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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

It was then that I carried you

Where

## Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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### Sacrifice and Friendship

I have called you friends... —[John 15:15](#)

We will never know the joy of self-sacrifice until we surrender in every detail of our lives. Yet self-surrender is the most difficult thing for us to do. We make it conditional by saying, "I'll surrender if...!" Or we approach it by saying, "I suppose I have to devote my life to God." We will never find the joy of self-sacrifice in either of these ways.

But as soon as we do totally surrender, abandoning ourselves to Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives us a taste of His joy. The ultimate goal of self-sacrifice is to lay down our lives for our Friend (see [John 15:13-14](#)). When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, our greatest desire is to lay down our lives for Jesus. Yet the thought of self-sacrifice never even crosses our minds, because sacrifice is the Holy Spirit's ultimate expression of love.

Our Lord is our example of a life of self-sacrifice, and He perfectly exemplified Psalm 40:8, "I delight to do Your will, O my God..." He endured tremendous personal sacrifice, yet with overflowing joy. Have I ever yielded myself in absolute submission to Jesus Christ? If He is not the One to whom I am looking for direction and guidance, then there is no benefit in my sacrifice. But when my sacrifice is made with my eyes focused on Him, slowly but surely His molding influence becomes evident in my life (see [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)).

Beware of letting your natural desires hinder your walk in

love before God. One of the cruelest ways to kill natural love is through the rejection that results from having built the love on natural desires. But the one true desire of a saint is the Lord Jesus. Love for God is not something sentimental or emotional— for a saint to love as God loves is the most practical thing imaginable.

"I have called you friends..." Our friendship with Jesus is based on the new life He created in us, which has no resemblance or attraction to our old life but only to the life of God. It is a life that is completely humble, pure, and devoted to God.

-WISDOM FROM 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.

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## Save the Dates!

**Tuesday 8/30** Ladies Prayer Group

**Saturday 9/3** Deacons Meeting

**Sunday 9/4** Congregational Meeting

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview—**

Troy Hill will be sharing his testimony with us this coming Sunday. Service begins at 10:45 AM, we hope to see you there!

### **Happy Birthday!**

August has arrived, it's time to celebrate our August babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

8/1 - Elijah Herbert, Tanya Howard. 8/6 - Scott Hall. 8/12 - Thias David, Norm Franck, Alyssa Nystrom. 8/17 - Terry Bratcher, Cody Rousseau. 8/19 - Eric Nystrom. 8/20 - Jeff Duffy, Connie Greer. 8/22 - Hanna Herbert. 8/25 - Dave Snyp. 8/28 - David Latham.

### **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Meals Needed**

Bonnie Mitchell, along with Pene Hammock and Judy Van Lueven will be coordinating the temporary providing of meals on occasions when they are requested. Upon receiving the request, we will coordinate with the family to ascertain their needs – length of time, dietary restrictions etc. Once this has been determined through various means of communication we will contact the families here at POCOC for those who would like to participate with providing the meals.

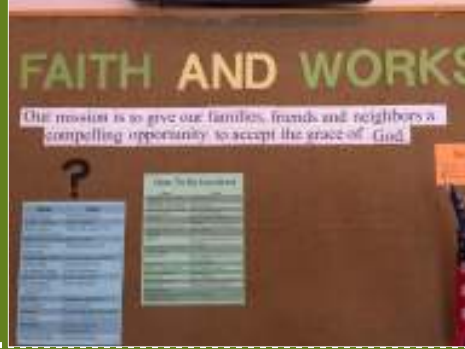
There are some of you who want to always provide a meal, some who choose not to and some who would like to do so occasionally. Please email me if you fall in any of those categories and I will make a list which will be confidential.

This is a great ministry and can be an opportunity to serve others. If you have any questions, please be sure and call:

### **Serving August 28, 2016 :**

Prayer Leader: Ray Switzer	Communion Prep: K. Schmeltzer & L. Lowe
Scripture Reader: John Bickle	Communion Cleanup: Reinke Family
Offering Thoughts: Dale S./Wayne H.	Praise Team: Gene G. , Connie G. , Rick V. , Rachel K.
Communion Meditation: Jim Snead	
Servers: Brandon K & Dave S.	Sunday School & CW Helper: Dale S. & Lori S.
Ushers: Ken R. & David L.	Fellowship Team: Donuts— Connie Switzer
Greeters: Deloris L. & Lori S.	Coffee— Ray Switzer
Nursery Attendants: TBD	Cleanup— Connie Switzer
Sound: Jacob Hammock	
Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher	





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### **Nursery and Communion**

Thank you to all who served in the nursery and preparing and cleaning up communion this year!

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 for 2016. There are only a few slots left for Communion, so if you feel like you are willing and able, please sign up in the foyer for the next opportunity on our community board. We will be printing a new Nursery sign up soon!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Dale Sanders**

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](http://pococ.weebly.com)

#### **Congregational Meeting Notes**

Notes summarizing the Congregational Meeting are available in the foyer.

#### **The Herbert's New Address**

The Herbert's are in a house now, their address is below  
5109 82nd ST  
STE 7-295  
Lubbock, TX 79424

#### **Pam Woodrow**

Pam Woodrow is trying to down size and has some things that she would like to give away. She has strawberry plants, a child's size chester drawer, a six foot Christmas tree and a rocking chairs. If you are interested in any of these items please let her know. Pam can be reached at [\(360\) 362-3865](tel:3603623865).

## **Our Prayer List**

#### **Healing for:**

Ken Avery - from back surgery  
Betty Widman - strength back in her legs  
Brittany Pringle - her hematoma doesn't recur  
Isaac Benjamin

#### **Other prayer request:**

Michelle Herbert's Uncle Billy - that his faith be renewed.  
Our Olympians in Rio  
Our church, deacons , members  
Our country  
Eloise Gerard - Encouragement  
Victims in Louisiana from the devastating flood  
Those who are traveling  
Students returning to school

#### **Praise:**

Baby Winnie Wilson was born Tuesday August 2nd at 12:08 AM. Mom dad and baby are doing great!

### **August 21, 2016**

Worship: 73

Class: N/A

Offering: \$3,234.25

Goal: \$3,437.50

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God is in control

He know all our past, present and future. Therefore he sees what is best for each; and we can trust his good judgment of when and where and on whom to bestow a miracle.

Growth Group Memory Verse (Wk 18)

Worthy are you, our lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

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