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# PORT ORCHARD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**February 12, 2012**

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 11 Deacons Meeting
- Feb 12 Senior Saints
- Feb 12 Plan Blair Party
- Feb 13 Elders Meeting
- Feb 17 Teen Retreat
- Feb 24 Ladies Enrichment
- Mar 1 Teen Area Wide
- Mar 4 Honoring Blairs
- Mar 31 Brunch
- Mar 9 Church Enrichment
- April 24 Life Line Screen

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## It's A Tween Thing

Nope, I'm not talking about teens. You read it right. There's a "w" in that word. **Tweens.**

What is a "tween" you ask? Generally, it's a 4th, 5th, and 6th grader. Or, roughly 9-12 year olds. A tween is in that age group that is not quite a teen, but they definitely resent getting mistaken for kids.

I'm not sure if you have noticed, but we have a LOT of tweens here at church! In fact, this age spread can give our teen group a good run for their money, just by sheer numbers alone!

Tweens are mortified when they are mistaken as kids. They are just beginning to find their own identity in the clothes they wear, and the music they like. Tweens are just beginning to make friends that their parents don't know (very well).

Very few of them have really struggled with the same problems that teens have (yet), so they don't know the failure and shame that comes with the big mistakes.

With all of their innocence, they desperately crave independence and identity.

Tweens are a blessing. To have so many here is a blessing. And it's time we do something about it.

On **Sunday, immediately after church**, we are going to have a meeting for the parents of tweens here at church. If you have a 9, 10, 11, or 12 year old (regardless of grade), then you should come to this meeting, in the auditorium overflow.

We don't have anything written down in stone about what a tween program should look like here at church, so this is a "ground level" meeting.

Only two things I'm insisting on:

- We will have an evangelistic group, with events that they can invite friends to.
- This is parent supported. We each step in to lead events so that nobody gets over-burdened.

Beyond that, let's plan, dream, and invest in our kids, and the future of the church, together.

*Ben Cook*

### Ministers

Melvin Byrd  
Ben Cook

### Elders

\*Melvin Byrd  
Les Lewis

### Deacons

Dale Sanders  
Ray Switzer  
\* **Chairman**  
Darren Hanson

Gary Chasteen  
Gene Gerard  
Trent Herbert  
Troy Hill

Brad Orser  
\*Brett Wheeler

\* **Deacon of the Month**

# Port Orchard Church News

## Teens

This Friday evening, February 10, will be at the Gerard's home. Please bring snacks and a friend.

Youth group Sunday night at the Sanders. 6pm. Potato bar! (Please bring toppings)

Also, there is an area-wide Winter Retreat scheduled for February 17-19 at Delano Bay. Cost \$20. See Trent for more info.

## Celebration Brunch

On Saturday morning March 31 we will celebrate Melvin's retirement and the beginning of Ben's new ministry in our fellowship room with a brunch at 10:30 AM.

## Honoring the Blair Family

There will be a meeting following worship in the library this Sunday, Feb. 12, to plan the March 4th time to honor the Blair family. All are welcome to join the planning. See Dale Sanders or Lisa Bratcher for questions.

## Deacons Meeting

There will be a meeting of all deacons Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 AM at the building.

## A New Quarter

The new quarter starts March 4th. At that time James Greer will begin a new class teaching from the book "Eat This Book" by Eugene Peterson the writer of "The Message".

## Bible Bowl

The Olympia Church of Christ is putting together a Bible Bowl on James and 1 & 2 Peter. If you are interested in helping to put together a forth through sixth grade team to compete, please talk to Ben Cook this Sunday.

## Life Line Screening

The life line screening will be April 24 in our fellowship room. There will be advanced information and discounts for our members as the time gets closer.

## Coffee Oasis

We are needing donations of cookies and brownies for the Saturday, Feb. 11 dinner meal. If you can help bring things to the building by 6 PM Saturday or you may take them to Coffee Oasis by 6:30 PM. If you have questions call Lisa Blair.

## Area News and Events

### Ladies Enrichment Weekend

Lakeview is hosting a Ladies' Enrichment Seminar February 24-25. The theme is: "We REALLY Need Each Other", The speaker is Jane Maynard, and the cost is \$10. More info. on the bulletin board.

### Pepperdine Lectures

This year marks the 69th year Pepperdine is hosting their annual lectures. They are scheduled to run **May 1-4**, The theme is "Living Between the Times." Additional information is on the table in the foyer.

### Church Enrichment Conference

Lakeview is hosting their 5th annual enrichment conference March 9-11. Keynote speakers: Buddy Bell, Randy Harris.

## New Prayers

**Les Lewis** radiation 5 days a week for 5 weeks

**Scott Randolph** children and schooling.

## Continuing Prayer

**Tim and Lisa Blair** family and the work they are beginning.

**Nora Hoover** is in room 107 at Stafford Home Care at Ridgmont.

**Dorothy Janes** hopes to begin therapy soon.

**Mary Carter** is doing well.

**Jessica Zepf** is healing well.

**Ronnie Clark** continue to pray for his sight.

**Hunter Smith** free of leukemia

**Jon Powless** and his health

**Joe Cook** family in Oak Harbor and their loss.

## February 5, 2012

Bible Class: 111

Worship: 157

Offering: \$5,034.60

Goal: \$6,192.29

## Serving February 5, 2012

Prayer Leader: Jim Snead  
Scripture Reader: Greg Perkins  
Offering Thoughts: Dale Sanders  
Communion Meditation: Brett Wheeler  
Servers: G. Chasteen/C. Kenady  
Ushers: J. Hall/C. Hanson

Greeters: TBD  
Nursery Attendants: Laura Fry/Nikole Karn  
Sound: Brad Orser  
Slides/Lighting: Trent Herbert  
Communion Prep: C. & K. Nance  
Communion Cleanup: C. & K. Nance

Praise Team: Lead: Darrell Fry  
S—Connie Greer  
A—Laura Gerard  
T—Gene Gerard  
B—Mike Chavez  
Fellowship Team: Donuts—JC/Deloris Lawler  
Coffee—Ray Switzer  
Cleanup—P & D Woodrow