

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Jesus is Lifted

Jesus is Lived

Jesus is Lord



God's Purpose or Mine?

He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side... Mark 6:45

We tend to think that if Jesus Christ compels us to do something and we are obedient to Him, He will lead us to great success. We should never have the thought that our dreams of success are God's purpose for us. In fact, His purpose may be exactly the opposite. We have the idea that God is leading us toward a particular end or a desired goal, but He is not. The question of whether or not we arrive at a particular goal is of little importance, and reaching it becomes merely an episode along the way. What we see as only the process of reaching a particular end, God sees as the goal itself.

What is my vision of God's purpose for me? Whatever it may be, His purpose is for me to depend on Him and on His power *now*. If I can stay calm, faithful, and unconfused while in the middle of the turmoil of life, the goal of the purpose of God is being ac-

complished in me. God is not working toward a particular finish— His purpose is the process itself. What He desires for me is that I see “Him walking on the sea” with no shore, no success, nor goal in sight, but simply having the absolute certainty that everything is all right because I see “Him walking on the sea” ([Mark 6:49](#)). It is the process, not the outcome, that is glorifying to God.

God's training is for now, not later. His purpose is for this very minute, not for sometime in the future. We have nothing to do with what will follow our obedience, and we are wrong to concern ourselves with it. What people call preparation, God sees as the goal itself. God's purpose is to enable me to see that He can walk on the storms of my life right now. If we have a further goal in mind, we are not paying enough attention to the present time. However, if we realize that moment-by-moment obedience is the goal, then each moment as it comes is precious.

-Oswald Chambers

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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!

Saturday 07/07 *Deacons' Meeting*
8:00 am

Saturday 07/07 *Memorial Service*
3:00 pm *for Delores Brun*

Sunday 07/08 *Congregational*
After Services *Meeting, Village*
 Vote, & Potluck

Wednes 07/11 *Pray, Pray, & Pray*
6:00-7:00 pm *John 14:12-13*

Friday 07/27 *Garage Sale*

Saturday 07/28

Serving July 8, 2018:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

Ken Avery 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

James Greer shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at 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.

Prayer Leader: Darrell Fry

Scripture Reader: Ken Avery

Offering Thoughts: Isaiah Zepf

Communion Meditation: Dale Sanders

Servers: Roger Taylor & David L.

Ushers: Brandon Karn & Terry B.

Greeters: Deloris Lawler & Karen T.

Prayer Partners: Terry & Lisa Bratcher

Sound: Dale Sanders

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Keagle Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Kelli Keagle

Youth Worship: Jessica Zepf

Preaching: Ken Avery

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/>

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Roy Vaughn, Daniel Tillman, Ernie Ashcraft, Wendy Cochran, Bret Blankenship, Clyde Griffin, DeLoris Lawler, Dorothy Fletcher, Charlotte Hahn, Runell Mason, David Latham
All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer

Encouragement:

Gary & Barbara Chasteen & Family, Kyle Wyatt, 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, 2018 Graduates, 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 1, 2018

Worship: 63

Class: 36

Offering: \$2,774.52

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labor are the thousands of young people across the country who are now productive adults raising their own children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”²

“Hope Christian School is also located on our property and is accredited by the state of Florida, providing a private, quality, Christian education to each of our children including a well-rounded sports program. Our school program begins in our Nursery through the 12th grade. Over 90% of the students who graduate from Hope Christian School will continue to college.”²

Along the way there have been many trials and Satan has tried to damage the work being done but they have survived and when the call came to do this work in Honduras they pressed on and the first cottage was built in 2011.

And while all of this was going on God was working on the future of the Honduras team:

Darrell and Laura Fry's granddaughter Rachele Tilman met John Gardner at

Cascade Christian College in Portland over 10 years ago. Drawn together by a similar quirky sense of humor and love of the Lord their relationship developed quickly. John told her early on you need to know I plan to go work in an orphanage probably in Africa and Rachele took that dream on with him. They married and after a short time in Texas John joined the Air Force and they saw quite a bit of the world. The dream never left them. They were stationed in Florida. July 2014 they were asked to be chaperones for the church youth group mission to Honduras to work at Hope Children's Home. It was there that they felt the call to become involved in this ministry and work with Hope Children's Home. John still needed to finish out his service time but they made contact with Hope's home campus in Tampa. They went through the interview process and by the time John was out of the military they had sold most of their

furnishings and belongings and made the move to Tampa in July 2015.

They received training in every aspect and eventually became house parents at one of the Tampa cottages. It was an amazing time and now they had 4 children of their own along with about 16 others.

Always working toward the goal they eventually entered language school and arrived in Honduras January 2018.

There have been lots of adventures; some would call them obstacles but Rachele and John see them as opportunities to see God's hand in blessing the work with these precious children.

¹Quoted text taken from <http://www.hopeofhonduras.org/about-us/> (Access Date: 06/28/2018)

²Quoted texts taken from <http://www.hopechildrenshome.org/about-hope-childrens-home/> (Access Date: 06/28/2018)

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