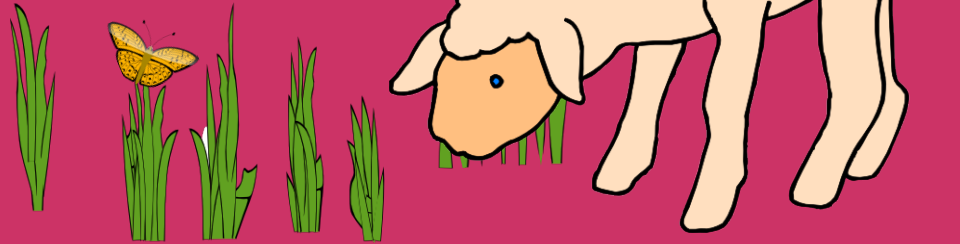


Port Orchard Church of Christ



• Jesus is Lord • Jesus is Lifted • Jesus is Lived •

The Jesus Who Won't Go Away (POCOC Bulletin, July 15, 2003)

Try with all your might, you'll never get rid of Jesus. Once you've heard of him, once you have acknowledged him, once you have come to the realization that He IS and that He is God's son, you can never again return to a satisfying life of doubt.

Oh, you may deny him. You may tell people you no longer believe in him. You may even convince yourself that He isn't there. But he keeps showing up...and often when you least expect him or want him. You've planned a full day of sin and self-indulgence. You expect to respond to every appetite that speaks up. You intend to satisfy that insatiable desire!

But just when you are really getting into it, just when things are beginning to shape up and come to life, He shows up. Oh, not full blown, not physically there...or is He? Just a shadow, an inner thought, a feeling, a sound. Just when you least expect him and least desire him, there he is.

You might as well accept it. He isn't going away. Not for good anyway. Not completely. No, you have come too far in faith. You can never again return to ignorance. You know too much. You know him! And he will never leave you, nor forsake you...not even when you want him to.

Did you ever try to run a dog off?...a dog that didn't want to go? With all your yelling, and throwing rocks, and kicking up sand, you may frighten him some. He may even go around the corner of the house, out of sight. But he won't go far. And before you know it, he is back again, in full sight. "Git out of here, dog. You are not welcome here. You don't live here any more. We don't want you. We don't like you. Go away!" But still he returns. And not for the food. You can withhold his food and still he hangs around.

Jesus is nothing like a dog! But I can tell you this...you will never get rid of him! No matter what. Not even if you want to. You have come too far. You know too much. You can never return to blissful ignorance, or satisfying doubt. It is just not possible. Jesus will always be part of your life.

So, go ahead, tell yourself you're through with him, that you no longer believe in him, or want him. You and I both know better. For the rest of your life your only true bliss, your only deep joy will be in Jesus Christ.

He waits for you.

-Melvin Byrd

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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!

Saturday 06/01 *Deacons Meeting*
8:00am

Sunday 06/02 *Congregational Meeting*
After Services

Tuesday 06/04 *Ladies Meeting at LaDonna Latham's House*
10:30am

Wednes 06/05 *Prayer*
6:00pm

Thursday 06/06 *Men's Meeting*
6:30pm

Sunday 06/09 *Potluck*
After Services

Serving May 19, 2019:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

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

Happy Birthday!

May—Isaac Benjamin-02, Gary Chasteen-03, Anna Harris-04, John Bickle-05, Brandon Delay-09, Julia Karn-17, Jasper Smith-22, Barbara Chasteen-25, Levi Herbert-26, Gene Gerard-28.

Last Sunday

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

Sunday Nights

When: Starting April 14th at 6:00pm

Where: POCOC Auditorium

Topic: *I Corinthian*

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock

Scripture Reader: Tim Blair

Offering Thoughts: Dave Snyp

Communion Meditation: Gene Gerard

Servers: Brandon Karn/Terry Bratcher

Ushers: Roger Taylor/Rick Velasco

Greeters: Karen Taylor/Deloris Lawler

Prayer Partners: Terry & Lisa Bratcher

Sound: Dale Sanders

Slides/Lighting: Isaac Benjamin

Communion Prep&CleanUp: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Jamin Mason

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Kelli Keagle

Youth Worship: Sarah Benjamin

Preaching: Tim Blair



Red Bracelets

There are red bracelets in the foyer. Please take one to remind you to be bringing our sister Rachel before the throne of God in prayer.

