

All Efforts of Worth and Excellence Are Difficult

If we are going to live as disciples of Jesus, we have to remember that all efforts of worth and excellence are difficult. The Christian life is gloriously difficult, but its difficulty does not make us faint and cave in— it stirs us up to overcome. Do we appreciate the miraculous salvation of Jesus Christ enough to be our utmost for His highest— our best for His glory?

God saves people by His sovereign grace through the atonement of Jesus, and "it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). But we have to "work out" that salvation in our everyday, practical living (Philippians 2:12). If we will only start on the basis of His redemption to do what He commands, then we will find that we can do it. If we fail, it is because we have not yet put into practice what God has placed within us. But a crisis will reveal whether or not we have been putting it into practice. If we will obey the Spirit of God and practice in our physical life what God has placed within us by His Spirit, then when a crisis does come we will find that our own nature, as well as the grace of God, will stand by us.

Thank God that He does give us difficult things to do! His salvation is a joyous thing, but it is also something that requires bravery, courage, and holiness. It tests us for all we are worth. Jesus is "bringing many sons to glory" (Hebrews 2:10), and God will not shield us from the requirements of sonship. God's grace produces men and women with a strong family likeness to Jesus Christ, not pampered, spoiled weaklings. It takes a tremendous amount of discipline to live the worthy and excellent life of a disciple of Jesus in the realities of life. And it is always necessary for us to make an effort to live a life of worth and excellence.

Enter by the narrow gate....Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life.... -<u>Matthew 7:13-14</u>

-WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS



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Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to try out Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since 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

Save the Dates!

Saturday 7/9 Church Play Ground Workday

Saturday 7/9 JTS Camp Begins

Tuesday 7/12 Ladies Prayer Group

Thursday 7/21 Sewing Group

Saturday 7/24 7th and 8th Grade Camp Begins

Saturday 7/31 4th-6th grade camp begins

Saturday 8/6 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 8/7 Congregational Meeting



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fear of the Lord. Some things we do might seem names and to point them out! old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to you took this step to join us for worship, I would 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

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.

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Port Orchard News and Events

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Pulpit Preview– Here I am

Trent Herbert will be preaching this Sunday from Isaiah 6:8. Please come and hear him share the word of God with us.

Happy Birthday!

July has arrived and so has the heat! It's time to celebrate our July babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

7/5- Brett Hollmann. 7/16 -Yvonne Lawrence , Roy Vaugh. 7/19 -Dale Sanders, Peggy Hall. 7/23- Dorothy Fletcher. 7/25- Luke Orser. 7/27- Trent Herbert. 7/29– Dorothy Janes.

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

Prayer Leader:	James Greer	Communion Prep:	Avery/Cormier
Scripture Reader:	Trent Herbert	Communion Cleanup:	Sanders
Offering Thoughts:	Ken Reinke	Praise Team:	Gene Gerard, Rachel Karn,
Communion Meditation:	Ray Switzer		Paula Hill, Kenny Benjamin
Servers:	B. Karn. & J. Snead		
Ushers:	B. Zepf & W. Hammock		
Greeters:	Deloris L & Karen T	Sunday School & CW Helper:	Jennifer Delay
Nursery Attendants:	TBD	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Karen Taylor
Sound:	Jacob Hammock		Coffee— Rick Velasco
Slides/Lighting:	Dale Sanders		Cleanup— Pene Hammock



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 - (h) 360-895-0453 (c) 360-265-3266 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

Jeff Davis Visit

It was great to have Jeff Davis with us last Sunday. Jeff preached from Luke 7:36-8:3, the theme was Hospitality and Honor: Creating opportunities for forgiveness. If you missed his sermon but would like to hear it, it is now posted on the church website.

Delano Bay Christian camp-

JTS will be starting this coming Saturday. 7th and 8th grade camp starts July 24th; the deadline for camp fee assistance has already passed. 4th-6th grade camp begins July 31st and will end August 6th. If you are interested in going to that camp and are in need of camp fee assistance, please speak with Dale Sanders.

Church Playground

Jim Snead will be leading at work party this coming Saturday, July 9th. If you would like to participate please be here by 10:00 AM.

Wedding

The church has been reserved for a wedding this coming Saturday at 4PM. There will be no access to the church during that time. The family has a small budget for the wedding. If you would like to assist in making this a more special occasion and would like to provide a veggie, fruit or finger food tray, Please contact Michelle Herbert.

Our Prayer List

Healing for:

Veva Janes - Healing from a broken hip. Dorothy Janes - Healing from fluid around the heart.

DJ Magneson - Currently being treated for calciphylaxis on her right foot. Marci Velasquez - Having difficulty digesting food, has a paralyzed stomach. Kerri Schmelzer's - Her friend, Perry Chow, who's wife passed suddenly. Karen and Roger Taylor's family and friends - going through various medical treatments.

Sandi Warner's brother-in-law - healing hip surgery

Lacey Bruhn - recovering at Harborview from serious injuries due to an automobile accident.

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

Herberts As they dedicate their lives to God's mission and ministry work.

Josh and Savannah Still continue to pray for a healthy mama and baby.

Jodon Mason For commitment to God, himself and work.

Ken Avery His back is giving him trouble

Remembrance Please keep those in your prayers that have lost loved ones.

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Worship: 74 Class: 39 Offering: \$4,731.22 Goal: \$3,437.50

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Growth Group Bible Verse Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

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