

Looking to Jesus

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that you will not weary and lose heart"—Hebrews 12:2-3

Our hearts should be filled with thankfulness and joy as we learn of the birth of Jesus from Luke 2. Through the eye of faith we have the privilege of walking with him during his life on this earth. At the age of 12 we find him in the temple listening to and asking questions of the teachers so much so that they are amazed (Luke 2:46-47). About 18 years later we watch as he is baptized (Mark 1:9-11) and immediately we follow him as he goes into the wilderness of temptation (Mark 2:12-13; Matt. 4:1-11). Walking with him, we soon find ourselves in the house of worship (Luke 4:16). From there we follow his footsteps through the fields of service (Acts 10:38) and the mountain of prayer (Luke 6:12; Mark 1:35). All too soon we follow him into the Garden of Gethsemane where in great agony he prays to the Father (Luke 22:39-44; Heb 5:7). At this point we see our Lord and Master led away to be tried, convicted and crucified. During the course of those trials Jesus is beaten unmercifully, spat upon, ridiculed and mocked. Finally, we watch as he walks that lonely road to Calvary. Through the eye of faith, we close our eyes and we can see the nails and we can hear as the hammer strikes those nails driving them into the flesh of Jesus. As his hands and feet are pierced, we see the blood as it flows. Jesus is lifted up and as the cross is raised higher and higher, the crimson streams flows and finally, as his side is pierced with the sword, we see the water and blood stream from his body. Jesus paid it all, Behold his agony! This is the one on whom our eyes should be fixed as we make our way down the pathway of life (Col. 1:12-14).

The cross of Calvary is without a doubt the most tragic event to ever occur yet it is also the most wonderful, marvelous event that has ever occurred. The crucifixion of Jesus marks one of the saddest things that man has ever witnessed or been a part of and yet, from that crucifixion comes the greatest joy imaginable. It truly was a dark hour but from that dark hour comes the greatest light to every shine on man Matthew 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-9; I Corinthians 15:42-57).

What a journey this will be with our eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting and confiding in him, living each day as if we know it is the last one we will spend on planet earth. For our citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself (Phil. 3:20-21). To God be the glory!

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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 cen-

tury 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.

Save the Dates!

Wed 09/18 6:00pm	Prayer
Sat 09/28 8:00am	Deacons Meeting
Sun 09/29 After Services	Congregational Meeting
Sat 10/5 8:00am	Lakeview Men's Breakfast Led by Port Orchard

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

9/22 Bob McDaniel is scheduled to give the sermon this Sunday. The title of the sermon is "Forests, Trees, and Pharisees."

Sunday Morning Service begins at 10:45

Happy Birthday!

September-Savannah Wilson-01, Cydney Monk-04, Deja Cormier-05, Barbara Byrd-09, Dave Lawrence-13, Jon Powless-15, Kayli Benjamin-17, Eloise Gerard-17, Charlie Fender-21, Pam Woodrow-25, Eunice Orser-29

Last Sunday

Darrell Fry gave the sermon last Sunday. If you would like to listen to his presentation or other sermons, go to

pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Serving September 22:

Prayer Leader:	Dave Snypp	Communion Prep & CleanUp:	Rick Velasco			
Scripture Reader:	Bob McDaniel					
Offering Thoughts:	Wayne Hammock	Song Leader:	Gene Gerard			
Communion Meditation:	James Greer					
Servers:	Brandon Karn & Terry Bratcher					
Ushers:	Roger Taylor & Rick Velasco					
Greeters:	Karen Taylor & Sarah Hill	Children's 9:30 Teacher:	Rachel Karn			
Prayer Partners:	James & Connie Greer	Youth Worship:	Savannah Wilson			
Sound:	Isaac Benjamin	Preaching:	Bob McDaniel			
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher					

Congregational Memory Verse

"We must obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:29B

Please continue to encourage our children by learning this verse with them.

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Next Men's Breakfast

When: Saturday, October 5th at 8:00am Where: Lakeview church of Christ

Donation: \$4 per meal to support Delano Bay Christian

Camp

Meeting Time Changes

- Congregational Meetings are now the last Sunday of the month
- Deacon Meetings are on Saturday, the day before the Congregational Meeting

ONCE AGAIN, WE NEED FUNDS FOR BABY FORMULA

Please write "For baby Formula" on the memo line and send your gift to: Eastside Church of Christ, 5905 Flintridge Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80918





Our Prayer List

Healing:

Lile Holland, Margaret Myers, Sandi Warner, Frankie Gower's sister Linda, Jamin Mason, Sandi Warner, Dave Bedford, Nick Umbarger (Jon's brother in law)

Encouragement:

Marriage Seminar, New Classes Starting, Caleb Smith, Chris & Lilly Mitchell for a Healthy Baby, Tiny Village Team, Karen (Who needs God to put other godly people in her life), and also for our congregation

Traveling:

Those going back to school and college, Darrell & Laura Fry

Other:

People who are affected by hurricanes, tornados and other sever weather events, Northwest Mission, For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village, Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders. Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

September 22 2019
Worship: 79
Class: 41
Offering: \$2,103.33

Deacons Meeting

When: Saturday, September 28th at 8:00 am Where: POCOC Auditorium Conference Room

Details: As always, our deacons meetings are open to the entire congregation. Please attend if you

can or if you have something you want to talk about or do with the congregation.

Congregational Meeting

When: Sunday, September 29th after services

Where: Auditorium Overflow

Details: We talk about new and ongoing items regarding the congregation, our ministries, whatever

else is needing to be addressed. Everyone is welcome!

Apple Cider Press Youth Rally

When: October 11-13, 2019

Where: Chelan County Expo Center

Cashmere, WA Cost: \$50/student

More Information: http://www.acpyouthrally.org

Woodinville Youth Rally

When: November 8-10, 2019

Theme: Next Chapter: Writing Our Story of Service

More information to come.

International Justice Mission Tweens' Collection Page

The tweens have a new address for their IJM fundraising page: https://ijm.donordrive.com/team/PortOrchardTweens Please use this link to view their progress.

Interested in Learning and Growing? Check these out!

Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening

Who is this Man called Jesus – A journey through the Gospels – ongoing in the 9:30am Bible class that meets downstairs and the 6:00pm evening worship focus we will be exploring the gospels of Jesus beginning with the book of Matthew. Individual study books will be provided.

Back to Basics – What it means to be a Christian? Ongoing in the 9:30am class that meets in the teen room.

"The Pursuit of God" – The 9:30am class meeting upstairs is reflecting on the spiritual with A.W. Tozer's book (class title) as a guide.

Our small children meet downstairs at 9:30 and will continue through the Old Testament and learning the books of the Bible.

Wednesday Evening

We meet from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for a time of prayer and praising.