

Port Orchard Church of Christ

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What Did You Expect?

In contrasting the God of Israel with the pagan idols of old, the prophet Isaiah issued a challenge to those who believed in the potency of their pagan deities. Isaiah said this about the idols: “Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them.... Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods” (41:22-23). According to Isaiah, any deity that could consistently forecast the future would be recognized as a true God, while any unable to tell the future should be relegated to the rubbish pile of false religions. In order to prove that the God of Israel was the true God, Isaiah quoted this from the mouth of God: “I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done” (46:9-10). Truly, Isaiah’s God **could** tell the future. The fall of Babylon, the reign of Cyrus, and the coming Messiah are but a few of the more prominent examples found within the book of Isaiah itself. In fact, the writers of the New Testament quoted the book of Isaiah more often than any other book of the Old Testament. The first-century Jewish community respected

the book of Isaiah as inspired and infallible. Yet, the majority of first century Jews missed one of the main points of the book—that the coming Messiah would be not only a conquering king, but also a suffering servant.

Much of the time, people find what they want to find. During the time that Isaiah wrote his prophecy, the children of Israel suffered persecution from the surrounding nations. Years after Isaiah wrote, the nation of Israel fell into even greater troubles, even being led away into captivity by the Babylonians and being scattered throughout many different nations. During their various persecutions, they began to formulate a picture of the promised Messiah. The Coming One was He of whom it was spoken:

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of

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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!

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

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

Sunday 04/07 *Congregational Meeting*
After Services

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

Wednes 04/03 *Prayer*
6:00pm

Sunday 04/14 *Potluck*
After Services

Serving April 7, 2019:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

James Greer will be giving the sermon this Sunday. Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

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

Dale Sanders gave the sermon last Sunday. To listen, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

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!



Prayer Leader: Jim Snead
Scripture Reader: James Greer
Offering Thoughts: Darrell Fry
Communion Meditation: Dave Snyp
Servers: Brandon Zepf/Greg Warner
Ushers: Rick Velasco & Dan Gross
Greeters: Karen Taylor/Lori Sanders
Prayer Partners: Ken & Tammy Avery
Sound: Dale Sanders
Slides/Lighting: Isaac Benjamin

Communion Prep&CleanUp: Rick Velasco
Song Leader: Gene Gerard
Children's 9:30 Teacher: Kelli Keagle
Youth Worship: Jessica Zepf
Preaching: James Greer

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

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

See Board in foyer for speakers and schedule.

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

The Family of God: Mentoring to All Women

When: Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at 9:30am-??

Where: Olympia church of Christ
3132 Boulevard Road
Olympia, WA 98501

Speakers: Bea Cudd, Robinson Road church of Christ (Grand Prairie, TX)

RSVP by April 14th: 360-357-8304 or olycofchrist@olycofc.com

More Information: www.olycofc.com

Cle Elum Men's Retreat 2019

When: May 17th-18th (Friday and Saturday)

Where: Camp Koinonia

Theme: *Holiness in Our Sexuality*

Speaker: Phil McKinney II, Fairfax Church of Christ (Fairfax, VA)

Registration & More Information: www.cemretreat.org

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Baby Maddy Read, Bonnie Mitchell, Jessica Zepf, Chuck Palmer, Clyde Griffin, Rachel Karn, Those Suffering from Colds and Allergies

Encouragement:

Bobette Dehlin's Family, 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 31, 2019

Worship: 53

Class: 35

Offering: \$2,566.00

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His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isaiah 9:6-7).

From this prophecy, what else could one expect but a mighty, conquering Savior Who would carry the burden of the government on His own two shoulders; a sovereign Ruler the likes of David, Who would sit on the throne of a united, far-reaching kingdom? How Israel longed for such a Ruler Who would cast the burden of foreign bondage from their backs and lead them into a physical kingdom, victorious and everlasting!

However, Isaiah did not paint a one-sided picture of the Messiah. In fact, the entire chapter of Isaiah 53 details a suffering servant who would be “despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” This suffer-

ing Messiah would be oppressed, afflicted, bruised, and stricken. At His death He would be counted among the wicked, led as a lamb to the slaughter. This picture of the Messiah was not of a conquering warrior, but rather of a beaten servant, carrying the sins of the world.

Of course, the pictures painted by the prophets were not mutually exclusive. The conquering power of the Messiah would result from His ability to bear the sins of the world through suffering and shame. But for most of the first-century Jews, a suffering Messiah was too much to bear. When Christ came from the despised Nazareth as a lowly carpenter’s son, He just wasn’t what they expected. They taunted Him to prove His power when they said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him” (Matthew 27:42). They failed to recognize the “time of their visitation” because they kept in mind only the prophecies that they liked—only those pictures that suited their fancy.

Let us learn a valuable lesson from those first-century Jews. What we **expect** from Christ is not always what we **find**. Christ’s Gospel was not one of health and wealth on this Earth. It was not one of moral laxity, or a half-hearted call to devotion. The Christ of the New Testament turned over moneychangers’ tables, set fathers against sons, cried out against divorce, and demanded undivided adoration. When we see something in the character of Christ that we did not expect to find, let us not join the majority of first-century Judaism in rejecting Christ and His Word based on a one-sided acceptance of the evidence. Instead, let us probe deeper for the full portrait of our Savior, based on **all** the evidence. Let us have the courage to go where that evidence takes us so that we can join the apostle Andrew in saying, “We have found the Messiah” (John 1:41).

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Sauk River 2019 Ladies’ Retreat

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

Where: 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 or (206) 595-7796