

Port Orchard Church of Christ



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

Prepare to Meet Your God

He became gravely ill, even to the point of death. So, the Great Physician made a house call in the person of Isaiah, the prophet. The diagnosis was not good. He was told that he would not recover and that he should go home and set his house in order. Regardless of age, such news is devastating. Each person handles grief in his or her own unique way. But grief is often accompanied by denial, anger, and depression. Hezekiah, the good king of Judah, about whom these remarks are offered "turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord" (Isaiah 38:2).

Of all that may have been done in response to the news of his imminent death, Hezekiah chose the best course of action. He prayed. Just as he prayed when Jerusalem was surrounded by the vastly superior force of the Assyrians under the leadership of Sennacherib, so also, he prays at the disquieting news of the prophet. In his prayer, he reminds the Lord of his faithfulness and how he had walked before Him in truth with all his heart, doing what was good and right in His sight (vs.3). Then, he wept with great bitterness.

Weeping is not an indication of a weak faith; nor is a lack thereof an indication of a strong faith. Weeping in the face of heartache is a healthy human emotion. Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:35). The inspired writer of Hebrews reminds us that "He of-

fered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety" (Hebrews 5:7).

Prayer is a great solace to the grieving heart. Jesus invites us, saying, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). While this includes the burden we feel as a result of godly sorrow over the guilt of our sins; it also extends in ever-widening circles to every burden that causes us pain. Peter reminds us to cast "all [our] anxiety on Him, because He cares for [us]" (1 Peter 5:8 cf. Philipians 4:6).

Prayer changes things—even the mind of God. Before Isaiah had even left the premises, God gave him instructions to return to the king with this message: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life" (vs. 5 cf. 2 Kings 20:4). James tells us that "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (5:16). Because prayer is plugging into the power of God, it has the power to add years to our life or life to our years. We know that "if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14).

(Continued on back page.)

Church Staff:

Kelli Keagle..... 757.389.1382

Port Orchard, WA 98366
360.876.2604
churchpococ@gmail.com
www.pococ.weebly.com

Deacons:

Gary Chasteen..... 360.895.4143
Gene Gerard..... 360.876.4612
Troy Hill..... 360.674.7181
Brad Orser 360.874.8184

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!

Sunday 07/14 6:00pm	<i>Evening Meeting</i>
Wednes 6:00pm	<i>Prayer</i>
Sunday 07/21 After Services	<i>VBS Teachers/ Helpers Meeting (Lunch Provided)</i>
FriSat 07/26-7 FriSat 08/02-3	<i>Garage Sale</i>
August 26-30	<i>God's Word: Digging for Answers VBS</i>

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

Bob McDaniel will be giving the sermon this Sunday: "Get Off Our Donkey to Speak to Our Mountain". Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

July-Yvonne Lawrence-16, Peggy Hall-19, Dale Sanders-19, Sharon McDaniel-23, Luke Orser-25, Trent Herbert-27

Last Sunday

Trent Herbert gave the sermon last Sunday. If you would like to listen to sermons from other dates, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Sunday Evening Worship

When: 6:00pm

Where: POCOC Auditorium

Serving July 14, 2019:

Prayer Leader:	Michael Celletti	Communion Prep&CleanUp:	Rick Velasco
Scripture Reader:	Bob McDaniel		
Offering Thoughts:	Jamin Mason	Praise Team:	Bob McDaniel, Lorri Celletti, Rachel Karn, Michael Celletti, Jamin Mason, Ken Avery
Communion Meditation:	Ken Avery		
Servers:	Brandon Karn & Terry Bratcher		
Ushers:	Roger Taylor & Rick Velasco		
Greeters:	Deloris Lawler & Sarah Hill	Children's 9:30 Teacher:	Kelli Keagle
Prayer Partners:	Dale & Lori Sanders	Youth Worship:	Laura Fry
Sound:	Sharon McDaniel	Preaching:	Bob McDaniel
Slides/Lighting:	Tanya Howard		

VBS Supplies Collection

Please keep in mind the VBS supplies drive we are running in the foyer and return your donations by August 18th. Thank you so much for the supplies we have already received. Your donations are a blessing to our children and our teachers.

