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Namwianga Mission, Zambia

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Roy's father, JD Merritt and first wife Alice. Left: Sister Iris (married name Elder, see page 3, age 96), brother Sterling, and sister Elizabeth

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George and Ottis Scott were Roy's grandparents. Dow and Helen Merritt were Roy's parents. Roy and Bill Scott (long time member and elder at Annapolis/Port Orchard COC) were cousins. Roy was born and raised in Africa, leaving in 1963 to attend Harding College. He graduated with a BA in Bible and Psychology and worked on his Master's degree there. He returned to Zambia in the fall of 1968 and continues to live and work there today. He married Kathi in 1993 and their son Sterling was born in 1994.

The Churches of Christ established Namwianga mission in 1920. Over the years it has greatly expanded in size and scope. Today it consists of an elementary and a secondary school. It also supports several other basic and secondary schools. It contains the George Benson Christian College, which trains secondary teachers and many graduates go on to plant churches around Zambia. Namwianga Mission also includes, the Namwianga Zonal Health Clinic, Namwianga Christian Community Radio Station. They conduct medical missions into the countryside in which several of our members have participated in over the years. Church of Christ Colleges send their students every year to help with the work there.

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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 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!

Saturday 04/07 *Deacons Meeting*
8:00 am

Sunday 04/08 *Congregational Meeting*
After Services

Tuesday 04/10 *Homes for All Meeting*
9:00-11:00 am
This meeting is located at the Salvation Army, Bremerton.

Wednesday 04/011 *Pray, Pray, & Pray*
6:00-7:00 pm *Numbers 6:24-26*

Sunday 04/22 *Merritts Visiting & Potluck*

Tuesday 04/24 *LifeLine Screening by Appointment*
9:00 am-5:00 pm

Serving April 8, 2018:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

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

Happy Birthday!

April: Craig Kenady-02, Jim Snead-06, Elijah Cormier-07, Bruce DeFord-08, Marydeane Furstenwerth-10, Jacob Hammock-10, Brandon Karn-10, Jarrod Coley-12, Rick Velasco-13, James Greer-17, Rubin Carter-19

Last Sunday

We had a special service last Sunday. If you missed this message, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com to see the Scripture references used. Thank you to all who participated in making this a successful event!



Merritts Visiting

Roy and Kathi Merritt will be visiting with us Sunday, April 22, 2018. Hope you can make it! Roy will be giving the sermon that morning. **Our monthly Potluck will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.**

Prayer Leader: Bob McDaniel

Scripture Reader: James Greer

Offering Thoughts: Ken Reinke

Communion Meditation: Dave Snyppe

Servers: Brandon Zepf & Greg Warner

Ushers: Jim Snead & Tim Duffy

Greeters: Karen Taylor & Lori Sanders

Prayer Partners: Darrell Fry & Laura Fry

Sound: Dale Sanders

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Kelli Keagle

Communion Cleanup: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Kelli Keagle

Youth Worship: Jessica Zepf

Preaching: James Greer

Left: Iris (Merritt) Elder, age 96, last surviving of the original 1920s group



Center: Roy & Kathi Merritt



Right: Roy & Kathi's son Jason and wife Cintia and children



Wednesday Evenings

What: Pray, Pray, & Pray (Numbers 6:24-26)

Where: Port Orchard church of Christ Auditorium

When: Wednesdays, 6-7pm

Homes for All

The next Homes for All meetings is Tuesday, April 10th from 9-11 at the Salvation Army in Bremerton. Members of the POCOC Tiny Cabin Village Fact-Finding Team will be attending. If you're curious about what a tiny cabin looks like, we now have one temporarily located in our parking lot. It will be open the next few Sunday mornings. Come on out and have a look. The insides will remain unfinished until they are placed. Please remember, a decision has not been and is not now being made to place a Tiny Cabin Village on POCOC property. We are gathering and sharing information.

Life Line Screening

When: Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Where: POCOC Fellowship Hall

Time: 9am-5pm

To schedule your appointment, please pick up a flier from the foyer or sign-up on the clipboard.

***If you have not already signed up, **LifeLine Screening has offered discounts to 4 individuals.** The discount is good for 1 Individual Screening (worth \$70) or you can have a \$55 discount off any vascular screening package valued at \$129 or more.

Sauk River Ladies Retreat: "Retreat to Victory"

When: May 18-20, 2018, 4pm Friday to Noon on Sunday

Where: 20988 Christian Camp Road
Darrington, WA 98241

Details: Supper will be served on Friday evening at 6:45 and at 6 pm on Saturday. If you have dietary concerns needing to be accommodated, contact Chef Brian at rblindahl@gmail.com or call him at (360) 473-9184. See the board in the foyer for more information.

A Few Good Men Needed: Chef Brian needs 2-3 men to help out in the kitchen serving the ladies. Contact him at the email or phone above if you are interested in scoring Boy Scout points with your wife.

Our Prayer List

Praise:

DeLoris Lawler home recovering
Jamin Mason home recovering
Delores Brun's son Greg & grandson
Shawn attending services
Awesome job young teen girls: decorating & organizing Egg Hunt Sunday

Healing:

Cyde Griffin, Laura Fry's father
Ruthie, LaDonna Latham's neighbor
All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer

Encouragement:

The new 9:30 class starting
Tiny Cabin Fact-Finding Team

Travelling:

Gary Chasteen & granddaughter Rachel
Atwoods

Other:

Our children, church, nation, President Trump and ministries.
That God will bless our deacons with wisdom in reaching the many decisions they are entrusted with.
Direction of our congregation.

April 1, 2018

Worship: 109

Class: Gravy

Offering: \$3,879.00

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Namwianga is also heavily involved in orphan care and this has been and is a passion of Kathi's. The are several orphan-ages including Eric's House, for older children and teenagers; Kelly's House, for toddlers; Eleanor's House, for newborns and babies; and Marjorie's House, which will house HIV/AIDS children. There isn't enough space in this article to cover all that the mission in Namwianga has accomplished, the work their doing now, or the plans for the future and I can't help but be amazed at what God has done there. How He has used what others and we have faithfully given to accomplish His great work around the world. Praise be to our God and Savior Jesus Christ!



Roy and Kathi are currently traveling in the States and will be here with us later

this month. Roy will be preaching April 22nd and after worship we will gather downstairs to share a potluck meal and spend time with them and their traveling companions. This is a day you're not going to want to miss. Hope to see you then.

Please let Kelli Keagle in the office know if you would like to receive Namwianga Mission email updates from Roy.

-References: *Potholes* by Roy Merritt;
Wikipedia

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Office Hours April 8-April 12

Open normal hours: M, T, Th:
9:00am-2:00pm and W: 10:00-
3:00pm.

Foyer Bulletin Board

Please view the board in the foyer for flyers and information on local gatherings of the saints. There are

several upcoming events posted there. Also, check out the right side of the board as we progress though the Tiny Cabin Village information process.

Garage Sale for Manger Scene Fund

To have a successful garage sale, donated stuff is needed. Please donate usable stuff. Not usable:

- No big exercise equipment.
- No old TVs or stereo equipment
- No badly stained, excessively used, excessively dirty, badly damaged, unworkable or broken, has an odor or appears to be unsafe stuff
- No items that go against church values or standards

The church garage is available for storage. If you need assistance moving items, see or call Barbara Chasteen or Rick Velasco.

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