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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## Strengths and weaknesses

I am sure all of us at one point or another have had to do a personality test, or a strength and weaknesses assessment. Be it for a new job, or a group growth program. For people on Facebook maybe just so you could find out which character you were from Lord of the Rings, or which Avenger you were.

While we may have taken these tests in a goofy fashion or seriously, they serve a purpose. Helping to identify a persons character and leanings is a deeply coveted skill. Being able to assess someone and how they will mesh with a group, accomplish a job, fit with a class. Doing this is something that feels like magic.

If you have taken one of those tests you know that often there are "wrong" descriptions of who you are at the end, but sometimes it captures who you are quite well. In those moments it feels so good to be understood. Sometimes it can really illumine in us a direction or motivate us into action.

I have been thinking about why we place so much emphasis on figuring out who we are, and why it is so darn difficult to do it on your own. One of the speakers at Pepperdine's Bible lectures talked about how the younger generation often thinks the best way to find truth or the REAL inner truth of something is to look inside of yourself. He chuckled at this finding and called it, "completely stupid."

I have been thinking about that and our unending search for our purpose. I think we desperately seek it out because we have a deficit of God's purpose for us in our life. If we are not finding the time to seek God's will a hole opens up in us. We start to feel discontent.

I would suggest this week as you are going through your day that you stop and spend time ruminating on God's purpose for you. He has placed you right where you are with the hope that you will be His arms and feet. That you will be an instrument of Jesus' grace!

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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!

**Sunday 5/29** Family Worship Day

**Monday 5/30** Memorial Day

**Tuesday 5/31** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 6/1** Youth Group

**Saturday 6/4** Deacons Meeting

**Sunday 6/5** Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday 6/7** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 6/8** Youth Group

**Sunday 6/12** Wilson Baby Shower

**Tuesday 6/14** Ladies Bible Study

## Serving May 29, 2016 :

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— James to preach**

This week we will be hearing a sermon from James Greer. We will be able to hear and be blessed by the study and preparation of our brother James. Let us prayerfully listen for the Holy Spirits guidance in his lesson.

### **Happy Birthdays!**

May has arrived! Flowers are blooming, sunshine is shining and the days are staying lighter a little longer each day! With summer just around the corner let us take a moment to celebrate this months many birthdays!

2— Isaac Benjamin. 3— Gary Chasteen. 5— John Bickle. 9— Brandon Delay. 17— Julia Karn. 25— Barbara Chasteen. 26— Levi Herbert. 28— Gene Gerard. 31— Sarah Hill.

### **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Meals Needed**

Bonnie Mitchell, along with Pene Hammock and Judy Van Lueven will be coordinating the temporary providing of meals on occasions when they are requested. Upon receiving the request , we will coordinate with the family to ascertain their needs – length of time, dietary restrictions etc. Once this has been determined through various means of communication we will contact the families here at POCOC for those who would like to participate with providing the meals.

There are some of you who want to always provide a meal, some who choose not to and some who would like to do so occasionally. Please email me if you

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Prayer Leader: Jim Snead	Communion Prep: Sanders
Scripture Reader: James Greer	Communion Cleanup: Bratchers
Offering Thoughts: Dale Sanders	Praise Team: TBD
Communion Meditation: Cody Rousseau	
Servers: D. Snypp & T. Bratcher	
Ushers: W. Hammock & J. Bickle	
Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders	Sunday School & CW Helper: N/A
Nursery Attendants: TBD	Fellowship Team: Donuts— Karen Taylor
Sound: Lisa Bratcher	Coffee— Rick V.
Slides/Lighting: Myron David	Cleanup— Karen Taylor

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fall in any of those categories and I will make a list which will be confidential.

This is a great ministry and can be an opportunity to serve others. If you have any questions, please be sure and call:

**Bonnie Mitchell 360-895-0453 (h) 360-265-3266 (c)**  
**Pene Hammock 360-871-9678**  
**Judy Van Lueven 360-692-0361**

### **Nursery and Communion**

Thank you to all who served in the nursery and preparing and cleaning up communion this year!

Are you gifted with little kids? Would you like to serve somehow but don't know where to start? We have just the place for you! We need for more people to sign up for doing the nursery and communion prep/clean-up for 2016. There are only a few slots left for Communion, so if you feel like you are willing and able, please sign up in the foyer for the next opportunity on our community board. We will be printing a new Nursery sign up soon!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Wilson Baby Shower**

There will be a baby shower for the Wilsons on June 12th during the usual time for the senior saints potluck. Everyone is invited! If you are interested in being a part of the group gift then speak with Tiffany Rousseau, Carla Duffy or Katrina Coley!

#### **Car Wash Fundraiser**

There will be a carwash fundraiser to help with building the new playground! All proceeds will be going towards the new toy, new fencing, and facelift of the playground area! We would love for as many as possible to be part of helping with the car wash! If you would like to be involved there is a signup sheet in the foyer or you can contact Tiffany. Carwash is scheduled for the 5th of June.

#### **Sewing Group**

The sewing group that makes little dresses for third world girls is starting up again! If you would like to be part of this group it meets every fourth Thursday of the month starting in June. The group meets from 10am-2pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. For more information or to RSVP please connect with Sandi Warner or Jo Vaughn.

## **Our Prayer List**

**Healing for:** Gary Chasteen, David Latham, Doloris Brun, Jodon Mason, Ben Mason, Karen Taylor.

**Kara Mitchell's** lumpectomy, that it shows no signs of cancer.

**Eunice Orser** and her family as they mourn the loss of her mother.

**Ladies Retreat** and those attending, that the Holy Spirit will be present and active.

**Guidance** for our deacons as they make decisions regarding our family and church.

**Cody and Tiffany** as they prepare to start a new journey in their lives.

**Josh and Savannah** that their baby continues to grow healthily and that Savannah is able to stay healthy.

**Deja Cormier** as she is adapting to life with a third child, that she and her kids will be healthy and safe.

**Prayer** for our homebound and infirm as they are unable to attend worship and fellowship with the family.

**Prayers for our church as it works through Growth Group materials and seeks to grow in love, faith, and hope.**

**May 22, 2016**

Worship: 94

Class: n/a

Offering: \$3,165.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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You have a most important function in this world. God has special purpose for you. If you don't fill yourself daily with Him you will find a lack of purpose, discontentment and an overall lachrymose life.

So instead of that please take time to fill yourself with the power and peace of our Lord this week. Be encouraged that God has a plan for you, a job for you, purpose for you.

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