m. We need your skills in yard work, carpentry, cleaning, etc. to get the camp ready for summer. Join us for a day of fellowship, work, and fun! Lunch will be provided.

# **Sauk River Women's Retreat**

Sauk River Women's Retreat Will be May 19th thru the 21st. Registration price is \$45.00 if postmarked before May 5th and \$60.00 at the door. Registration forms will be on the bulletin board in the foyer or you can go to the website and print your own. If you have any questions contact Karen Edwards at (360) 319-3298.

www.saukriverchristiancamp.com.

### **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

We are still meeting here at the church every Wednesday night at 6pm. Please join us as we pray for one another, worship together and break into smaller groups for a time of study.

### Men's Breakfast

When: Saturday, May 6th

Where: Lakeview Church of Christ

Time: 8:00 am

# **Congregational Meeting**

When: Sunday, May 7th

Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ

Time: Directly after service

## **Deacon's Meeting**

When: Saturday, May 6th

Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ

Time: 8:00 am

# **Our Prayer List**

# Prayer requests:

# **Healing:**

Lucille Lowe Connie Greer Brandon Karn's Grandmother Virginia Chapman Isaac Benjamin Delores Brun

# **Encouragement:**

Seth and Sara Cartwright in China teaching, Our church, Deacons, Ministries, First Responders, Leaders and President Trump.

#### Other:

Those dealing with the flu and colds.

**April 23, 2017** 

Worship: N/A Class: N/A Offering: \$3,651. 26 Goal: \$3,437.50

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Senior Saints Potluck When: Sunday, May 14th

Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ

**Time**: Directly after service

Delano Bay Christian Camp Dates

1st-3rd Grades

**Director:** Jeb Bristow-Hannah **Dates:** July 2 - July 5, 2017 **Price:** Deposit = \$30 **Early Registration** = \$75

Late Registration (after 6/16) =

\$115

4th-6th Grades

**Co-Directors**: Jeff Oden & Brandon

York

**Dates**: July 30 - Aug. 5, 2017

**Price**: Deposit = \$75

**Early Registration = \$150** 

Late Registration (after 7/14) =

\$200

YTS: 7th & 8th Grades

Director: Ben Cook

Dates: July 23 - July 29, 2017

Price: Deposit = \$75 Early Registration = \$150

Late Registration (after 7/07) =

\$200

JTS: 9th & 10th Grades

**Director**: Brad Grow

Dates: July 8 - July 15, 2017

Price: Deposit = \$100

Early Registration = \$225

Late Registration (after 6/23) =

\$275

STS: 11th & 12th Grades

**(& HS Graduates) Director**: Carter Davis

**Dates**: June 24 - July 1, 2017

Price: Deposit = \$100 Early Registration = \$250

Late Registration (after 6/9) =

\$300

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