
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Galatians 5:13

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Visions Becoming Reality

We always have a vision of something before it actually becomes real to us. When we realize that the vision is real, but is not yet real in us, Satan comes to us with his temptations, and we are inclined to say that there is no point in even trying to continue. Instead of the vision becoming real to us, we have entered into a valley of humiliation.

Life is not as idle ore,
But iron dug from central gloom,
And battered by the shocks of doom
To shape and use.

God gives us a vision, and then He takes us down to the valley to batter us into the shape of that vision. It is in the valley that so many of us give up and faint. Every God-given vision will become real if we will only have patience. Just think of the enormous amount of free time God has! He is never in a hurry. Yet we are always in such a frantic hurry. While still in the light of the glory of the vision, we go right out to do things, but the vision is not yet real in us. God has to take us into the valley and put us through fires and floods to batter us into shape, until we get to the point where He can trust us with the reality of the vision. Ever since God gave us the vision, He has been at work. He is getting us into the shape of the goal He has for us, and yet over and over again we try to escape from the Sculptor's hand in an

effort to batter ourselves into the shape of our own goal.

The vision that God gives is not some unattainable castle in the sky, but a vision of what God wants you to be down here. Allow the Potter to put you on His wheel and whirl you around as He desires. Then as surely as God is God, and you are you, you will turn out as an exact likeness of the vision. But don't lose heart in the process. If you have ever had a vision from God, you may try as you will to be satisfied on a lower level, but God will never allow it.

-My Utmost For His Highest



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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.

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Save the Dates!

Tuesday 7/11 Ladies Prayer Group

Wednesday 7/12 Bible Class

Friday 7/21 Tops Garage Sale

Saturday 7/22 Tops Garage Sale

Friday 8/18-8/20 Sauk Rivers Men's Retreat

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview—

James Greer will be preaching this upcoming Sunday. Worship Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

July has arrived, it's time to celebrate our July babies. If you see any of these brothers and sisters, make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! 7/5 - Bret Hollmann., 7/16 - Yvonne Lawrence, Roy Vaughn., 7/19 - Peggy Hall, Dale Sanders., 7/23 - Dorothy Fletcher., 7/25 - Luke Orser., 7/27 - Trent Herbert.,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Greer

James Greer shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

Bonnie Mitchell

Bonnie Mitchell will not have phone or internet service until this coming Saturday. If you need to speak to her immediately, she can be reached on her cell phone at (360) 265-3266.

Congregational Meeting Notes

Notes from the congregational meeting are in the foyer.

Serving July 9, 2017 :

Prayer Leader:	Wayne Hammock	Communion Prep:	Carla Duffy
Scripture Reader:	James Greer	Communion Cleanup:	Bratcher/Keagle family
Offering Thoughts:	Brad Orser	Praise Team:	Darrell F., Paula H., Brad O., Rachel K.
Communion Meditation:	Darrell Fry		
Servers:	Greg W. & John B.		
Ushers:	Brandon K. & Terry B.	Sunday School & CW Helper:	Sarah B. & Barbara C.
Greeters:	Sarah H. & Karri S.	Children's Church:	Laura Fry
Prayer Partners:	Dale S. & Carla D.	Preaching:	James Greer
Sound:	Jacob Hammock		
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		



Delano Bay Update

Over the past two sessions there has been 75 campers , 25 adult counselors and five baptisms. The Port Orchard Church of Christ actively supports Delano Bay Christian Camp, providing a \$200 monthly donation. Lisa Bratcher and Jeff Duffy are our representatives for the Delano Bay board.

Children's Ministry

Opportunity is Knocking: As our children's program adjusts, the 9:30 format is becoming more like showing video and / or assisting DJ with a craft and / or assisting with songs for upcoming events. This means that some of you who did not feel qualified to teach, now have a new opportunity to build a relationship with the future church by assisting with these activities. These are AWE-SOME kids. If you would like to give this a try, let Dale Sanders know.

Children's Teaching Committee Points of Contact

Dale Sanders
Laura Fry
Jennifer Delay

New Tween Class Ages 10-12

New Tween Class for ages 10 to 12 will start this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The class will be taught by Sarah Benjamin, Ken and Tammy Avery alternating Sundays. We are excited for this class to help our preteens deal with worldly situations in a Godly way and to build their relationship with God. Please keep this new class in your prayers.

Senior Saints Potluck

When: Sunday, July 9th
Where: Port Orchard Church of Christ
Time: Directly after service

Kandle Water Park

When: Sunday, July 16th
Where: Kandle Water park in Tacoma
Cost: Children of all ages free, cost for adults will be \$10.
Time: 12-5 pm

Please bring your own snacks, juice will be provided. You can pick up a permission slip for your child in the foyer. Please fill it out and return it immediately, so we can get a head count. We will be using the church van as transportation.

Our Prayer List

Prayer requests:

Healing:

David Latham
Runell Mason
Delores Brun
Isaac Benjamin
DJ Magneson
Bryan Hollmann
Linda (friend of Deloris Lawler)
Melvin Byrd
Dale Sanders

Encouragement:

Seth and Sara Cartwright in China teaching, Starla Hauser's family, Nancy Armenta, Karen Taylor's son and wife, Widow and Widowers, Our brothers and sisters who are caregivers to their loved ones, The Woodrow family, Our church, Deacons, Ministries, First Responders, Leaders and President Trump .

Other:

Rubin & Mary Carter
Joy Collins, Cindy Snead's ex sister-in-law passed away from cancer. Please keep both the Snead family and the Collins family in your prayers.

Praise:

Ariana Avery and Hailey Denault were baptized last Sunday.

July 2, 2017

Worship: 100

Class: 41

Offering: \$2,735.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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Sauk River Men's Retreat

What: Sauk River Men's Retreat

When: August 18th – August 20th

Where: Sauk River Christian Camp

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Contact Jay Keith at
jayhkeith@hotmail.com or Nyla Jones
at Nyla@saukcamp.com with any ques-
tions or for more information.

Trent Herbert

Trent would like to invite mothers and children from our community to church every Wednesday afternoon for a time of book reading and fellowship. This would take place for the duration of July. He would also like to have a Gospel meeting, which would take place on July 28th, 29th, and 30th. The focus of this gospel meeting will be "family". In order to get the community to gather for either of these events, we will need to do some door knocking. If you are

willing to help in any way, please con-
tact Trent or Michelle Herbert.

Remaining Delano Bay Camp Dates

JTS: 9th & 10th Grades

Director: Brad Grow

Dates: July 8 - July 15, 2017

Price: Deposit = \$100

Early Registration = \$225

Late Registration (after 6/23) = \$275

YTS: 7th & 8th Grades

Director: Ben Cook

Dates: July 23 - July 29, 2017

Price: Deposit = \$75

Early Registration = \$150

Late Registration (after 7/07) = \$200

4th-6th Grades

Co-Directors: Jeff Oden & Brandon York

Dates: July 30 - Aug. 5, 2017

Price: Deposit = \$75

Early Registration = \$150

Late Registration (after 7/14) = \$200

Contentment

..Allows us to enjoy the present situation.

..Allows us to enjoy the success of others.

..Does not cause us to envy other's success.

..Allows us to be thankful

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you

have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;

never will I forsake you."

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