

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Knowing more than Mosquitoes

Several years ago, our family camped at Potholes State Park and immediately learned that yellow jackets and wasps owned the park. Over the Memorial Day weekend, I learned more about mosquitoes than I wanted, they were so big, their mouths were like gigantic spears. The mosquitoes were so big I could almost hear and see them coming, I got to know them quite well.

I also got to know a lot more about our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.....did you know, Greg Warner served in the Navy, Tristin Herbert has a really cool nickname, Trent taught himself to play guitar, Lisa Bratcher is from California, Tim Duffy was once a merchant mariner, Tanya loves dogs (even Deja's), Terry Bratcher can really pack out a truck with room to spare, Darrell Fry served in the Army, Brandon Karn has cousins and family in Kitsap County, John Bickle likes to work around the BBQ grill, Katrina Coley and Deja Cormier know about 100 ways to eat oysters.

Did it rain, absolutely, was it cold at times, it most certainly was, but the camping trip and experience were great fun. We had an opportunity to make new friends in Austin and getting to know Roger and Linda Fry better. Is camping for everyone, probably not, was it a sacrifice in time for some, probably yes.

The fellowship with GOD's people was priceless.

Fellowship in the life of Christians, are many times overlooked or maybe we simply think of them as potluck and donuts (these are important too). Fellowship with family, the BODY of CHRIST, is so pre-

ciuous, so needed.

Transparency and confession are often associated with trust, trusting each other. Galatians 6:2 reminds us, "Carry each other's burden, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ". There were no break-out sessions, strategic planning or even a real plan of events for the weekend, simply good old-fashioned "hanging-out"! Funny how a campfire draws people together. Some relationships were forged, others strengthened.

As I wrap up this week and back to work, back to reality as it were, I drove around town, smelling the BBQ's and wood burning, I was reminded of an awesome weekend. If you weren't able to be there, you were missed and in our prayers, if you were there, THANK YOU for loving us.

Finally, my encouragement, let's not wait 364 days to "do something", if you're already meeting with Brothers and Sisters, continue to do so for we all need strengthening. If you're not plugged in, seek someone out to know them better. If you've missed seeing someone at church, please call them or visit. We've suffered several losses recently; endeavor to get to know more about your family while we can. Tammy and I live at 299 Bay Crest Court in Port Orchard, we'll leave the light on!!

May GOD bless you,

Ken

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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 5/29 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

Sunday 6/7 Congregational Meeting

Monday 6/8 Community Meal

Tuesday 6/9 Ladies Bible Study

May Nursery Needs

Slot 1: 24th

Slot 2: 24th

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

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Romans 5: Two Offers

This week as we study the book of Romans together we will find ourselves firmly planted in the fifth chapter. We will be discussing the offer of Christ and the offer of humanity. As we compare these two things we will discuss the benefits and motivation we can derive from the promised of our Lord.

Tea Party

We are having a tea party for the girls ages 7 to 12 on the third Saturday in June (it will be June 20). The tea party will be in the church building at 1:30. This will be a dressy occasion! RSVP needed to DJ at 360-876-8877. Thanks so much.

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!

Serving May 31, 2015 :

Prayer Leader: Troy Hill	Communion Prep: T. Avery
Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup: Hill Family
Offering Thoughts: Brad Orser	Praise Team: Lead: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation: Trent Herbert	Connie Greer
Servers: Trist. Herbert & T. Bratcher	Rachel Karn
Ushers: B. Karn & B. Zepf	Kenny Benjamin
Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders	
Nursery Attendants: Need Volunteers!	Fellowship Team: Donuts— M. Furstenwerth
Sound: Lisa Bratcher	Coffee— J. Furstenwerth
Slides/Lighting: J. Hammock	Cleanup— M. Furstenwerth



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.

Campsite Information

There was a wonderful Memorial Day camp trip that many of our members were able to go and enjoy! Pictures are above, and if you ask I am sure many will have stories and tales from this relaxing and wonderful trip! Be sure to let them know we appreciate having them back with us this week!

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 high school 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 high school 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.

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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 24, 2015

Worship: 52

Class: n/a

Offering: \$710

Goal: \$3,437.50

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!

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