

The 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 To live a distant, withdrawn, and secluded life is diametrically opposed to spirituality as Jesus Christ taught it.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 enjoyment 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).

-WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS

Church Staff:

Deja Cormier 360.265.1466

Deacons:

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

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

> 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

Save the Dates!

Saturday 7/2 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 7/3 Congregational Meeting

Monday 7/4 Independence Day

Tuesday 7/5 Ladies Bible Study

Saturday 7/9-7/16 JTS Camp

Thursday 7/21 Sewing Group

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



Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview—

Jeff Davis from The Northwest Church of Christ will be preaching this Sunday. He will be preaching from Luke 7:36-8:3, and the theme is Hospitality and Honor: Creating opportunities for forgiveness.

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.

Serving July 3, 2016:

Prayer Leader: Trent Herbert Communion Prep: Avery/Cormier

Scripture Reader: Wayne Hammock Communion Cleanup: Sanders

Offering Thoughts: James Green Praise Team: Gene Gerard, Deja Cormier,

Communion Meditation: Dale Sanders Rachel Karn, Brad Orser

> Servers: B. Karn. & J. Snead Ushers: B. Zepf & J. Hammock

Sunday School & CW Helper: Tammy Avery Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders

Nursery Attendants: TBD Fellowship Team: Donuts— DeLoris Lawler

> Sound: Tristan Herbert Coffee— Lucille Lowe

Slides/Lighting: Jacob Hammock 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 360-895-0453 (h) 360-265-3266 (c) 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

Luncheon for Rousseaus

Thank you to everyone who attended the going away lunch for Cody and Tiffany. Thank you to those who cooked, decorated and cleaned up after. A big thank you to Cody and Tiffany for all you have done for this church family. You will be missed greatly.

Sibley Visit

It was great to have the Sibleys with us last Sunday. If you missed Tom Sibleys sermon and would like to hear it, it is posted on the church website.

Delano Bay Christian camp

JTS is soon approaching the deadline for that session has already passed. If you are considering going to 7th and 8th grade camp and are in need of help with your camp fee, please speak with Dale Sanders no later than July 5th.

Church Playground

More progress has been made to the church playground! Thank you to all those who have worked on it this far. If you would like to help work on it in the future, please contact Jim Snead.

Our Prayer List

Healing for:

Veva Janes - Healing from a broken hip currently at St Anthony's Dorothy Janes - Healing from fluid around the heart and oxygen down - currently in Harrison Room 372 Bed 2 DJ Magneson - Currently being treated for calciphylaxis on her right foot Marci Velasquez - Having difficulty digesting food, has a paralyzed stomach Kerri Schmelzer's friend -who is in Orlando burn center having been burned in a grease fire

Karen and Roger Taylor's family and friends - going through various medical treatments

Sandi Warner's brother-in-law - healing from infection following hip surgery Lacey Bruhn - recovering at harborview from serious injuries due to an automobile accident.

Praise That Baby Elijah is home and healthy. Rodney and Deja would like to everyone for all their prayers.

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

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

Jodon Mason For commitment to God, himself and work.

Chasteen/Brun Family Our deepest sympathy over the passing of Amber.

June 26, 2016

Worship: 95 Class: 56 Offering: \$2,541.75

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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