

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Jesus is Lifted

Jesus is Lived

Jesus is Lord



Making Disciples When Evangelism is Not Your Gift

Jesus, Paul, and Peter all talk about it in the New Testament. Whether it is called making disciples, winning souls, or saving the lost. It may be described as working with God to bring people to him, or being ready to explain our hope. But no matter how you talk it, we are called to bring people to Jesus.

As I travel around the country, and even the world, I often hear Christians give lip service to this idea but it is quickly followed by the reason they personally are not doing this ministry. And the main reason I hear is that evangelism is not their gift. I think this is a misconception based on a wrong impression of what making a disciple really means.

Of course there are those who are gifted evangelists. They have a remarkable ability to draw people to Jesus and to convince them to become a follower. But convincing someone to follow Jesus is not making a disciple. There is a whole process of discovering Jesus, learning who he really is, and understanding his invitation to life that has to happen before anyone can become a disciple.

So let me suggest some ways that all of us – including preachers and church leaders – should be making disciples.

1. **Live as a disciple.** Peter goes so far as to say this is a primary way for Christian wives to convert their non-believing husbands. Our lives are a living witness to the fact that following Jesus changes everything. Not because we are perfect, but because we are forgiven.
2. **Serve in the name of Jesus.** Always be sure that God gets the glory and Jesus gets the credit when you serve people. Pray at meals when you are hosting non-believers. Bring food with a card that references Jesus. Service opens doors to share Jesus because it is a living testimony to how the Jesus life looks.
3. **Share your Jesus story every chance you get.** Tell of what he has done for you. Seek opportunities to explain the difference he makes in your life.
4. **Tell Jesus stories from the Bible.** Telling stories is natural and non-threatening. Talk about the Good Samaritan, or the blind man in John 9, or Legion in Mark 5. Or the Ethiopian, or the jailer in Philippi. Discussions with friends about racism, or sickness and death, or depression and countless other issues give you opportunity to tell these stories.

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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!

Sunday 09/09 *Young Marrieds*
9:30am *Class Begins*

Sunday 09/09 *Potluck*
After Services *Tweens are providing*
desserts for donation.

Sunday 09/09 *Adult All-Ages Class*
6:00pm *Begins*

Wednes 09/12 *Pray, Pray, Pray*
6:00-7:00pm

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

Serving September 9, 2018:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

Dale Sanders 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

Aaron Hanson shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com to listen.

Elder Nominations

Deacons are open for written feedback from the congregation regarding the Elder Candidates until Sunday, September 9th. Candidates are Darrell Fry, Ken Avery, and Bob McDaniel.

Prayer Leader: Darrell Fry

Scripture Reader: Dale Sanders

Offering Thoughts: Troy Hill

Communion Meditation: Ken Avery

Servers: Brandon Karn/Greg Warner

Ushers: Roger Taylor/Terry Bratcher

Greeters: Karen Taylor & Lori Sanders

Prayer Partners: Dale & Lori Sanders

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Combined with Tweens

Youth Worship: Kelli Keagle

Preaching: Dale Sanders

Potluck

When: Sunday, September 9, 2018

Where: POCOC Fellowship Hall

Details: Tweens will be providing desserts for donation to International Justice Mission's work of rescuing child slaves from Lake Volta in Ghana. Last time, your donations totaled over \$80! You can see their fund meter at <https://give.ijm.org/team/170471>

Optional Sign-Up for Potluck: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044aaaae29a4fc1-september>

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.**

Adult Classes for September

What: *Draw the Circle: The 40-Day Prayer Challenge* by Mark Batterson

Begins: Sunday Morning at 9:30, September 9, 2018

Who: Young Marrieds, facilitated by Brad Orser, Jodon Mason, and Brandon Zepf

Additional Class Time Offering Begins: Sunday Evening at 6:00, September 9th, for adults of all ages, facilitated by Bob McDaniel, Darrell Fry, and Ken Avery

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Charlotte Hahn, Karen Taylor's Sister, Lynn & Virginia Chapman, Roy Vaughn, Daniel Tillman, Clyde Griffin, David Latham, Laura Fry (upcoming test)
All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer & Addiction, All Suffering from Poor Air Quality

Encouragement:

Karen Taylor (court date Monday), Kara Mitchell (move to CO and new job), Family Caregivers, Our Number who Cannot Attend Services, Tiny Village Team

Travelling:

Dave Lawrence, Frys, Randy & Judy van Leuven

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. 2, 2018

Worship: 56

Class: 26

Offering: \$1,582.25

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And if you get to the point where you feel like you need help in the next steps of their journey, then use a brother or sister with the gift or talent of evangelism.

As I tell the people where I worship, you introduce me and be the connection that gives me credibility. Set up the meal or the coffee time and I will help out with the next steps. We all have our parts to play: preparing hearts to hear, planting a Jesus seed, or watering seed someone else has planted.

While we wait for God to give the harvest.

Go make disciples.

-Steve Ridgell is the Director of Ministry for Hope for Life (a Herald of Truth Ministry). One of his recent books is "Followers Making Followers", 2017.

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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

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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