
Port Orchard Church of Christ

It was then that I carried you

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

The Bewildering Call of God

"...and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished."...But they understood none of these things... —[Luke 18:31, 34](#)

God called Jesus Christ to what seemed absolute disaster. And Jesus Christ called His disciples to see Him put to death, leading every one of them to the place where their hearts were broken. His life was an absolute failure from every standpoint except God's. But what seemed to be failure from man's standpoint was a triumph from God's standpoint, because God's purpose is never the same as man's purpose.

This bewildering call of God comes into our lives as well. The call of God can never be understood absolutely or explained externally; it is a call that can only be perceived and understood internally by our true inner-nature. The call of God is like the call of the sea— no one hears it except the person who has the nature of the sea in him. What God calls us to cannot be definitely stated, because His call is simply to be His friend to accomplish His own purposes. Our real test is in truly believing that God knows what He desires. The things that happen do not happen by chance— they happen entirely by the decree of God. God is sovereignly

working out His own purposes.

If we are in fellowship and oneness with God and recognize that He is taking us into His purposes, then we will no longer strive to find out what His purposes are. As we grow in the Christian life, it becomes simpler to us, because we are less inclined to say, "I wonder why God allowed this or that?" And we begin to see that the compelling purpose of God lies behind everything in life, and that God is divinely shaping us into oneness with that purpose. A Christian is someone who trusts in the knowledge and the wisdom of God, not in his own abilities. If we have a purpose of our own, it destroys the simplicity and the calm, relaxed pace which should be characteristic of the children of God.

-WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS



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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.

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Save the Dates!

Saturday 8/6 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 8/7 Congregational Meeting

Tuesday 8/9 Ladies Prayer Group

Sunday 8/14 Senior Saints Potluck

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— "God is God, and there is no other"

Melvin Byrd will be sharing a Sermon with us this Sunday from Deuteronomy 4:39-40. Please join us!

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 - Nicole 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 7, 2016 :



Prayer Leader: Ken Reinke

Scripture Reader: Jacob Hammock

Offering Thoughts: Jim Snead

Communion Meditation: James Greer

Servers: G. Warner & F. Gerard

Ushers: T. Duffy & T. Hill

Greeters: K. Taylor & K. Schnietzer

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Sound: Lisa Bratcher

Slides/Lighting: Chris Hill

Communion Prep: Avery/Cormier Family

Communion Cleanup: Sanders Family

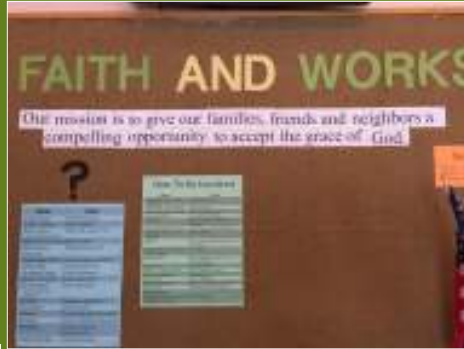
Praise Team: Darrell F., Rachel K., Connie G., Greg W.

Sunday School & CW Helper: D. Sanders & L. Sanders

Fellowship Team: Donuts— Deloris Lawler

Coffee— Lucille Lowe

Cleanup— Deloris Lawler



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Pene Hammock - 360-871-9678
Judy Van Lueven - 360-692-0361

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

Darrell Fry

Darrell Fry preached a sermon last Sunday about our Final Destination. He shared thoughts from God's word about the wonderful place God is preparing for us. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

The Herbert's

Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they dedicate their lives to God's mission and ministry work.



Dorothy Janes' New Address

Dorothy Janes' broke her pelvic bone and is at home recovering. If you would like to send her a card her address is listed below.

Apt 184
2944 SE Lund Ave
Port Orchard, WA 98366
her personal phone [360-874-6587](tel:360-874-6587)

Our Prayer List

Healing for:

Virginia Chapman's brother - Ray Prichard healing from procedure to remove blood clot.

Michelle Herbert's Aunt Ruth - in hospital from a fall and recently diagnosed with stage 1 cancer

Ken Avery Has decided to have back surgery. The date is yet to be determined.

Praise

Baby Winnie Wilson was born Tuesday August 2nd at 12:08 AM. She weighs 5 *pounds* 13 *ounces* and is 19 *inches* long, praise God!

July 31, 2016

Worship: 73

Class: 43

Offering: \$2,214.25

Goal: \$3,437.50

Lord,

Growth Group Memory Verse (Wk 16)

Make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his
name; worship the Lord in the splendor
of holiness.

O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are par-
doned;
It is in dying that we are born again to
eternal life.

Francis of Assisi

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