
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Seeking God in the Present: by Cody Rousseau

I have been thinking a lot about camp this week. As I am sitting and getting more stir-crazy in the office, I reminisce about the wonderful times I got to have out there. The sun, the activity, taking pictures, bible classes, prayer times, fellowship. The whole experience was so full of life.

Coming back from an experience of such high intensity and at the same time rejuvenation is sometimes pretty difficult. You ever feel this way? It was such a good time, such a good work. Each night going to bed felt like it was earned. Then comes the real world knocking. Work. Being inside looking at the weather, thinking about the daily minutia and wishing.

I think it is safe to say we all have that place, that activity that we love and desire to be doing. We all think back on the last time we did it, and look forward to the next time we can. It helps to fuel us through the day, and to make the hardships of the week to week work worthwhile.

Sometimes I fear we spend a little too much energy thinking of a way to escape and return to our recreation

though. We lose our grasp on the present because there was something better, or will be something better. Our world is so full of distractions that this can be entirely too easy.

When you sign into the web you see ads about trips you could take, about gadgets you could own, the dream house or car, the high paying "fun" job. We are taught to dream big, to aspire, to always be reaching. It isn't that having a dream or goal is bad, but we seem to be a culture that has lost the ability to hear the quiet voice.

God tells us he has a plan for us (Jer. 29:11.) We often forget however that when God gave this message he gave it to a scattered and tortured people. His plan, while good and just, leads through the hard. Towards refinement and sanctification.

This week I would urge us to look out from our plans and reminiscing to the present and try to see God's plan and goals for us in the here and now. If you encourage me to, I will encourage you. May God bless this family as we seek Him.

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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 8/9 Senior Saints Potluck

Monday 8/10 Community Meal

Tuesday 8/11 Ladies Bible Study

Thursday-Friday 8/13-14 Garage Sale @ Church building

Tuesday 8/18 Ladies Bible Study

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

Friday 9/4—9/7, Faithquest (@ Camp Yamhill in Oregon)

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Melvin to preach

This week we get to hear our brother Melvin preach the Word! He will be sharing with us from the Scripture and his experiences to help inform our view and understanding grow. Welcome him warmly to the pulpit 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.

Coin Drive!

There are still plenty of coin cans in the foyer! If you wanted a can please pick it on your way out this week! Remember that donations to Mountain States Children's Home directly benefit the children being ministered to there. Cans will be collected on August 16th. Let's band together and contribute to their wellbeing!

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 August 9, 2015 :

Prayer Leader: Ken Avery	Communion Prep: Sanders
Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup: Wilsons
Offering Thoughts: Brad Orser	Praise Team: Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation: Ray Switzer	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: Tammy Avery
Nursery Attendants: TBD	Fellowship Team: Donuts— DeLoris Lawler
Sound: J. Hammock	Coffee— Lucille Lowe
Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher	Cleanup— DeLoris Lawler



Serving Spots

If you would like to be involved in some way with the worship service on Sundays or perhaps getting involved with a small group, bible study, or any other time of serving this church please contact the office with an email and get put into the rotation!

It has been a major blessing to have some of our younger men stepping into a serving role in the last six months, if you would like to be involved we have more than enough room to get you placed on the role.

If you have a sermon you would like to preach please contact James Greer or Cody Rousseau and get placed on the schedule. We would love to hear from more of our men on Sunday morning.

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 Snypp; 28—David Latham

Children's Ministry—Family Water Park Trip!—Sunday, August 23rd

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!* Immediately following the service on Sunday, August 23rd, we will caravan to water park in Tacoma (specific park TBD) to celebrate God's deliverance of Israel with games and picnicking! 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.

Faithquest

Faithquest is only 5 weeks away. **We need two chaperones at least (1 male, 1 female).** Both adults and teens, if you are planning on going to

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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 Snypp 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.

James Greer praise that he is doing better, prayer for Connie to have her neck feel better.

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

Aug 2, 2015

Worship: 110

Class: 49

Offering: n/a

Goal: 3,437.50

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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!

Ladies Bible Study

If you are a lady who is interested in a bible study and you haven't yet attended the bible study put on by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00 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 have community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna or show up this Tuesday to dive into the

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