

# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Jesus is Lifted

Jesus is Lived

Jesus is Lord



## Usefulness or Relationship?

The **Tiny Village Team** shares these thoughts from Oswald Chambers as a reminder that though we are called to good works, there are things more important. He calls us to be transformed in our relationship with Him, to seek and desire Him above all others, to love one another, and to be reconciled to our brothers. We ask for your prayers as we strive for these most important things and if He blesses us with a good work to do in the process, may all the glory and honor be His.

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**Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. —Luke 10:20**

Jesus Christ is saying here, “Don’t rejoice in your successful service for Me, but rejoice because of your right relationship with Me.” The trap you may fall into in Christian work is to rejoice in successful service—rejoicing in the fact that God has used you. Yet you will never be able to measure fully what God will do through you if you do not have a right-standing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you keep your relationship right with Him, then regardless of

your circumstances or whoever you encounter each day, He will continue to pour “rivers of living water” through you (John 7:38). And it is actually by His mercy that He does not let you know it. Once you have the right relationship with God through salvation and sanctification, remember that whatever your circumstances may be, you have been placed in them by God. And God uses the reaction of your life to your circumstances to fulfill His purpose, as long as you continue to “walk in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7).

Our tendency today is to put the emphasis on service. Beware of the people who make their request for help on the basis of someone’s usefulness. If you make usefulness the test, then Jesus Christ was the greatest failure who ever lived. For the saint, direction and guidance come from God Himself, not some measure of that saint’s usefulness. It is the work that God does through us that counts, not what we do for Him. All that our Lord gives His attention to in a person’s life is that person’s relationship with God—something of great value to His Father. Jesus is “bringing many *sons* to glory...” (Hebrews 2:10).

*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!

**Monday 08/20** *Lifeline Screening*  
9:00am-5:00pm

**Wednes 08/22** *Pray, Pray, Pray*  
6:00-7:00pm

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### Sunday Preview

Vincente Huerta 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!

**August--**Elijah Herbert-01, Tanya Howard-01, Winnie Wilson-02, Sha'lon Pyke-03, Scott Hall-06, Lisa Blair-06, Alyssa Nystrom-12, Terry Bratcher-17, Cody Rousseau-17, Rodney Cormier-18, Eric Nystrom-19, Connie Greer-20, Dave Snyppe-25, David Latham-28, Brett Wheeler-28.

### Last Sunday

Thomas Morse shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at [po-coc.weebly.com](http://po-coc.weebly.com) to listen.

## Serving August 19, 2018:

Prayer Leader: Troy Hill

Scripture Reader: Ken Avery

Offering Thoughts: Dave Snyppe

Communion Meditation: Wayne Hammock

Servers: Brandon Z. & Greg Warner

Ushers: Dan Gross & Rick Velasco

Greeters: Greg & Sandi Warner

Prayer Partners: Darrell & Laura Fry

Sound: Brittany Pringle

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher

Communion Prep: Barbara Chasteen

Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Laura Fry

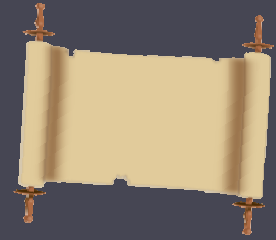
Youth Worship: Laura Fry

Preaching: Vincente Huerta

## Vacation Bible School: "Reasons to Believe"



Please stay tuned after the service  
for a slide show of our kids this week!



### Elder Nominations

Please return your Elder Nomination forms to the deacons today, Sunday, August 19th. Candidates for the position of elders will be presented to the church on September 2, 2018.

### Homes for All Public Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, August 29th, 6:30-8:30pm

**Where:** Village Green Community Center, 26159 Dulay Road NE, Kingston, WA

This is the second of four scheduled meetings throughout the county with the purpose of providing an opportunity for our community to learn and ask questions about how tiny cabin villages can serve as part of a coordinated response to homelessness in Kitsap County. The next two meetings will be held in Bremerton and Bainbridge Island consecutively.

### Adult Classes for September

The Deacons have given the green light to a new study by Mark Batterson, "Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge." A new class for college age and young marrieds will start on **September 9, 2018** using that material, facilitated by Brad Orser, with co-facilitators Joden Mason and Brandon Zepf.

The same material will be used on Sunday evening, also starting on September 9, 2018, and will be open to all ages. The class will be facilitated by Bob McDaniel, Darrell Fry and Ken Avery. Sunday evenings will be devoted to a time of worship and prayer using "Draw the Circle, The 40 Day Prayer Challenge" material.

Thank you for your blessings of towels  
for the Heritage House!

### Our Prayer List

#### Healing:

Lynn & Virginia Chapman, Jeff Darvey, Tim Hankins, Jackie Hammond, Ken Avery, Roy Vaughn, Daniel Tillman, Connie Greer, Barbara Chasteen, Clyde Griffin, DeLoris Lawler's sister-in-law Phyllis Morton, Charlotte Hahn, David Latham, Don & BobbyJo Jordan, Laura Fry (upcoming test) All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer & Addiction

#### Encouragement:

Celletti and McDaniel Families in the passing of Rocco, Gary & Barbara Chasteen & Family, Family Caregivers, Our Number who Cannot Attend Services, Tiny Village Team, VBS, Garage Sale

#### Travelling:

Randy & Judy van Leuven

#### Other:

For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village,  
Our families,, nation, President Trump and leaders. Our ministries,  
Deacons & Congregation as we begin to appoint Elders,  
Praise for seeing new faces joining us in our services.

**August 12, 2018**

Worship: 81

Class: 37

Offering: \$3,556.17

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