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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## Fathers Day Stories

### First Embrace

by: Sang Le, Source Unknown

A young man was struggling hard on a dirt road to keep up his pace on a very hot day. He looked like he had not taken a bath for a long time. From the look of his dirty, tattered clothes and his bare feet, one could say that he was a homeless person. He pressed on with heavy breathing and occasionally stopped to wipe the sweats off his forehead. Dried and thirsty as he was, he did not take a detour to find a drink of water.

He then slowed down and came to a complete stop, putting his hand above his eyes to see who was standing far ahead of him. It was an old man of rather high social status. Even on such a hot day, the old man had put on his best outfit and was very well-groomed. He patiently stood there waiting in the middle of the dirt road. It could have been hours...

The young man gathered whatever strength he had left and ran toward the old man with great emotions. He stopped right in the front of the old man, gathered his composure and whatever dignity he had left. He was speechless... His eyes met the old man's, begging for forgiveness. The old man said nothing, although tears were rolling down on his face already. He simply ex-

tended his welcome to the young man with opened arms. It had been a long time since someone embraced the young man with genuine love, but this time, it was even more, because it was the embrace of a father to his son who was once lost and now has found his way back.

### Dusty Like Dad

"At the first church that I pastored, I had the job of mixing feed to supplement my income. For a period of about two weeks, each day that I came home from work, my two boys, ages 2 and 3 would look at me, smile, and would say, "Boy, dad, you sure are dusty!" I would reply, "Yes, I sure am dusty." Then I would get cleaned up.

I didn't think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my oldest son doing something very strange. He was picking up the gravel and stones that were in our drive and rubbing them into his pants. I asked him, "Want are you doing?" He replied, "I want to be dusty like you dad!"

I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father, a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything. What are you passing on to your son?"

– Jerry L. Steen

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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.

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## Save the Dates!

**Sunday 6/19** Father's Day

**Tuesday 6/21** Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday 6/22** Youth Group  
Cancelled

**Thursday 6/23** Sewing Group

**Saturday-Saturday 6/25-7/2** STS

**Sunday 6/26** Rousseau's Last Day

**Tuesday 6/28** Ladies Bible Study

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— Senior Blessing**

In lieu of a sermon this coming Sunday, we will be honoring the recent graduates. Please join us in that celebration.

### **Happy Birthdays!**

June has arrived! Summer is close, and Father's day is around the corner. With the arrival of the longest day and hot days and flowers we have a new set of birthdays to celebrate! If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a happy birthday!

3– Ray Switzer. 11– Judy VanLeuvan. 15– Lila Mason. 19– Christina Nystrom. 23– Miki Gross. 24– Kenny Benjamin. 26– Pilita David. 29– Greg Warner.

### **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

## **Serving June 19, 2016 :**

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock	Communion Prep: Reinkes
Scripture Reader: James Greer	Communion Cleanup: Sanders
Offering Thoughts: Cody Rousseau	Praise Team: TBD
Communion Meditation: Cody Rousseau	
Servers: B. Karn. & J. Snead	
Ushers: B. Zepf & J. Hammock	
Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders	Sunday School & CW Helper: Lori Sanders
Nursery Attendants: TBD	Fellowship Team: Donuts— Karen Taylor
Sound: Tristan Herbert	Coffee— Rick Velasco
Slides/Lighting: John Bickle	Cleanup— Pene Hammock



not to and some who would like to do so occasionally. Please email me if you 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**  
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### **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**

Thank you so much for all those that attended, planned and helped with the shower for baby Winnie. The Wilsons were showered with love. Please continue to pray for a Safe delivery and the preparations for her birth.

#### **Senior Blessing**

Attention Seniors: Elizabeth Herbert, MT Herbert, Chris Hill, Aleya White, Isaiah Zepf, Seth Cartwright, Andrea Hanson and Lydia Gerard. Senior blessings will be on Sunday, June 19. The blessing will be part of the 10:45 church service in place of the usual sermon. After the service concludes we will go down stairs for the viewing of the tables. More info to come on that.

Seniors, we will need 40 to 60 pics brought to the church by this coming Sunday so that we can get them onto your videos. Trent has said he is willing to do this for us, so if you have questions concerning this please contact him.

#### **Fathers Day**

Dont Forget Fathers Day is this coming Sunday!

## **Our Prayer List**

**Healing for:** Gary Chasteen, David Latham, Doloris Brun, Jodon Mason, Ben Mason, Karen Taylor, Dave and Yvonne Lawrence's grandson Dalton.

**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** Still continue to pray for a healthy mama and baby.

**Deja Cormier** Deja and her new job as secretary

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

**Graduating Seniors** prayers for all the graduating seniors - both high school and college. Prayers for the safe return of those students returning home for the summer.

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

### **June 12, 2016**

Worship: 91

Class: n/a

Offering: \$4398.20

Goal: \$3,437.50

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### **Luncheon for Rousseaus**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday June 26th, when there will be a luncheon honoring Cody and Tiffany following our morning worship hour. Please plan to attend and to bring your favorite finger foods to share. This will be hosted by the Tuesday morning ladies class. Any questions can be directed to LaDonna Latham or Connie Greer.

### **Sibley Visit**

On the 26th of June the Sibleys will be visiting with us and Tom will be preaching.

### **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 of Jo Vaughn.

### **do you love Me?...Tend My sheep. —[John 21:16](#)**

Jesus did not say to make converts to your way of thinking, but He said to look after His sheep, to see that they get nourished in the knowledge of Him. We consider what we do in the way of Christian work as service, yet Jesus Christ calls service to be what we *are* to Him, not what we *do* for Him. Discipleship is based solely on devotion to Jesus Christ, not on following after a particular belief or doctrine. "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate..., he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26). In this verse, there is no argument and no pressure from Jesus to follow Him; He is simply saying, in effect, "If you want to be My disciple, you must be devoted solely to Me." A person touched by the Spirit of God suddenly says, "Now I see who Jesus is!"— that is the source of devotion.

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