
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

More and More Good Stuff: Less and Less Netflix, Pizza, and Pie

Have you ever set out to start exercising again? It seems like the hardest part of the whole process is getting off of the couch to start right?

I mean, you can know that even one minute into a workout you will feel great, you can know that after you will literally be happier, and still, getting started is difficult. Have you ever experienced this?

I was talking with a couple friends over lunch the other day about just this feeling. I was sitting at home, it was a drizzly day off and I knew I had to workout. I had nothing to keep me from going, and still the allure of "skipping out" was growing.

If you're like me then working out feels awesome the moment you are done, I mean there is the stage of getting into shape for it, but after the first week or two it is all good. I feel better about myself, I have more energy, my moods get less sullen, I sleep better, basically my whole world improves.

I know this in my head, I know it because I have experienced it, yet I will still choose Netflix, pizza and pie over working out nine times out of ten. Why do we do this?

I think a lot of our problem is pacing. We do this in lots of areas of our life, but especially with working out. We notice the signs of an issue and we have our first reaction, then we lose steam and soon enough we are winded by the time we make it up the stairs, or in my case from the couch to the door!

As we just finished 1st Thessalonians I have been considering the "more and more" that Paul prescribes and thinking we should work on applying it across the board. For fitness, resolutions, but most of all for growing in the Spirit.

This week my prayer for us is that we can pace ourselves, learn to make God our center little by little, until it is just habit to make Him first.

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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 4/3 Youth Group

Sunday 4/5 Easter Sunday: Potluck AND Egg hunt

Tuesday 4/7 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 4/8 Girls Bible Study

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

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 5, 2015 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Easter Service

This week as we celebrate our Savior's resurrection and ascension in a special Easter service. We will be reading together through the story of our Savior's passion and plan. Join us as we honor Him this morning.

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. Let's band together and contribute to their wellbeing! May God bless you as you seek to bless His people.

Prayer Leader: Cody Rousseau

Scripture Reader: Reading Group

Offering Thoughts: Ray Switzer

Communion Meditation: Gene Gerard

Servers: T. Bratcher & B. Karn

Ushers: B. Zepf & W. Hammock

Greeters: J.C. & D. Lawler

Nursery Attendants: Pilita & Myron David

Sound: J. Hammock

Slides/Lighting: Tristen Herbert

Communion Prep: Warners

Communion Cleanup: Bratchers

Praise Team: Lead: TBD

Fellowship Team: Donuts— Sandi Warner

Coffee— Greg Warner

Cleanup— Sandi Warner



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

Tim Duffy has put together a group for men in the congregation! The groups next meeting will be on the first Wednesday of April, which is the 1st, they will be meeting at his house once more, but plans are to have a rotation in the future months of this meeting. All men from the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you require more information please contact Tim Duffy.

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 service.

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!

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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 biopsy to see if cancer is localized in Kidney

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

March 29, 2015

Worship: 80

Class: 34

Offering: \$2,786.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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!

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