

# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Jesus is Lifted

Jesus is Lived

Jesus is Lord



## The Tiny Village is OUR Jericho!

**What If...** we were ONE VOICE, ONE BODY, that served our ALMIGHTY GOD, knowing full well that HE is in control and will keep us from ALL harm, if we truly seek HIM? Dare I say, we are not **BOLD** enough to challenge GOD to use us as HE needs us. WHY? Because we are scared of what that may truly mean...but we died to ourselves and are supposed to be living our lives for HIM, and each other as FAMILY. So at the top of our **BOLD** list is The Tiny Village.

The story of Jericho is an amazing REVEAL of who God was and is for His people when they listen to Him. Do you think they ALL got along? Do you think they were scared of what could happen to them as they marched to and around the city each and everyday for six days and then on the seventh day, seven times? They had NO CLUE what GOD was about to do other than what He had told them about the city of Jericho being delivered to them...even though they were not even there yet! Can you imagine walking around a city ALL DAY, in silence? EVERYONE, no complaining, no grumbling, just walking, for SIX DAYS straight one time around. (It is said the city at the time could have been around nine acres.) Can you imagine what the people inside the city walls were thinking and saying as they were preparing for an all out war on day one: “ What ARE they doing?”

Second day comes and goes just like the first, walking around the city in silence. Then day three, four, five, and finally six...but it doesn't end there, it just gets better and so does the heckling, jeering, insults, persecution, the rocks, and spitting as the residents of the city grow restless and wonder if those “outsiders” have lost their minds? But little did they know God's people were being led by their Almighty God and He had something AMAZING in store for them. On the seventh day, God's people walked around and around, SEVEN times on this day, and when they had completed their seventh circuit, they blared their trumpets and horn, and yelled as loud as they could...and GOD brought down those walls, NOT the people, but GOD, because GOD wanted to show HIS people and the people of Jericho that HE is ALMIGHTY and delivers on HIS promises.

It is truly amazing to see where we were as a church about a year ago after our initial meeting with the County as they approached us about The Tiny Village proposal on our property that GOD has blessed us with, not our property, but GOD's property. It is also amazing the group of individuals who came together, I truly believe, by GOD, to help lead us through this journey. As we heard from each of them their own individual struggles of I) being asked to be

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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.

## Save the Dates!

**Thursday 09/20** All-Ages Teachers Meeting  
**5:00pm**

**Monday 09/24** LifeTouch Portraits  
**Tuesday 09/25** Get a free 8x10 & photo church directory!  
**By Appt**

**Sunday 10/14** Meal & Celebration of Retirees: See Bonnie Mitchell  
**After Services**

**Serving September 23, 2018:**

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### Sunday Preview

Gene Gerard will be giving the sermon this Sunday. Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

### Happy Birthday!

**September**--Savannah Wilson-01, Aaron Hanson-02, Bobbie Blair-03, Deja Cormier-05, Barbara Byrd-09, Conrad Hanson-12, Dave Lawrence-13, Rachel Bedford-14, 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

### Last Sunday

James Greer shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com) to listen.

### Elder Nominations

Candidates are Darrell Fry, Ken Avery, and Bob McDaniel.

Prayer Leader: Brad Orser

Scripture Reader: Gene Gerard

Offering Thoughts: Dave Snyp

Communion Meditation: Wayne Hammock

Servers: Brandon Karn & Tim Duffy

Ushers: Roger Taylor/ Terry Bratcher

Greeters: Lori Sanders & Karen Taylor

Prayer Partners: James & Connie Greer

Sound: Dale Sanders

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Laura Fry

Youth Worship: Laura Fry

Preaching: Gene Gerard

## LifeTouch Portraits

Don't forget to sign up for a photo appointment at our building with LifeTouch. They will be here Monday and Tuesday, September 24th and 25th from noon to 7pm. Everyone who has their picture taken gets a complimentary 8x10 and a complimentary photo and address church directory. If you choose, you may purchase photo packages to share with family and friends. There are flyers with appointment sign-up link in the foyer. **If you cannot or don't want to use the computer/ internet to sign-up, call the church office and Kelli can set up an appointment for you. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Foyer on Sunday.** *We need at least 15-20 families/individuals each day.*

## News from Herberts

Posted on the TO DO board in the foyer!

## Apple Cider Press 2018

**What:** *Eternity Wars* Youth Rally

**When:** October 5-7

**Where:** Cashmere, WA

**Register:** <http://www.acpyouthrally.org>, (509) 720-8783, or (509) 663-0768

**Cost:** \$55.00 per student

## Woodinville Youth Rally

**What:** Romans 12:3 *This is Me*

**When:** November 9-11, 2018

**Speaker:** Jon David Schwartz

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Michelle & Obi Herbert, Lynn & Virginia Chapman, Roy Vaughn, Daniel Tillman, Clyde Griffin, David Latham  
All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer & Addiction

### Encouragement:

Gene Gerard & Marcus Whitman Bible Study Club, Kara Mitchell (move to CO and new job), Family Caregivers, Our Number who Cannot Attend Services, Tiny Village Team

### Travelling:

Dave Lawrence

### Other:

For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village

Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders.

Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation as we begin to appoint Elders, Praise for seeing new faces joining us in our services.

**Sept. 16, 2018**

Worship: 67

Class: No Data

Offering: \$1,696.85

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on the committee for starters, and 2) understanding why they were, since several of them disagreed and were not at all interested in the idea. Over the past year, GOD has been working in them, through them, and with them to bring them to where they are today: a cohesive group that is striving to listen to GOD and HIS intent of using our property for the homeless here in South Kitsap County. They have given up countless hours of their OWN time, away from family, spending it together to meet, discuss, to PRAY, and mediate on our behalf with the County to find out THE BEST way to make this happen.

I also know that they have done everything they can to keep us engaged and educated, as well as offering a listening ear to hear about OUR OWN concerns, yes, ALL of us, because that is the charge they have taken on themselves, to be my voice of concern... which leads me to this: they have **NO AGENDA except GOD's AGENDA**. If GOD is for us, then who can be against us? GOD is able to do more than any of us can possibly think

or imagine...SO WHY CAN'T WE allow GOD to show us, our neighbors, and our community WHO HE IS! Can you imagine, if we could all get behind our committee, praying for them, and praying for GOD to use them, and us, in whatever way HE deems fit for our community? Imagine if we committed ourselves to meeting on the next six Wednesday evenings, rain or shine, and walk around the property line, in complete silence, not as a show of force, but as GOD's people asking HIM to bless our property for HIS use, for HIM to show HIMSELF, GOD ALMIGHTY, to our neighbors and our community. (Did you know our property is about five acres?) And on the seventh day, we "march" around our property line seven times and at a designated time after the seventh time around with us lined up around the property, we blared our horns and our voices out to GOD!!...WHOA...did you just feel that tremor?! What could GOD possibly do on that evening? Could we be so **BOLD** as GOD's people and "compel" God to make a move with our property for His Glory? Not us, but HIM. Who is with me?!

-Brad Orser

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## **WOW 2018 (Women of the Word) Ladies Day**

**What:** Ephesians 1:3 *The Best Part of Waking Up*

**When:** Saturday, November 10, 9:00am-3:00pm

**Where:** Valley church of Christ  
17221 E. Broadway  
Spokane Valley, WA 99016

**Speaker:** Celine Sparks of Huntsville, AL

*Registration forms to come!*

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