
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Despite storms, the remnant survives. (Excerpt from Christian Chronicle)

When God wants His people to survive, it happens. It always has. When I reflected on 40-plus years of walking with Jesus, I have great respect for the churches where I have served and for the people that God has put in my path.

However many do not seem to feel the kind of joy I have experienced in my own walk with God. Many wring their hands and even panic about how Churches of Christ in the U.S. are not growing. I will not speak about which "flavor" of Churches of Christ are better than others.

I will not bring forward the saint, nor will I name the apostate as a "proof" of the church's effectiveness or lack thereof. I will, instead, point us to the notion that God wants His people to be successful in accomplishing His will.

And His remnant survives.

If the church is to grow, then it will not be because of practicing the right doctrine or pursuing social justice. It will not be because we do or do not have women leaders. It will not be because we do or do not use instruments. Our scholarship will not qualify us. Nor will pursuing trends of the popular church culture give us any real success.

All of these things are, no doubt, worthy of our attention and conversation, but they are not concerns that ultimately will help the church grow.

We will grow in real numbers only when those of us who represent God truly become conduits of His message of truth and life. We must project much more than the "niceness" of God.

We must avoid making "the church" the central theme of our message. We must surround people in our world with those who are not only love God but who also are willing to live out that love — outwardly, boldly.

I was brought to Christ by people who loved me and became conduits of Christ's love. They cared enough to talk to me, to embrace me, to mentor me and to challenge me. I can't remember anyone being mean, judgmental, abrasive or condescending. I can only remember that I was given great news in such a form that I wanted it for myself.

I owe my soul to Jesus and to those who cared for me with such love and concern. We become woeful people when we dwell on our lack of numerical growth — when we focus on storms of controversy we allow to surround us. Just at the wa-

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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 5/1 Youth Group

Saturday 5/2 Deacon's Meeting

Sunday 5/3 Congregational Meeting

Sunday 5/3 Areawide

Tues-Thurs 5/5-7 Office Closed

Tuesday 5/5 Ladies Bible Study

Sunday 5/10 Mothers' Day

Monday 5/11 Community Meal

Tuesday 5/12 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 5/13 Girls Bible Study

May Nursery Needs

Slot 1: May 3rd and following

Slot 2: May 3rd and following

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

Serving May 3, 2015 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Matthew 16:16-22

We will have guest preacher Seth Cartwright with us for this Sunday. He is back briefly from college, gearing up for his summer internship and has brought us a sermon that will discuss topics he has worked on this semester. Namely Matthew 19:16-22. Please warmly welcome Seth as he shares the Word of God with us!

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!

Sunday Night Service

We had a wonderful Sunday night service this last week! Thanks to all who came and shared with us. We were glad to spend some time in prayer, some time discussing and a little time fellowshiping.

If you are interested in being part of this event in the future feel free to attend!

Prayer Leader: Isaiah Zepf

Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau

Offering Thoughts: Ray Switzer

Communion Meditation: Trent Herbert

Servers: Trist. Herbert & T. Bratcher

Ushers: B. Karn & B. Zepf

Greeters: TBD

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Sound: Lisa Bratcher

Slides/Lighting: Chris Hill

Communion Prep: T. Avery

Communion Cleanup: Hill Family

Praise Team: Lead: TBD

Fellowship Team: Donuts— M. & B. Byrd

Coffee— Rick Velasco

Cleanup— Barbara Byrd



We will be having our next meeting on the 31st of May!

Upcoming Meetings

We have two meetings that are upcoming soon! We will be having our monthly Deacon's meeting on the 2nd of May. The second meeting to take note of is the congregational meeting that is scheduled for the 3rd of May. If you have a concern or need to bring to the congregation please share it with our Deacons who can add it to the agenda.

Campsite Information

Those interested in camping or have already committed to camping (Lord Willing). Memorial Day weekend are asked to meet to discuss the Group camp site (G10) at Twin Harbors State Park, topics to include potential for alternate dates, meals, car-pooling and etc.

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.

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!

Men's Group

The next men's meeting will be on the 3rd Wednesday of May. Plan to be there on the 20th of May at 6:00PM. We ask that you bring a food item for sharing. The host for the next meeting will be Wayne Hammock, for any needed information please contact Wayne.

Our Prayer List

Pending Surgeries

Lucille Lowe's Son
Bryon Bungart- Dan Gross' Son

Travels

James & Connie Greer
Dale & Lori Sanders

Healing

Darlene Woodrow healing after her surgery, prayers they got all the cancer.

Tanya Howard & Tammy White's father, for discomfort breathing

Margaret Meyers for her surgery on 4-21

Yvonne Lawrence for Stress and back pain

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

Greg Chasteen

David Lawrence co-workers from Japan dealing with cancer and kidney problems now back in the states.

Our Church, Missionaries and Nation

April 26, 2015

Worship: 90

Class: n/a

Offering: \$4,475.70

Goal: \$3,437.50

ter-walking Peter in Matthew 14, we begin to sink.

Honestly, is it so hard for us to see what the real problem is?

We have taken our eyes of Christ.

By Wyane Atkinson, *Christian Chronicle* pg 31.

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