

# A Purpose of Adversity

# Psalm 37:23-28

When we're going through an intense time of adversity, it seems we usually focus exclusively on the momentary trouble. We frequently fail to see any value whatsoever in our suffering. God, however, has specific purposes for bringing us through times of hardship.

One reason He may allow adversity in our life is to teach us to hate evil. Now, you may be hesitant to use the word *hate* in any situation, and yet this is exactly what the Word of God instructs us to do. Psalm 97:10 proclaims, "Hate evil, you who love the Lord."

Isn't it true, however, that we often don't act as if we hate evil? In many instances, in fact, our tendency is to play around with it, keeping it close by for our own amusement, and making excuses for its presence in our lives. We may say, "Well, I can't escape evil in this world. It's all around me! I guess the best I can hope to do is to try and manage it appropriately." What a deception this is. We are not commanded to manage or manipulate evil; instead, we are instructed to hate its very presence. Psalm 37 says, "Depart from evil and do good, so you will abide forever" (v. 27). When we see evil, we are to turn around and run in the opposite direction! Yes, we live in a world that is permeated by evil, and we cannot avoid it at all times. However, we can remove ourselves from particularly tempting situations. The heavenly Father can help us recognize the evil one's pitfalls in our life. Pray and ask Him today for the wisdom and strength to avoid such traps.

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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

# Save the Dates!

Friday 5/19- Sunday 5/21 Sauk River Women's Retreat

Tuesday 5/23 Ladies Prayer Group

Wednesday 5/24 Wednesday Night Bible Study

Monday 5/29 Memorial Day

Tuesday 5/30 Ladies Prayer Group

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.

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# Port Orchard News and Events

#### **Pulpit Preview-**

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

#### Happy Birthday!

May has arrived, it's time to celebrate our May babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! 5/2 - Isaac B., 5/3 - Gary C., 5/5 - John B., 5/9 - Brandon D., 5/17 - Julia Karn., 5/25 - Barbara C., 5/26 - Levi H. 5/28 - Gene G., 5/31 - Sarah H., **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### Ken Avery

Ken Avery 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

#### **Service Roster**

The service roster is typically planned out a couple weeks in advance. To see who is serving in the coming weeks, please view the church website under the bulletin section.

#### Lucille Lowe Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Lucille Lowe will be held on Saturday, June 10th at 1 pm. A potluck will follow the memorial service. Bonnie Mitchell has been passing around reminder cards containing the dish you have agreed to bring. Please

#### Prayer Leader: Troy Hill Communion Prep: Keagle family Communion Cleanup: Sanders family Scripture Reader: Gene Gerard Offering Thoughts: Wayne Hammock Praise Team: Gene Gerard Communion Meditation: Bob McDaniel Servers: Terry B. & Brandon K. Ushers: John B. & Jim S. Sunday School & CW Helper: Laura Fry Greeters: Hill Family Prayer Partners: Avery Family Preaching: Gene Gerard Sound: Dale Sanders Slides/Lighting: Lori Sanders

## Serving May 21, 2017 :



continue to keep Lucille's family in your prayers.

#### **Dj Magneson**

Dj Magneson is recovering from her surgery at Northwoods Lodge in Silverdale. She can be reached there at 360-328-5207.

#### **Graduating Seniors**

Please let Carla Duffy or Bonnie Mitchell know if you have a senior graduating that we should be honoring.

#### Roy and Jo Vaughn New Address and Contact Info

6704 243rd Ave E. Buckley, WA 98321 Telephone: (253)-862-4461

#### **Food Handlers Permit**

For those planning to volunteer at Delano Bay this summer see below information;

As of January, 2017, all classes and testing for food worker cards must be done on-line. The Kitsap Public Health District will no longer offer in-person classes. The required course and test is available at www.foodworkercard.wa.gov. Note: Other websites that appear to offer a similar card online are not valid in Washington. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, you can take the test at the Kitsap Public Health District office (345 6th Street, Suite 300 in Bremerton) Monday – Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. You should plan on an hour to complete the class and take the test.

Additional information is available at kitsappublichealth.org or by calling 360-728-2235 (new number!)

# **Our Prayer List**

### Prayer requests:

**Healing:** Runell Mason Delores Brun Isaac Benjamin Dj Magneson

#### **Encouragement:**

Angelique Smith, Lucille Lowe's family, Seth and Sara Cartwright in China teaching, Our church, Deacons, Ministries, First Responders, Leaders and President Trump.

#### Other:

Roy and Jo Vaughn recovering from colds. Dale Sanders co-worker David and family. Graduating Seniors. Ladies Sauk River Retreat and our sisters traveling and participating. The Greer family traveling back here. Friends and family of Bonnie Mitchell that got hit by the tornado in Chetek , WI. A friend of Ken Avery, Dave Riggs is suffering from stage II or III cancer. Please pray for his recovery and for his family.

#### May 14, 2017

Worship: 86 Class: 31 Offering: \$3,758.00 Goal: \$3,437.50

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#### 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.

#### **Congregational Meeting**

Notes from the congregational meeting are in the foyer.

### 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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