

POCOC NEWSLETTER

A weekly update of plans, schedules, news and events of the Port Orchard Church of Christ
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#4 — Tuesday, January 24, 2012

PUBLIC READING

I have enjoyed learning to *listen* to God by dwelling in His word. We do it every Sunday. Someone is chosen to stand and read aloud a pre-selected passage of Scripture. The goal of this exercise is to help us learn to listen to God. Sometimes, after the reading, we share with one another what we have heard in the reading... a thought that has captured us, an idea we had not noticed before, or a statement we may have completely missed. So we listen to each other, and we listen to God.

The Apostle Paul, in his first letter to young Timothy, wrote, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. (1 Timothy 4:13, NIV). Notice "...*the public reading of Scripture.*" "...*public reading.*"

There is something rich and powerful about "the public reading of Scripture." There is something more in the hearing of Scripture than just in the reading of it. ...ah yes, something tasty, something satisfying, something refreshing in hearing Scripture read publicly.

I know that sometimes when we've read the same Scripture again and again for several weeks, we begin to grow weary. But then I notice that after we've complained about it, we then begin to feel renewed by it, refreshed in it, and look back longingly after we've moved away from it.

So here is a suggestion... the next time there is a public reading of Scripture, relax, calmly settle into a comfortable position, and focus on hearing, not reading, just hearing.

The public reading of Scripture is not merely a Missional Church idea. It is a Biblical idea. One that is well worth paying attention to.

Melvin Byrd

FOR OUR PRAYERS...

Our snowfall has stayed around longer than some of us expected, so some of our folks are still unable to be out and about.

Dorothy Janes hopes to begin therapy soon.

Nora Hoover is in room 107 at Stafford Home Care at Ridge-mont.

Mary Carter is at home, doing well since her heart surgery last week. She was unable to be at church because of the weather.

DJ Magneson was able to be with the church Sunday even though she had surgery on her arm.

Jessica Zepf is doing well since

surgery on her foot last week. Even though she had a reaction to some of the meds during the surgery.

Ronnie Clark... continue to pray for his vision.

Charles Nance medical tests on the 25th. of January.

Hunter Smith free of leukemia.

**LADIES, JOIN US FOR A
TEA AND SHOWER FOR
THE DELAY TWIN GIRLS.**

Where: The Gerard home
4001 Coronet Pl SE

When: Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012
2:00—4:00 pm.

See Laura Gerard to contribute to

the diaper fund or you may purchase clothing 12 mo's and up.

CONCERNING OUR YOUTH GROUP — Some of the parents/volunteers for the youth group have decided to have a meeting to discuss plans for ministering to our youth. This meeting is planned for Wednesday evening, January 25th after the meal. For more information contact Dale Sanders.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available on the table in our foyer. Help yourself

Lakeview Church of
Christ Presents...

**Ladies Enrichment
Weekend**

February 24-25, 2012

**"We REALLY Need
Each Other"**

With Guest Speaker
Jane Maynard

Mountain Home Church
of
Christ, Arkansas

February 24th, 6:30 p.m.
to 9:30 p.m.

February 25th, 8:30 a.m.
to 3:30 p.m.

Registration: \$10

Fan The Flame
**THE GOSPEL OF
JOHN**

5th Annual
Church Enrichment
Conference

March 9-11, 2012
Lakeview Church of
Christ

1709 S. 112th St
Tacoma Washington

Keynote Speakers

Buddy Bell
Randy Harris

And...

Impact

Northwest Student
Conference

**LIVING BETWEEN
THE TIMES**

**Lifted Up By HOPE
in Romans 5-8**

**THE 69TH ANNUAL PEP-
PERDINE BIBLE LEC-
TURES**

Tuesday through Friday, May
1-4, 2012. Lectureship
Booklets with schedules, reg-
istration forms and lots of in-
formation are available on
the table in our foyer.

If you plan to attend Pepper-
dine Bible Lectures this year,
it is VERY important that
you get your registration in as
early as possible to be as-
sured of getting housing.

This will be Jerry Rushford's
30th and final year directing
these Bible lectures. Mike
Cope has been chosen to re-
place Jerry as Bible Lectures
Director.

SUNDAY	
January 22, 2012	
Bible Classes	86
Worship	151
Offering	\$5,351.08
Goal	\$6,192.29

<u>ELDERS</u>	
Melvin Byrd	
Les Lewis	
Dale Sanders	
Ray Switzer	

<u>DEACONS</u>	
Gary Chasteen	
Gene Gerard	
Darren Hanson	
Trent Herbert	
Troy Hill	
Brad Orser	
Brett Wheeler	

MEETING TIMES	
Sunday Morning	
Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening	
Small Groups at Various Times. Call the Church office for info.	
Wednesday Evening	
Meal	5:30 p.m.
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

NOTES	
*Please meet in the church library at 10:35 A.M.	
If you are unable to serve as scheduled please contact the church office by phone or email at church@pococ.org	

SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012	
Prayer Leader	Rubin Carter
Scripture Reader	Darren Hanson
Offering Thoughts	Ray Switzer
Communion Meditation	James Greer
Servers	Jim Furstenwerth/Shawn O'Dell
Ushers	Aaron Hanson/Kenny Benjamin
Greeters	TBD
Nursery Attendants	Connie Greer/Nicole Karn
Sound	Brandon Karn
Slides & Lighting	Conrad Hanson
Communion Preparation & Cleanup	Jim & Marydeane Furstenwerth Lori Sanders
Praise Team	Lead—Tom Miller S—TBD A—TBD T—TBD B—TBD
Fellowship Team	Donuts—J & M Furstenwerth Coffee—Virgil & Lucille Lowe Cleanup—Pam & Darlene Woodrow