

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

What does God think of Money? By Tiffany Rousseau

Did you know that money is the most discussed topic in the bible?

It's true. There are over 2,000 verses about money and possessions (things that cost money) in the bible. Jesus' famous response to the Pharisees when asked about taxes is not his only commentary on money. In fact, Jesus is specifically addressing taxes in the Mark 12 passage, not ALL money and possessions. Jesus talks about money in Matthew 23:23, Mark 12:41-44, Luke 8:1-3, Matthew 17:24, Matthew 22:17, Luke 18:18, Luke 14:28, Luke 7:40, and many others. Paul gives instructions on using, saving, and giving money. The OT has many passages about money and possessions. What do we gather from this?

Money is important to God.

That said, for the last four weeks, I have been teaching the children about money. It is easier to teach a child something new than to correct a bad habit or understanding in adults, so changing the way money is used for God's glory is most effectively done by teaching our children righteous ways of handling it.

We have used 4 classes to explore four key points:

1. Money is a gift from God that we **EARN**,
2. Money is a gift that God wants us to **GIVE**,

3. Money is a tool that God says we should **SAVE**,

4. Money is a tool that God allows us to **SPEND**.

We are using three piggy banks to teach basic budgeting skills (instead of one big piggy bank) and illustrate these four points. The first piggy bank will be for giving to whatever cause the kids feel led by the holy spirit to donate it to. The second piggy bank will be for saving up to buy a new playground for our church, something I am teaching is an **INVESTMENT**. And the third piggy bank will be to spend on something both responsible and fun.

These three uses of money are all good and all ways God wants us to handle money. We don't need to **GIVE** it all, we aren't asked to **SAVE** it all, and we definitely shouldn't just **SPEND** it all. God allows us to do all three of these things with thanksgiving and praise to Him who provides. I am sharing this to encourage you to consider the choices you make with money. The children here are thinking about this topic, forming their understanding of something slightly foreign to them (with the exception of birthday money and allowance), and they are watching us. As Christ followers, we are supposed to reflect Him, in our actions, in our words, and even with our money. How are you reflecting Christ with your giving? With your saving? With your spending?

Go back to the first point: money is a **GIFT** from God that we earn. How are you being a good steward of your gift?

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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 9/27 Sunday Night Worship

Tuesday 9/29 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 9/30 Youth Group

Saturday 10/3 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 10/4 Congregational Meeting

Sunday 10/4 Corn Maze! (Teen Event)

Tuesday 10/6 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 10/7 Youth Group

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Romans 12:

This week we will be going over the 12th chapter of Romans. We will be discussing Paul's charge to us to be continual transformed by growing in our faith mentally, physically and spiritually. We will also discuss his charge to continually meet evil with good.

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.

Places To Serve in Sunday Worship

If you would like to be involved in some way with the worship service on Sundays during the service, in the Children's Bible Hour, or want to join/host a small group or bible study, please contact the office with an email and get put into the rotation!

Serving Sept 27, 2015 :

Prayer Leader:	Jim Snead	Communion Prep:	Eloise Gerard
Scripture Reader:	Cody Rousseau	Communion Cleanup:	Rousseaus
Offering Thoughts:	Dave Snyppe	Praise Team:	Darrel Fry
Communion Meditation:	Dale Sanders		Tiffany Rousseau
Servers:	B. Karn & T. Bratcher		TBD
Ushers:	I. Zepf & B. Zepf		TBD
Greeters:	J. & M. Furstenwerth	Children's Church Helper:	Dale Sanders
Nursery Attendants:	TBD	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Jo Vaughn
Sound:	Chris Hill		Coffee— Rick V.
Slides/Lighting:	Tristan Herbert		Cleanup— Jo Vaughn



Also, if you are interested in preaching, please contact James Greer or Cody Rousseau and they will schedule you for a Sunday. We would love to hear from more members of our congregation on Sunday morning sharing God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Elder Study Group

The Elder Study Group (ESG) has been working to finish up the meals with members. They have met with almost all of the families in our congregation to share their last year's experience. If you have not been able to make dinner with them happen yet please contact Carla Duffy at 360-509-6975 or her email: walkinginhim@yahoo.com. The group is trying to be finished with these meals by the 24th of September.

Youth Group

For youth group this year we are going to begin meetings once again on the 23rd of September. That will be a meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:00PM and running until 9:00PM. The plan is to have dinner, and discuss the options for our study going forward with the school year. We will also be discussing the year in terms of our activities that the area churches are working on.

Group will meet at the Rousseau apartment at 7:00PM on Wednesday the 23rd. IF you have any questions please contact Cody.

Youth Up-coming Plans

If you are a teen or parent of a teen, mark these important dates in your calendar! More info on each event will come close to the event, but for now, here are the dates.

- 9/26 Christian College Day NW (no one this year from POCOC)
- 10/3 Pepperdine Visits Woodinville
- 10/4 Corn Maze (\$12)
- 10/9-11 Apple Cider Press Youth Rally (\$55)
- 11/5-6 Bruin Preview @ George Fox University (\$25)
- 12/25 New Years Eve Lock-in @ Lakeview

Happy Birthdays!

September has arrived! Fall is coming and the leaves are starting to take on beautiful colors! With this new month we have a new set of birthdays to celebrate. Remember to mark these dates and wish these brothers and sisters a happy birthday this month!

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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.

Kenny Benjamin healing for his eye issues.

Ken Woodrow who is in room 365 at St. Anthony's for healing and a fast recovery.

Runell Mason for peace and strength.

Judy VanLeuven For continued healing after her surgery.

Jim Snead and his mother and the decisions that may have to be made.

Isaac Benjamin as he continues his treatments.

Our church, deacons, Cody, and our Nation.

Our Children back in school and away from us.

Sept 20, 2015

Worship: 103

Class: 45

Offering: \$5,252

Goal: \$3,437.50

1st- Savannah Wilson. 5th- Deja Cormier; Benjamin Mason. 9th- Barbara Byrd. 13th- Pene Hammock; Dave Lawrence. 17th- Eloise Gerard; Kayli Benjamin. 21st- Charlie Fender. 25th- Pam Woodrow. 29th- Eunice Orser.

Ladies Bible Study

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

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