Herberts

There will be a special collection on Sunday for the Herberts' moving expenses. They are using the POD moving system so that their belongings can be stored until they get to their new house. They are needing an estimated \$5,300 for the move here to West Seattle for their church-planting mission. Anything you can give would be very helpful and much appreciated.

Note from the Secretary: Dale's Ministries

If you were here on Sunday, you may have gotten a green printed description of Dale's services to the congregation; if we missed you, those printouts and the attendant green response cards are available in the foyer. We are looking to train people to do those things that Dale has been doing. We want to train and get the new system in place before Dale leaves in order to make the transition smooth and to lighten Dale's load while he is still here with us. Please review those tasks and fill out the card if you can fill any of these positions.

Permanent Office Hours "ReChange"

In order to accommodate the potential new system regarding Dale's ministries, the office hours will be changing from Monday-Thursday to Tuesday-Friday *starting Monday, May 27th*. The Tuesday Update (email) said the change will take effect this coming Monday the 20th but that has changed. Office hours will be Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am-2pm and Wednesday from 10am-3pm starting the 27th.

DBCC Family Day

When: Saturday, June 8th at 10:00am

RSVP for your family, sign up to be a runner or walker for the 5K, or to bake a pie for the pie auction: <http://www.delanobay.org/familyday.html>

A group from our congregation are interested in walking or running the 5K at Family Day. If you are interested, please contact the office. Tammy and Ken Avery are team members.

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Our Prayer List

Healing:

Monica Shoemaker, Rachel Karn, Rebecca Pate, Roger Taylor's sister, Sydney Monk, Those Suffering from Colds and Allergies

Encouragement:

Penny Mitchell (upcoming surgery), Graduating Seniors, Chris & Lilly Mitchell for a Healthy Baby, John Bickel, Barbara Chasteen (ankle), Tiny Village Team, Our Congregation

Traveling:

Greers

Other:

Northwest Mission, For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village, Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders. Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

May 12, 2019

Worship: 90

Class: 50

Offering: \$1,764.94

Sunday Night: No Data

Change Cans for Mountain States Children's Home

Please pick up a change can and help participate in Mountain States Children's Home Change Can Campaign. We will have cans in the foyer to pick up on your way out. **Your change adds up to make a big difference!** The Change Can Campaign will end **August 11, 2019**.

International Justice Mission Tweens' Collection Page

The tweens have a new address for their IJM fundraising page: <https://ijm.donordrive.com/team/PortOrchardTweens> Please use this link to view their progress.

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School will be August 26th-30th. This is the last week of August. There will be planning meetings starting soon. We need all hands on deck. If you can do anything at all related to VBS, please attend the meetings. Our curriculum is "God's Word: Digging for Answers" and includes classes for children, youth, and adults about where the Bible comes from and how it came to be. There is a lot of archaeology and history involved in these classes. If you want to view the curriculum to see if you could teach a class or two, please contact the office.

From the Cormiers

Rodney and I are taking a class called "Leading Change" and we had to come up with a change plan. Our group decided to focus on the homeless/mentally ill community. On May 11th we will be feeding the homeless hotdogs, chips, soda/water and handing out care packages filled with travel size toiletries. This will take place in the 7-Eleven parking lot downtown Bremerton. We are hoping to do this on two other occasions before the quarter ends. Our hope is to keep it going even after the class is over (the whole point of a change plan). Most of the donations this time will come out of each group member's pockets and we are fine with that but moving forward we are collecting donations. **No Cash Please.** *Please spread the word to your churches, jobs, schools or anywhere else you may feel people wouldn't mind donating.* Please see the list below and whether its by donations, word of mouth or prayers our way, my group thanks you in advance! Please see our list below.

Travel Size:

Soap
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Feminine products
Gum
Shampoo
Conditioner
Hand sanitizer
Any other toiletries

Food:

Hotdogs
Small bags of chips
Condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc)
Bottles of water
Cans of Soda
Napkins
Plastic Plates