

# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Jesus is Lifted

Jesus is Lived

Jesus is Lord



## Spiritually Lazy or Spiritually Vigorous: You Choose

**A Spiritually Lazy Saint...** *Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... —Hebrews 10:24-25*

We are all capable of being spiritually lazy saints. We want to stay off the rough roads of life, and our primary objective is to secure a peaceful retreat from the world. The ideas put forth in these verses from Hebrews 10 are those of stirring up one another and of keeping ourselves together. Both of these require initiative— our willingness to take the first step toward Christ-realization, not the initiative toward self-realization. To live a distant, withdrawn, and secluded life is diametrically opposed to spirituality as Jesus Christ taught it. The true test of our spirituality occurs when we come up against injustice, degradation, ingratitude, and turmoil, all of which have the tendency to make us spiritually lazy. While being tested, we want to use prayer and Bible reading for the purpose of finding a quiet retreat. We use God only for the sake of getting peace and joy. We seek only our en-

joyment of Jesus Christ, not a true realization of Him. This is the first step in the wrong direction. All these things we are seeking are simply effects, and yet we try to make them causes." Yes, I think it is right," Peter said, "...to stir you up by reminding you..." (2 Peter 1:13). It is a most disturbing thing to be hit squarely in the stomach by someone being used of God to stir us up— someone who is full of spiritual activity. Simple active work and spiritual activity are not the same thing. Active work can actually be the counterfeit of spiritual activity. The real danger in spiritual laziness is that we do not want to be stirred up— all we want to hear about is a spiritual retirement from the world. Yet Jesus Christ never encourages the idea of retirement— He says, "Go and tell My brethren..." (Matthew 28:10).

**A Spiritually Vigorous Saint...** *...that I may know Him...--Philippians 3:10*

A saint is not to take the initiative toward self-realization, but toward knowing Jesus Christ. A spiritually vigorous  
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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 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 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!

Wednes 07/15 *Pray, Pray, Pray*  
6:00-7:00pm

Friday 07/27 *Garage Sale*  
Saturday 07/28

## Serving July 15, 2018:

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### Sunday Preview

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

### Happy Birthday!

If you see these folks, wish them a happy birthday!

**July--**Brett Hollmann-05, Yvonne Lawrence-16, Roy Vaughn-16, Rick Bell-19, Peggy Hall-19, Dale Sanders-19, Chanda Hanson-21, Les Lewis-21, Sharon McDaniel-23, Luke Orser-25, & Trent Herbert-27

### Last Sunday

Ken Avery shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com) to listen.

### Supply Bags

There are more supply bags for the homeless in the basket in the foyer. There is also a cup there for donations to the cause.

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Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock

Scripture Reader: James Greer

Offering Thoughts: Ken Reinke

Communion Meditation: Brad Orser

Servers: Roger Taylor & David L.

Ushers: Brandon Karn & Terry B.

Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders

Prayer Partners: Dale & Lori Sanders

Sound: Forest Gerard

Slides/Lighting: Forest Gerard

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Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Keagle Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell

Youth Worship: Laura Fry

Preaching: James Greer

## Manger Scene Fund Garage Sale

The dates for the sale have been set for Friday, July 27th and Saturday, July 28th. *Volunteers are needed in the week or two before the garage sale to sort the donated items and to mark items with prices. Volunteers are also needed to help set-up, run, and take-down the sale on the sale dates.* Please contact Barbara Chasteen if you can help with any of these needs.

## HelpLine FoodBank Nursery

The HelpLine FoodBank Nursery is in need of volunteers to water the plants in their greenhouse on Sunday afternoons from now through the end of August. The summer is hot and the plants they sell to help fund their operations are in need of assistance on Sundays when no one else is there to water them. Tim Blair is coordinating teams to take turns doing this work. He can be contacted at (360) 801-0012. The HelpLine FoodBank is the primary source of food for those in need in our county. For more information about the nursery, visit <https://skhelpline.org/oleahs-plant-produce-patch/>

## Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at The Port Orchard Church of Christ on **8/20/2018**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979** If you would like a complimentary screening voucher, please contact the office. The voucher is good for one individual screening worth or can be used to take \$55 off any vascular package at \$129 or more.

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Roy Vaughn, Daniel Tillman, Clyde Griffin, DeLoris Lawler's sister-in-law Phyllis Morton, Charlotte Hahn, Runell Mason, David Latham

All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer & Addiction

### Encouragement:

Gary & Barbara Chasteen & Family, Our Number who Cannot Attend Services, TCVFFT

### Travelling:

Paula & Sarah Hill

### Other:

For those in our neighborhood who are afraid of the possible Tiny Cabin Village, Our children, church, nation, President Trump and ministries. That God will bless our deacons with wisdom in reaching the many decisions they are entrusted with. Direction of our congregation.

**July 8, 2018**

Worship: 88

Class: 49

Offering: \$3,219.20

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saint never believes that his circumstances simply happen at random, nor does he ever think of his life as being divided into the secular and the sacred. He sees every situation in which he finds himself as the means of obtaining a greater knowledge of Jesus Christ, and he has an attitude of unrestrained abandon and total surrender about him. The Holy Spirit is determined that we will have the realization of Jesus Christ in every area of our lives, and He will bring us back to the same point over and over again until we do. Self-realization only leads to the glorification of good works, whereas a saint of God glorifies Jesus Christ through his good works. Whatever we may be doing— even eating, drinking, or washing disciples' feet— we have to take the initiative of realizing and recognizing Jesus Christ in it. Every phase of our life has its counterpart in the life of Jesus. Our Lord

realized His relationship to the Father even in the most menial task. *“Jesus, knowing...that He had come from God and was going to God...took a towel... and began to wash the disciples feet...” (John 13:3-5).* The aim of a spiritually vigorous saint is *“that I may know Him...”* Do I know Him where I am today? If not, I am failing Him. I am not here for self-realization, but to know Jesus Christ. In Christian work our initiative and motivation are too often simply the result of realizing that there is work to be done and that we must do it. Yet that is never the attitude of a spiritually vigorous saint. His aim is to achieve the realization of Jesus Christ in every set of circumstances.

*-Oswald Chambers*

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