
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

“Coffee tastes like coffee...” : By Cody Rousseau

I have lived almost all of my life drinking good old fashioned Folgers coffee. My dad used to make it and we would load in the creamer and sugar and drink it. When I worked in food service, we had the badly burned cheapest Starbucks you could get coffee. Never did I have the “good” stuff.

Then my wife started to work at Starbucks and it all changed. Suddenly, there was a great divide in the quality of coffee! There was that which was allowed under our roof and that which was not. There were whole new worlds of tastes, flavor profiles, roasts, and frankly, information I didn't even knew existed.

It was odd at first, coffee just tasted like coffee. Maybe it didn't have that biting sour aftertaste I was used to from Folgers or it felt a little different somehow, but after a while, I noticed flavors really WERE there and different regions had different flavors!

Eventually, I realized I couldn't stand the “regular” stuff anymore. It wasn't until I looked back and had experienced enough *good* coffee that I even realized there was

a difference in quality. My memories told me that Folgers was just fine.

Well, long walk for a short drink of coffee, we do this all the time with our faith right? We get this awesome new gift (Grace and Mercy) from God and we continue on not realizing the gravity of the change just made. We make it down the road a way and start to maybe feel the hint of how good it really is, and then we have to take the next step.

We have to wrestle with this idea that mercy and grace are not an obligatory action God takes. He doesn't owe us anything. All too often we forget the grandness of the GIFT God gives us. We don't really compare it to our former lost self and we instead feel like “coffee is coffee” and forget that we get the *really good stuff!*

This week, meditate on grace and mercy from the point of view that God has gifted us something completely opposite of what we deserve, something *good*, and feel the new life and joy that comes with knowing you don't have to drink the “regular stuff” anymore!

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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!

Thursday-Friday 8/13-15 Garage Sale @ Church building

Tuesday 8/18 Ladies Bible Study

Sunday 8/23 2pm-5pm Family Water Park Trip!

Tuesday 8/24 Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday 9/1 Ladies Bible Study

Friday 9/4-9/7 Faithquest (@ Camp Yamhill in Oregon)

Monday 9/7 Labor Day

Monday 9/14 Community Meal

Nursery Needs

Slot 1: n/a

Slot 2: n/a

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

Serving Aug 16, 2015 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview- Where are the Lightning Bolts

This week we get to hear our brother Dale Sanders share about his study of Gideon.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery and Communion Sign-ups

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. Both of these jobs are very important for our Sunday services, so if you feel like you are willing and able, please sign up in the foyer for the next opportunity. Don't know what these different serving opportunities look like/ require? Just see Cody Rousseau after church and he'll walk you through them.

Coin Drive!

There are still plenty of coin cans in the foyer! If you wanted a can please pick it 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 on **August 16th**. Let's band together and contribute to their wellbeing!

Places To Serve in Sunday Worship

If you would like to be involved in some way with the worship service on

Prayer Leader: Rodney Cormier

Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau

Offering Thoughts: Jim Snead

Communion Meditation: Cody Rousseau

Servers: Dave Snypp & W. Hammock

Ushers: G. Chasteen & Kenny B.

Greeters: Karen Taylor & Deloris Lawler

Nursery Attendants: Pilita & Myron David

Sound: J. Bickle

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher

Communion Prep: Sanders

Communion Cleanup: Wilsons

Praise Team: Gene Gerard

Connie Greer

Rachel Karn

Kenny Benjamin

Children's Church Helper: Tammy Avery

Fellowship Team: Donuts—

Coffee—

Cleanup—



Sundays during the service, in the Children's Bible Hour, or want to join/host a small group or bible study, please contact the office with an email and get put into the rotation!

Also, if you are interested in preaching, please contact James Greer or Cody Rousseau and they will schedule you for a Sunday. We would love to hear from more members of our congregation on Sunday morning sharing God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Happy Birthdays!

August isn't just a month people get married, it's also a month full of birthdays! If you get the chance, try to catch these members this month to offer a happy birthday!

1—Tanya Howard; 3—Sha'lon Pyke; 6—Larry Trail; 6—Scott Hall; 17th—Cody Rousseau; 17—Terry Bratcher; 18—Rodney Cormier 20—Jeff Duffy; 20—Connie Greer; 25—Colleen Trail; 25—Dave Snynn; 28—David Latham

Children's Ministry—Family Water Park Trip!—Sunday, August 23rd

Have your kids told you yet? Our theme in Sunday school and Children's church is WATER PARK! We are learning about the Exodus through the lens of a family vacation to the water park and at the end of our lessons, we are going to have a real-life application experience by going on a *field trip!*

At 2pm on Sunday, August 23rd, we will caravan to Kandle Spraygrounds and Pool in Tacoma to celebrate God's deliverance of Israel with games and picnicking!

Here is the pricing (please see Tiffany if you need financial assistance):

Adult (Age 18 & Over)
Full Session (12-5pm) \$10
Half/Evening Session \$8
Youth (Age 5-17)
Full Session (12-5pm) \$8
Half/Evening Session \$6
Tot (Age 4 & Under)
Free

Tiffany is getting a head count to plan accordingly, so please let her know

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Our Prayer List

Byron Bungart who has pending brain surgery, and with **Dan** who is going to be in OK assisting with family.

Les & Len Les is improving, but more surgeries are likely. Prayers as they travel to Houston and back 3 times a week.

Charlie Hammock for continued healing after his appendicitis and surgery.

Continued prayers for those who have lost loved ones.

Dave Snynn prayers that he can find out what is causing him pain in his hip, and that it might be remedied.

Runell Mason for peace, strength and support after the diagnosis of cancer.

James Greer praise that he is doing better, prayer for Connie to have her neck feel better.

Judy VanLeuven as she continues to heal, and for Tanya as she helps her mother.

The Fry Family while they are travelling with their families in Hawaii. Pray for safe travels, a good time, and a secure return home.

Aug 9, 2015

Worship: 102

Class: 42

Offering: 3,213.76

Goal: 3,437.50

ASAP.

how many in your family will attend. The kids are very excited about this event, so please plan to join us if you are able. Contact Tiffany to get involved or if you have any questions at (360) 801-8060 or tgilly08@gmail.com

Faithquest

Faithquest is only 3 weeks away. **We need two chaperones at least (1 male, 1 female)**. Both adults and teens, if you are planning on going to Faith Quest, you need to get your registration forms turned in either with the church office (Cody) or online. The cost is \$150 plus \$12 for the tee shirt. Registration cost, after August 10th (IN 8 DAYS), will be \$170 with no guarantee that you will be able to purchase a tee shirt. Don't wait, sign up today!

Note: If you will chaperone, we might have financial assistance to help get you to the camp. Please contact us

Ladies Bible Study

If you are a lady who is interested in a bible study and you haven't yet attended the bible study hosted by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00am yet, please consider adding this to your weekly schedule. This is a wonderful morning event held at the church building, 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 experience community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna or show up this Tuesday to dive into the word!

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