

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Beauty from Ashes (written by T. Rousseau)

This week, Celebrate Jesus suffered another fire. Cody and I were in the office, not even noticing the billowing clouds of smoke until several fire trucks drove by and their red glare reflected into the office window. We both stood there, unable to help, watching as black rose from what used to be a remarkable, story-telling ministry.

When Cody and I first visited POCOC, it was during Celebrate Jesus. As a theater major, this was an exciting ministry to me that I hoped to be a part of for many years to come. Flash forward to Tuesday, fire blazing, one of many scenes turned to ashes and this encouraging ministry is no longer on the horizon but a cherished memory.

I would be lying if I said I wasn't going to miss CJ. It was a time for bonding, friendship, craziness, and outreach. But as I stood there watching the buildings burn down, a song lyric popped in my head (if you can, listen to this whole song as it speaks greatly to this exact experience),

"And though I can't understand why this happened,
I know that I will when I look back someday,
And see how you've brought beauty from ashes,

And made me as gold purified through these flames." ~
Beauty From Pain, Superchick

This song is a healing song in letting go of the past and straining toward what is ahead (*Philippians 3*). It helps me emotionally wade through the difficulty of not looking back anymore. More importantly, it quotes scripture which is embedded with God's healing power, what we all need in order to turn our eyes Heavenward and walk.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— **to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes**, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor." - *Isaiah 61:1-3*, NIV

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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.

Cody Rousseau

Save the Dates!

Saturday 7/18 Kid's Movie Night

Sunday 7/19 RSVP's due for Runell's 94 1/2 birthday celebration!

Tuesday 7/21 Ladies Bible Study

Sunday-Saturday 7/26-8-1 YTS Camp @ Delano Bay

Sunday 7/26 Sunday Night Worship

Tuesday-Thursday 7/28-30 Office Closed

Saturday 8/1 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 8/2 Congregational Meeting

Nursery Needs

Slot 1: July 26th

Slot 2: July 26th

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Sign up in the foyer; see Lisa Bratcher for instructions.

Serving July 19, 2015 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Are you an ambassador for Christ?

Our brother Ken Reinke will be sharing a sermon with us this week. He will be speaking about our position as ambassadors for Christ, and the question "who do we serve and choose to represent?" will be discussed as we learn and grow in our image of Christ.

Conrad & Chanda

Chanda and Conrad Hanson married on Saturday June 27th. They were married here at the Port Orchard Church of Christ and many came to help witness and celebrate their union. Going forward we can help to uplift them and cover them in prayer! Remember them in your prayers as they experience their many firsts.

Jason & Sheridan Hall

Congratulations to Jason and Sheridan Hall! They married on the 11th of July. We are going to be putting together a money gift for the couple and ask for as many to participate as possible. If you would like to be part of this gift please speak with Connie Greer or LaDonna Latham by the 26th of July!

Let us cover this couple in our prayer and help to support them however we possibly can!

Events upcoming

7th/8th (YTS) Camp: Is July 21st-Aug. 1st. If you have a middle school aged child please remember to get them signed up as soon as possible!

Prayer Leader: Rodney Cormier

Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau

Offering Thoughts: Darrell Fry

Communion Meditation: Gene Gerard

Servers: J. Bickle & T. Herbert

Ushers: G. Chasteen & B. Karn

Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders

Nursery Attendants: Pilita & Myron David

Sound: T. Herbert

Slides/Lighting: J. Hammock

Communion Prep: Sanders

Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Praise Team: Lead: Gene Gerard

Laura Gerard

Connie Greer

Brad Orser

Fellowship Team: Donuts— DeLoris Lawler

Coffee— Lucille Lowe

Cleanup— DeLoris Lawler



Bbq's and fun things: We plan to have a number of bbq's and events as summer progresses please keep tuned in for the dates as some of these plans become more solid.

Happy Birthdays!

This month we have our next set of birthdays! If you get the chance catch these members this month to offer a happy birthday!

5th- Brett Hollman. 16th- Yvonne Lawrence; Roy Vaughn. 19th- Peggy Hall; Dale Sanders. 25- Luke Orser. 27th- Trent Herbert. 29th- Dorothy Janes.

Please wish these wonderful family members a warm happy birthday, God has truly blessed us with each of you, and we are so thankful for each of you! Happy birthday!

Faithquest

The time has come to start planning and considering Faithquest. For those of you who do not know, this will be the last Faithquest. They are inviting all alumni for time eternal to come and be part of its grand sending off. This event will be geared towards giving teens a wonderful and invigorating boost spiritually, but is open to any and all who have formerly been a part of this ministry. There are posters up, registrations at the ready, and you should consider going for this last time.

Youth Group Summer Schedule

For the summer we will be switching over to a different schedule for youth group. As the kids move into the summer busy we wanted to work well with their schedules. With that being said, we are going to be switching over to one or two events a month instead of a weekly gathering.

This will look like: disc golf days, bon-fires, game nights, bowling and all the other fun things we can think of. We will be doing our best to plan one or two events a month and keep engaged. Regular youth group nights will be picking back up in September with the start of school.

If you have an event or idea for activity that the teens might enjoy please feel free to connect with Cody and help bless some kids!

Ladies Bible Study

If you are a lady who is interested in a bible study and you haven't yet attended the bible study put on by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00 yet,

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Our Prayer List

Pending Surgeries:

Lucille Lowe's Son

Byron Bungart Dan Gross' son

Healing:

Pam Woodrow after her accident to heal and be comforted.

DJ Magneson healing for her broken foot and to relieve her stress

Karen Taylor relief from her back pain and for continued success from the shots.

Ava 9 years old with cancer. Prayer for healing and courage.

Sciotti family for healing and relief in the midst of surgeries and illnesses

Marcy Rick's ex-wife in Cottesmore

Yvonne Lawrence healing and relief from back pain, and stress.

Isaac Benjamin for continued healing and recovery.

Darlene Woodrow for her chemo treatments to be successful

James Greer healing after his shoulder surgery and hospital stay.

Loss of Loved Ones:

Warner Family

Lawler Family

Lowe Family

Vonnie Miller

Leon's family & Rick V.

All those traveling and camping

July 12, 2015

Worship: 69

Class: n/a

Offering: \$3,170.25

Goal: \$3,437.50

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please consider adding this to your weekly schedule. This is a wonderful morning event held at the church building. It is a good chance to build deeper relationships with some of the women at our congregation, to learn about the bible, to pray and share, and mostly to have community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna.

Coin Drive!

Coin cans are in! If you wanted a can please pick it up from the lobby on your way out this week! Remember that donations to Mountain States Children's Home directly benefit the children being ministered to there. Cans will be collected in August so make sure to grab your can today! Let's band together and contribute to their wellbeing! May God bless you as you seek to bless His people.

Nursery and Communion Sign-ups

We need for more people to sign up for doing the nursery and communion prep/clean-up. Both of these jobs are absolutely crucial to have filled for our church. If you feel like you might be able to serve in some way on these different spots please put your name down. We need to make sure we don't have empty slots on these sheets as soon as possible!

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