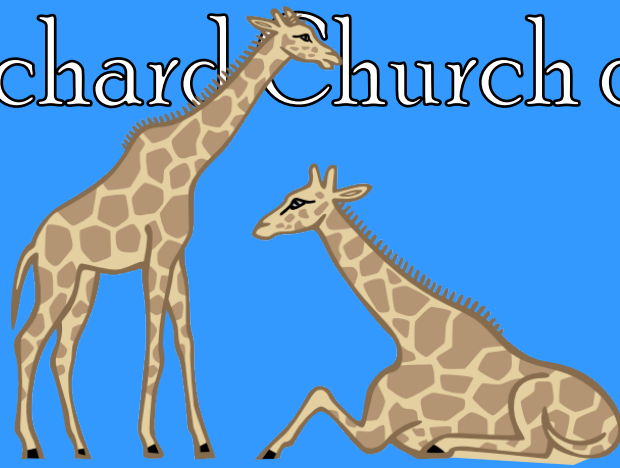


Port Orchard Church of Christ



• Jesus is Lord • Jesus is Lifted • Jesus is Lived •

“Christianity Could Not Possibly Be True”

What did atheistic author Mike Davis allege was the “smoking gun” that proved to him once and for all that “Christianity could not possibly be true”? What “sealed the issue” and led him to believe “Jesus was wrong...and no more deserving of our belief than any other guy”? When did the case against the Bible and Christianity become “closed”? In chapter one of his book, *The Atheist’s Introduction to the New Testament: How the Bible Undermines the Basic Teachings of Christianity*, Davis explained that Matthew 24:34 was the deciding factor.

In Matthew 24:34, Jesus stated: “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.” According to Davis, since “Jesus tells his listeners that the judgment day will come before the generation he’s

speaking to passes away,” and since that generation passed away 1,900 years ago, Jesus “could not have been divine” and the Bible is “untrustworthy” (2008, pp. 1-2). In actuality, what Davis confesses ultimately “proved” to him that the Bible and Jesus are unreliable is nothing more than a misinterpretation of Scripture. Jesus was **not** mistaken in His comments in Matthew 24:34—Jesus’ generation did not pass away prior to witnessing the things Jesus foretold in Matthew 24:4-34. But, Jesus did **not** foretell in those verses what Davis assumes He foretold. Davis and many others believe that, prior to verse 34, Jesus was describing events that would take place shortly before Judgment Day at the end of time. The fact of the matter is, however, Jesus was prophesying about the coming destruction upon

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Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to visit Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, we pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek to worship God like the first cen-

ture 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 names of the ministry staff 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.

Save the Dates!

Saturday 06/01 *Deacons Meeting*
8:00am

Sunday 06/02 *Congregational Meeting*
After Services

Wednes 06/05 *Prayer*
6:00pm

Thursday 06/06 *Men's Meeting*
6:30pm

Sunday 06/09 *Celebration of Graduates*
After Services

Serving June 2, 2019:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

Brad Orser will be giving the sermon this Sunday. Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

June—Judy vanLeuven-11, Obidiah Herbert-14, Lila Mason-15, Dorothy Fletcher-23, Miki Gross-23, Kenny Benjamin-24, Cathie Cates-26, Pilita David-26, Greg Warner-29.

Last Sunday

Avery Stafford gave the sermon last Sunday. To listen, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Sunday Nights

When: Starting April 14th at 6:00pm

Where: POCOC Auditorium

Topic: *1 Corinthian*

Prayer Leader: Brandon Zepf
Scripture Reader: Brad Orser
Offering Thoughts: Jim Snead
Communion Meditation: Dave Snypp
Servers: Brandon Zepf/Greg Warner
Ushers: Rick Velasco/Dan Gross
Greeters: Paula Hill/Lori Sanders
Prayer Partners: Dale & Lori Sanders
Sound: Lisa Bratcher
Slides/Lighting: Tanya Howard

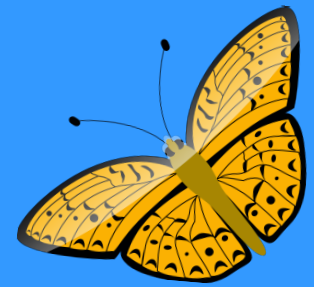
Communion Prep&CleanUp: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Sarah Benjamin

Youth Worship: Laura Fry

Preaching: Brad Orser



Red Bracelets

There are red bracelets in the foyer. Please take one to remind you to be bringing our sister Rachel before the throne of God in prayer.