Garage Sale Help

Sale Dates: (Friday & Saturday) July 26th and 27th, August 2nd and 3rd

Before the Sale: We are in need of volunteers to mark garage sale items with prices, sort items, and organize. Please advertise by word of mouth and prayer for a successful sale.

During the Sale: We are also in need of volunteers on the dates of the sale to set-up (7:00am to 9:00am) and to put things back into the garage after (4:00pm and later). We need volunteers to work the sale as well and we are looking for someone who is good at handling cash to be the money changer.

After the Sale: On August 3rd, we will need to help packing up the leftovers.

Proceeds will go towards replacing our air conditioners.

VBS Teachers and Helpers Meeting

When: Sunday, July 21st after services in Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided.

Topic: Going over daily schedule, planning for rehearsals and VBS set-up, who is doing what clarification, supplies we have already and what we still need, snacks, skit rehearsal planning, etc.

Change for Children

Please finish filling your change cans for Mountain States Children's Home. The goal is \$62,000 to offset costs for clothing and perishable food items. Please remember to return your cans to the church building by **August 11, 2019. Your change adds up to make a big difference in a child's life!**

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Clyde Griffin, Sandi Warner, Kelli Keagle, Frankie Gower's sister Linda, Rachel Karn

Encouragement:

Family of Connie Kirk, Family of Judith Easton, Caleb Smith, Sarah Benjamin, DBCC Campers, Penny Mitchell (surgery), Chris & Lilly Mitchell for a Healthy Baby, John Bickel, Tiny Village Team, Our Congregation

Traveling:

Other:

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

July 14, 2019

Worship: 79

Class: No Data

Offering: \$2,351.81

(Continued from page 1.)

In a manner of speaking, each has received a diagnosis of impending death. If the Lord should delay in His return, we know that "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment..." (Hebrews 9:27). Needed preparation is not so much the avoidance of the inevitable as the

sure and certain reality of facing the judgment that is to follow. In view of this, Solomon concluded his twelve-chapter search for the true meaning of life with these words: "The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). While offered in the context of national judgment, the words of

Amos appropriately apply to our own responsibility in this life: "Prepare to meet your God, O Israel" (4:12).

-Glen Elliott
July 5, 2019

Accessed July 11, 2019 from <http://www.gbcofc.com/2019/07/prepare-to-meet-your-god/>

6th Annual Faithbuilders 2019: The Mission of Reconciliation

When: July 11-13, 2019 (See Foyer Board for Daily Schedule and Take-Home Brochures)

Where: Lakeview Church of Christ

1709 112th Street South

Tacoma, WA 98444

Contact: PO Box 1433

Puyallup, WA 98371

(253) 845-6312

office@faithbuildersnw.com

FaithBuildersnw.com

Proclaiming and Reclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Holgate Street Church of Christ Gospel Revival Meeting

When: July 21-24, 2019 (See Foyer Board for Daily Schedule)

We invite you to 4 days of Preaching and Fellowship with Evangelist Wesley T. Leonard, Senior Minister of Southside Church of Christ (Orlando, FL)

Where: Holgate Street Church of Christ

2600 South Holgate Street

Seattle, WA 98144

(206) 324-5530

To leave a message: (206) 696-3629

2019 Irondyke Family Camp

When: July 20-27, 2019 (See Foyer Board for more information.)

Theme: *Letters to RJ*

Speaker: Brian Leavitt

Contact: Doug Edmonds (541) 805-5070

douged@charter.net

VBS: God's Word

When: August 26-30, 2019, 9:00am-11:30am

Where: POCOC

Contact: Kelli Keagle or Sarah Benjamin.