

# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

## Courage or Comfort by Tiffany Rousseau

In the Gospel of Luke, we see a side of Jesus we only see a few times throughout his journey. Luke records Jesus warning his disciples to stay awake and not fall into the temptation of sleep on the eve of Christ's crucifixion, then goes off to pray. Chapter 22v41-44 says,

"He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." (NIV)

Jesus was distraught. He was discomforted and did not want to die. But his desire to live conflicted with his desire to save the world from its never-ending battle against sin. He was torn in two, like the curtain in the Tabernacle, wringing with anxiety to the point of exhaustion. It took an angel to help build him up while his followers were sleeping and unaware of the depth of his anguish.

A few Sundays ago, I shared something with our congregation because the Holy Spirit has put it on my heart to share.

We Christians can choose courage or we can choose comfort, but we cannot have both.

Jesus could have lived. Jesus could have not saved us all from sin. He could have changed the course of events then and there. He could have chose what was comfortable and easier for him.

But he didn't.

Jesus chose to have courage, to be strong, to go into the next day where men would mock him, spit on him, despise him, and kill him. He did it because his desire to save us outweighed his desire to live, and he knew what would be on the other side of this struggle: salvation. Deliverance. Death defeated. Grace.

We too have a desire, Church. We have a desire "to give our families, friends and neighbors a compelling opportunity to accept the grace of God." This is our calling, our mission, and our purpose. This is what God desires for us. It is His will! But it takes COURAGE. And we are guilty of choosing COMFORT. God does not want us to stop, to sit back, to be catered to, or to be afraid. He is urging us with his Holy Spirit to have courage, to push forward, to reach out and to make ourselves tools for His kingdom.

As followers of Jesus, we must behave like him. Make a commitment today to stop living in comfort. By the request of Jesus, go into your closet, pray the Lord's prayer, and make a commitment to have courage. Whatever that means to you, figure it out, listen to the Holy Spirit guide you, and walk forward with courage.

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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!

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

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

**Saturday 9/5** Deacons Meeting

**Sunday 9/6** Congregational Meeting

**Monday 9/7** Labor Day

**Wednesday 9/8** School Starts!

**Monday 9/14** Community Meal

**Sunday 9/13** Children's Ministry Meeting and Update

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview— Romans 9: God's Mercy**

This week we will be going through Romans 9, talking about getting what we don't deserve, and how God's mercy is something that is freely given and not obligated.

### **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.

#### **Places To Serve in Sunday Worship**

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

### **Nursery Needs**

Slot 1: n/a

Slot 2: n/a

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

## **Serving Aug 23, 2015 :**

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Prayer Leader: Ray Switzer	Communion Prep: Sanders
Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup: Wilsons
Offering Thoughts: Dale Sanders	Praise Team: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation: Joshua Wilson	Connie Greer
Servers: Dave Snypp & W. Hammock	Rachel Karn
Ushers: G. Chasteen & Kenny B.	Kenny Benjamin
Greeters: Karen Taylor & Deloris Lawler	Children's Church Helper: Lori Sanders
Nursery Attendants: Pilita & Myron David	Fellowship Team: Donuts— Barbara Byrd
Sound: Chris Hill	Coffee— Rick V.
Slides/Lighting: T. Herbert	Cleanup— Barbara Byrd

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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 Snyp; 28—David Latham

### **Children's Ministry—Family Water Park Trip!—THIS SUNDAY**

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, this Sunday, August 23rd, we will caravan to Kandle Spraygrounds and Pool in Tacoma to celebrate God's deliverance of Israel with games and picnicking! The spraygrounds and park are free.

Here is the pricing for the wave pool, which is optional (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 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

## **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 Snyp** 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.

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

**Fry family, Greer family, DeLoris Lawler, Bonnie Mitchell and family,** while they are all traveling.

**Jim & Cindy Snead** as they tend to Jim's mother who is in hospice.

**Dale Sanders** for healing after diagnosis of shingles.

**Josh Wilson's grandma** diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

**Aug 16, 2015**

Worship: 54

Class: 28

Offering: \$1,058.71

Goal: \$3,437.50

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### **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!

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!

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

### **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

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