Note from the Secretary: Dale's Ministries

If you were here on Sunday, you may have gotten a green printed description of Dale's services to the congregation; if we missed you, those printouts and the attendant green response cards are available in the foyer. We are looking to train people to do those things that Dale has been doing. We want to train and get the new system in place before Dale leaves in order to make the transition smooth and to lighten Dale's load while he is still here with us. Please review those tasks and fill out the card if you can fill any of these positions.

Office Hours

In order to accommodate the potential new system regarding Dale's ministries, the office hours have changed from Monday-Thursday to Tuesday-Friday. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am-2pm and Wednesday from 10am-3pm.

DBCC Family Day

When: Saturday, June 8th at 10:00am

RSVP for your family, sign up to be a runner or walker for the 5K, or to bake a pie for the pie auction: <http://www.delanobay.org/familyday.html>

A group from our congregation are interested in walking or running the 5K at Family Day. If you are interested, please contact the office. Tammy and Ken Avery are team members.

VBS Planning Meeting

When: Sunday, June 9th, After Graduation Celebration

Where: POCOC Downstairs Classroom

What: Introduction to curriculum, explanation of choices for games and crafts, VBS daily schedule, preparations going forward, etc.

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Mary Anne Dewett, Brad Peterson, Baby Levi, Monica Shoemaker, Rachel Karn, Rebecca Pate, Roger Taylor's sister, Sydney Monk, Those Suffering from Colds and Allergies

Encouragement:

Mike, Penny Mitchell (upcoming surgery), Graduating Seniors, Chris & Lilly Mitchell for a Healthy Baby, John Bickel, Barbara Chasteen (ankle), Tiny Village Team, Our Congregation

Traveling:

Latham Family, Chasteens, Greers

Other:

Northwest Mission, For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village, Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders. Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

May 26, 2019

Worship: 74

Class: 35

Offering: No Data

Sunday Night: No Data

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Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and not the final Judgment.

When the disciples went to show Jesus the temple buildings (Matthew 24:1), Jesus said, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (24:2). Later, when Jesus was on the Mount of Olives, the disciples asked Him three questions, beginning with “when will these things be?” (24:3). In verses 4-34, Jesus revealed several signs that would indicate Rome’s destruction of Jerusalem, including the temple, was near. [NOTE: “The fall of the Hebrew system is set forth in the sort of apocalyptic nomenclature that is characteristic of Old Testament literature, e.g., when the prophets

pictorially portray the overthrow of Jehovah’s enemies (cf. Isaiah 13:10-11; 34:2ff; Ezekiel 32:7-8)” (Jackson, n.d.); cf. Matthew 24:29-31; see [Miller, 2003](#).] In verses 35-51 (and all of chapter 25), Jesus answered the disciples’ last two questions: “what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3). To summarize, in Matthew 24:4-34 Jesus foretold of the coming destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, while in 24:35-25:46 He commented on His future return and final Judgment of the world.

How sad it is that so many atheists and skeptics believe they have disproven the Bible and Christianity, when, in reality, they have simply twisted the biblical text to mean something God never intended (cf. 2 Peter 3:16). The fact that Mike Davis highlights

Matthew 24:34 as the verse that once and for all proved to him the Bible is unreliable should tell us something about the extreme weakness of the skeptic’s case against Christianity.

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-Eric Lyons, M. Min.

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Change for Children

Please remember the Mountain States Children’s Home Change Can Campaign. The goal is to have at least \$45 in each can! If you prefer to write a check for your donation, just drop it in your change can or you can insert bills.

International Justice Mission Tweens’ Collection Page

The tweens have a new address for their IJM fundraising page: <https://ijm.donordrive.com/team/PortOrchardTweens> Please use this link to view their progress.