



Port Orchard Church of Christ

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. - Matthew 10:29-31

Passing Through the Waters

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you."
Isaiah 43:1b-2a

This has been a difficult week in Texas as we have watched the historic disaster that Hurricane Harvey has caused. The damage and massive flooding is affecting millions across Texas and now Louisiana. Houston is the fourth largest city in America. For many of us, the city and the surrounding smaller towns and communities in that area are home. Sunday morning we received the disturbing phone call from my parents of the fast rising water. After spending most of the day on the phone to try and find help we were able to get a boat there to rescue them. They, along with my sister and her family, are now safe here with us in Abilene. Many others have been less fortunate. Some have lost everything they have, even life itself.

My eyes hurt as I kept watching for updates on the storm. The news reports showed one view after another of all the damage. I kept reading as evacuations moved from voluntary to mandatory throughout the area. Even in these darkest of times, God's presence can be seen as well. People have been uniting together in caring for their neighbor. Help has come from all across the country as need has spread. The storm has given birth to an outpouring of compassion for those who are suffering. Amidst the view of rising water devastating homes and roads the images of hope and grace have also emerged. A common love can be seen. It is a welcome change from the hurt and violence that has been so visible in recent weeks. When we witness acts of kindness and sharing from one to another, God's light shines and we are reminded of life as God intends it to be.

We are a people better together. The waters will recede, but there will be much work still to be done. Let us pray and continue to work to help those who are in need. This is a time for the church to live up to the beloved community that God has called us to be, a beacon of hope in the midst of the storm.

Nathan Burrow, September 3, 2017

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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!

Sunday 9/10 Senior Saints Potluck

Wednesday 9/13 Evening Bible Study Resumes

Sunday 9/17 Mountain States Children's Home Collection Cans Due

Sunday 9/24 Bobbie Blair's 90th Birthday Reception

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview

Guest Speaker Thomas Morse will be preaching this upcoming Sunday on "Sacrifice" from Romans 3:25-26. Worship Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

September is here and so are the leaves. If you see any of these brothers and sisters wish them a good one: Savannah Wilson-1, Aaron Hanson-2, Bobbie Blair-3, Deja Cormier-5, Barbara Byrd-9, Conrad Hanson-12, Dave Lawrence-13, Rachel Bedford-14, Jon Powless-15, Kayli Benjamin-17, Eloise Gerard-17, Lloyd McCallister-18, Charlie Fender-21, Melissa Bell-22, Pam Woodrow-25, Eunice Orser-29, Shawn O'Dell-29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Greer

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

🔊🔊 Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday evening study will resume September 13th at 6:00 and will center around the Sermon on the Mount. We will be using books by Oswald Chambers and John Stott to guide our study. Teachers and/or team teachers are needed. If you are willing to fill one of these positions and for any other questions, contact Lisa Bratcher. The time is nigh at hand!

Serving September 10, 2017 :

Prayer Leader:	Wayne Hammock	Communion Prep:	Barbara Chasteen
Scripture Reader:	Gene Gerard	Communion Cleanup:	Keagle Family
Offering Thoughts:	Ken Reinke	Praise Leader:	Gene Gerard
Communion Meditation:	Brad Orser		
Servers:	David Lawrence & Jacob H.		
Ushers:	Brandon K. & Terry Bratcher	Sunday School & CW Helper:	Dale Sanders
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & Deloris L.	Children's Church:	Jennifer Delay
Prayer Partners:	Dale & Lori Sanders	Preaching:	Thomas Morse
Sound:	Brittany Pringle		
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		



Sunday Morning Bible Class

Topic will be Lesson 114: The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37 in the Auditorium Overflow.

MSCH Collection Cans Due

The Mountain States Children's Home blessed us earlier this year with the opportunity to serve their purposes using coin collection cans. It is now time to return your cans. Please return them by next Sunday, September 17th as they will be picked up later that week. If you have a bunch of change you would like to donate still there are additional empty cans in the foyer.

Office Hour Changes for the Week of September 10th *Only*

The office hours this week will be M, T, Th, F 9am til 2 pm. The office will be closed on Wednesday the 13th. Please note that if you need copies made for the Wednesday night class that is set to begin that night, you may wish to get those to the secretary or come in before Wednesday.

Evangelism Workshop

When: Fri.-Sun., September 22-24

Where: Woodinville church of Christ
22502 75th Ave. SE
Woodinville, WA 98072-9777

Topic: Evangelism in our communities

Amenities: Sat. Breakfast & Lunch, Sat. All-Day Childcare

RSVP: John Ramsey at (206) 244-6570 or David Henderson at
dnadave@comcast.net

See the News & Events board in the foyer for schedule and speakers.

Bobbie Blair's 90th Birthday Reception

When: September 24th, 3-5 pm

Where: Ramblin Rose Farms
4842 SE Sleepy Hollow Ct.h
Port Orchard, WA 98366

POCOC Congregation Cookbooks

We still have copies of the cookbook that was compiled not too long ago. They are for sale at \$7.50. Contact Bonnie Mitchell if you would like to get one.

Directory Updates

We are still open for directory changes. See the News & Events board in the foyer for forms and a directory that you can make your edits to and check your listing for accuracy. Anything that has been highlighted has been noted by the

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Daniel Tilman
Delores Brun
DJ Magneson
Bonnie Mitchell
Delores Lawler's daughter Elaine
Delores Lawler's friend Linda
Melvin Byrd
Scott Hall
Wayne Hammock
Runell Mason
David Latham
Isaac Benjamin

Encouragement:

Jennifer Connelly-Delay's sons Bret and Bryan and Jennifer's family
Randy Hammock's girlfriend Kim and family
Charlie Fender and the school kids
Those caregivers attending the care of their loved ones
Karen Taylor's friend-help with her newsletter at Retsil
Karri Schmeltzer

Other:

The Wildland Firefighters fighting fires through many states
All first responders.
Texas, Montana, Florida, California, Oregon
Those whom have been misplaced due to flooding and fires
Our children going back to school, church, nation, President Trump and ministries.
That God will bless our deacons with wisdom in reaching the many decisions they are entrusted with.

September 3, 2017

Worship: 83

Class: 38

Offering: \$2,583.10

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Apple Cider Press

When: October 6th-8th

Where: Central Washington

Contact Info: (509) 720-TRUE

Email: registration@acpyouthrally.org

Forms and info available at [http://
www.acpyouthrally.org](http://www.acpyouthrally.org)

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