
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Consumers or Entrepreneurs

Consumers or entrepreneurs? As a guy who simply attends a church, not even as a minister, I hear a lot of people talk about finding a church that fits them better. Time and again we will watch as people come and go looking for that perfect fit. Lots of times churches will cater, and even pander, to fitting their perceived audience. For a time there was a very real movement in the church to do just that, to find our audience and purpose and to follow it tenaciously.

We have for many years put people in leadership positions based on qualities our culture has taught us to be valuable. From hard-working salt of the earth blue collar guys, to white collar CEOs and business leaders. We have looked and looked for ways to maximize the efficiency of our church going experience.

This leads to its own host of issues and problems. Some of them we are even facing now! Dissatisfaction with the fit, boredom with the schedule. Feeling stale or lifeless because nothing is "new" enough to fit our fancy. As a people bombarded with messages about "needing" the new thing to be happy we find traditional church to be unappealing.

This doesn't just happen in one denomination or group, it happens across the board in big and small churches. It is a problem that has plagued the church for years and we cannot seem to break the cycle.

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As consumers our experience isn't cutting it anymore. Forming a type of worship service that fits the group you have inevitably leaves some people out. It becomes a rigid practice in monotony. So instead we need to look with new eyes at an old problem.

Entrepreneurial eyes would see the experience we have as something to give someone else. If we look at the commission given to us by Christ we see a picture that looks different that faith by osmosis! We see a message and product that needs to be given effectively to all of humankind. So we need to look at it from the purest point of view we can.

What we are doing is all based culturally on the wrong point of view. Frequently we swing back and forth between modes of operation. If consuming isn't working we need to be salespeople! I don't think our answer is going to lie with the other side of the pendulum.

We meet and worship God on Sunday not for ourselves. Not for anyone else, not for any reason except the praise of our Lord. If we come not looking for some fix, not looking for some new improved way of doing things, but we come instead with a view based on praising our God, then what might church really be like?

If you find yourself feeling listless when at church, spend some time in prayer about how you view what happens there.

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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 8/30 Sunday Night Worship

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

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— James to preach

Our brother James Greer will be preaching for us this Sunday! Back from a trip away, some time off for healing, we are excited to have our brother share a lesson with us from the place of devotion that God has had him in. We welcome you to prayerfully experience James' wisdom this week.

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!

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 30, 2015 :

Prayer Leader: Troy Hill	Communion Prep: Sanders
Scripture Reader: James Greer	Communion Cleanup: Wilsons
Offering Thoughts: Ken Avery	Praise Team: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation: Cody Rousseau	Connie Greer
Servers: Dave Snypp & W. Hammock	Tiffany Rousseau
Ushers: G. Chasteen & Kenny B.	Kenny Benjamin
Greeters: Dale & Lori Sanders	Children's Church Helper: Deja Cormier
Nursery Attendants: TBD	Fellowship Team: Donuts— Jo Vaughn
Sound: Lisa Bratcher	Coffee— Rick V
Slides/Lighting: J. Bickle	Cleanup— Jo Vaughn



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 Snyp; 28—David Latham

Sunday Night Worship

This week we will be hosting our Sunday evening worship! We are going to be continuing through the video series we started, ***God Is Closer Than you Think*** written by John Ortberg, if you would like to come you are more than invited! We will be meeting from 5:30PM and ending at 7:00PM.

Sometime in the next month or two there will be a planning meeting to help decide and adjust our night worship to keep it in line with where we are currently. This means decisions pertaining to frequency and content. Please prayerfully consider becoming part of this ministry, or, how we can improve it if you do go already.

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 ASAP.

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.

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 after her surgery, 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 continue to support their families and emulate Christ to them.

Dale Sanders for healing after diagnosis of shingles.

Josh Wilson's grandma diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Aug 23, 2015

Worship: 77

Class: 34

Offering: \$2,045.60

Goal: \$3,437.50

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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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