
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

One more to go.

There was this moment in the aftermath of my little brother's wedding, where my friend looked at me, and amidst all of the chaos said, "Only one more to go." There is a little group of us who have persisted from my days in youth group, persisted being close and super involved with one and other at least. Of the three of us only one is still awaiting the dreaded, wedding day.

His is planned, it will happen in August, but the important part of that statement was the changing of times for us. It was easy to stay connected and close after high school because we three guys went to the same college. In the wake of this third friend's wedding that will change somewhat.

As we stood there we realized that once his wedding passes, he will be moving to Costa Rica, Trevor will be working full time as an auditor in Portland and I will be up here doing ministry. We will be scattered and facing new challenges, all of the marriage hurdles, and for the first time in our lives, relationships with one and other will become something we have to work at.

It was a bizarre revelation that in the space of one Spring/Summer we will be in totally uncharted waters. For the last two years Trevor and him have tethered our little trio together, and now it comes to an end.

It isn't to say that amazing and wonderful things are not ahead. Not a one of us believe that our best days are behind, but we have the stark realization that it will be different from here on out.

As I stood there talking to him I thought about the disciples. I know, very bible major-y of me to do, but I did. It must have felt similar, albeit more grave and serious, when they realized they were supposed to go back and ACTUALLY do the things Jesus taught them in the wake of His death. We know from John that they locked themselves up for fear for a time, and at the end of the fear some of them go back and try what they knew. (John 20: 19-29; 21: 1-3)

They found out what I am finding out. Sometimes things are meant to change. Having that close friend, the group, a relationship, a job, school or what have you, it is all temporary. God is continually shaping and molding us into something that will do His work and love Him more and more. All things change.

This week, my prayer for myself, my prayer for you, and my prayer for this church is that we meditate and explore how things are meant to be different. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

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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 5/22-25 Memorial Day Camping

Tuesday 5/26 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 5/27 Girls Bible Study

Friday 5/29 Youth Group

Sunday 5/31 Sunday Night Service

Tuesday 6/2 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 6/3 Girls Bible Study

Friday 6/5 Youth Group

Saturday 6/6 Deacons Meeting

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Devotional Reading

James will be leading the worship in a devotional style series of readings, and discussion. Come prepared with your bible for a wonderful time of studying and learning about our God through His Word.

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!

2nd- Isaac Benjamin. 3rd- Gary Chasteen. 5th- John Bickle, Virgil Lowe. 9th- Brandon Delay. 17th- Julia Karn. 25th- Barbara Chasteen. 26th- Levi Herbert. 28th- Gene Gerard. 31st- Sarah Hill.

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!

Faithquest

The time has come to start planning and considering Faithquest. For those of you who do not know, this will be the last Faithquest. They are inviting all alumni for time eternal to come and be part of its grand sending off. This event will be geared towards giving teens a wonderful and invigorating boost spiritually, but is open to any and all who have formerly been a part of this ministry. There are posters up, registrations at the ready, and you should consider going for this last time.

May Nursery Needs

Slot 1: 24th

Slot 2: 24th

Sign up in the foyer; see Lisa Bratcher for instructions.

Serving May 24, 2015 :

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock	Communion Prep: T. Avery
Scripture Reader: James Greer	Communion Cleanup: Hill Family
Offering Thoughts: Dale Sanders	Praise Team: Lead: TBD
Communion Meditation: Ray Switzer	
Servers: Trist. Herbert & T. Bratcher	
Ushers: B. Karn & B. Zepf	
Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders	
Nursery Attendants: Need Volunteers!	Fellowship Team: Donuts— D. Lawler
Sound: Chris Hill	Coffee— L. Lowe
Slides/Lighting: J. Bickle	Cleanup— D. Lawler



Campsite Information

Memorial Day is fast approaching! With its arrival we will be having our camp-out extravaganza, there is some information you need to know yet.

Where: Twin Harbors State Park (site G1)

When: folks can arrive as early as Thursday(5/21), check-out Monday(5/25).

If you require more information please contact Ken Avery.

Ladies Bible Study

If you are a lady who attends our church and you haven't yet attended the bible study put on by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00 yet, please consider adding this to your weekly schedule. This is a wonderful morning event held at the church building. It is a good chance to build deeper relationships with some of the women at our congregation, to learn about the bible, to pray and share, and mostly to have community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna.

Girls Bible Study

Calling all teen girls! If you haven't made it to be part of the bible study put on by Lisa Bratcher and Tiffany Rousseau yet please plan to get involved. This is a wonderful group centered around bible study, group discussion, prayer, and support. Both Lisa and Tiffany are doing a wonderful job hosting this study and would love to have you be part of it.

If you are a parent of a teen girl, and you would like for your daughter to be involved contact Tiffany or Lisa. Rides can be arranged if needed, and they are more than welcome to join.

Little Dresses

The Little Dresses group met this week and made another four dresses! As they quickly approach the needed number of dresses they are considering some of the work that needs doing in the after dress stage. They are considering making shorts for boys next! If you would like to join in on this work please contact Jo Vaughn or Sandi Warner.

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. Cans will be collected in August so make sure to grab your can today! Let's band together and contribute to their wellbeing! May God bless you as you seek to bless His people.

Our Prayer List

DeLoris Lawler, Lucille Lowe, Rick Valesco and families, For comfort and peace after the loss of loved ones.

Healing

Pam Woodrow healing after her accident and surgeries.

Lucille Lowe's Son

Yvonne Lawrence for Stress and back pain

Isaac Benjamin for continued healing and health, and to overcome fear.

DJ Magneson for healing of her broken foot, and relief from stress.

Karen Taylor relief from back pain, and expedient approval for shots.

Ava 9y/o with cancer, for healing and courage.

Sciotti family, healing after surgery and illness

Rick V's wife Nancy, in Cottesmore

All of those traveling and camping in the next few months

Our Church, Missionaries and Nation

May 17, 2015

Worship: 71

Class: n/a

Offering: \$2,180.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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!

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