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Join us Sunday January 7th after our post service meal to help take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make quick work of this new year task. See April if you have any questions.



#### **Directory Update Time**

If you have a change to your mail, phone, email, name, etc. Please let the church office know by filling out the "Update" flier on the information table in the entry way and putting it in the box outside the office.

If you wish to be added to the churches directory and or mailing lists please fill out the flier as well! We would love to include you if you call PCF home!

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### CONNECTION POINT

#### New or Mundane?

The New Year is upon us. Will we be happy in the newness? That depends. Many will declare their good intentions to turn over a new leaf, to embrace various things to improve their life, one way or another.

Will they continue going to the gym or working out regularly? Will they begin eating a healthier diet after the indulgences of the holidays? Will they establish a dependable routine and hold themselves accountable by writing it on their Google calendar — which will automatically show up on their phone, tablet & computer; the phone with them everywhere so they are without excuse... unless they don't look at it? Will they charge their phone every night while they sleep so they won't have to say, "My battery is running out!"

Maybe most importantly, will they really look forward into each new day as new? Or will they revert into the muddling Mondays, eventually uplifted briefly because they Thank God It's Friday. That will be greatly influenced by our attitude. The big question there is, what determines our attitude?

Though God brings forth each day as new; the world, the flesh and the enemy constantly exert themselves in ways contrary to God's. We are not only at liberty, but responsible to choose which influence we will grant prominence to in our attitude. And our choice will determine whether the New Year, and each day of it will be happy, content, even joyful despite difficult things that may come our way. So, what does God offer?

Speaking of His Bride, the Church, us... **Song of Solomon 6:10** askes, "Who is she who looks forth as the morning?" If The Lord defines our life that way, do we believe Him and receive it from Him, looking forward hopefully?

In this life of restrictions and hindrances, are we looking forward, or looking back? We can't look forward to returning to what was. If the past defines our future, our future is not one of hope — confident expectation with pleasure. We have some great examples given for our encouragement.

Abram optimistically trusted God with his future when he allowed Lot to choose which real estate each of them would have in **Genesis 13:1-13**. The fruit of his choice is revealed in **verses 14-18**.

The story of Joseph's life in **Genesis 37-50** (Yes - **14 chapters!**) tells the amazing story of an optimistic attitude through years of rejection, betrayal and injustice. The fact that God would devote 14 chapters to the life of one man should make it very influential to us.

**Ruth** is the story of a woman who trusts God with her future by entrusting herself to a woman who is one of God's people. She did not let her very troubled past intrude on her outlook for the future. A whole book of the Bible is devoted to her story. She could not know that she would become the great grandmother of King David, and in the lineage of the long promised Messiah.

What might we glean from the lives of Job, Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego, or David, Nehemiah & Esther? Who would have picked Peter or Paul as founders of the Church of Christ Jesus? Yet, they persevered through many enormous hindrances. Late in Life the Apostle Paul wrote, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching toward what is ahead," **Philippians 3:13**.

What does 2024 hold for you and me? We don't know yet, do we? But God does. Do you believe it is for your good?

**Romans 12:2**, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Happy New Year indeed,

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# Women's Breakfast

#### **Women's Prayer Group**

The Women's Prayer Group meets at 6:30pm on the 3rd Monday at Diane Smith's home. Contact Diane 253-970-1568 or at arkdianewife@hotmail.com for additional information.

Women's Breakfast is on Saturday
January 20th from 9am to 11am in the
Student Ministry Building. There is time
for food, fellowship and
a bit of devotional time.
Please bring a breakfast item to share.



Tuesday 9am-1pm and Wednesday from 1-4pm. If you have a specific need to see me in the office, please call or text me at: 360-710-9206 or email the office to schedule and appointment. office@welcometopcf.org



Tithes and offerings can be given at church, by mail or online.

At church place your tithes and offerings in the box outside of the church office.

For giving by mail; send your check to Peninsula Christian Fellowship at the address below. For online giving; go to the website and scroll down to the "Donate Now" button to give through the Tithe.ly app.



Are you between the ages of 18 and 28? You're welcome to join THRIVE. They meet Thursdays at 6:45PM in the Sanctuary for a snack, worship, a message, and discussion groups! For more information about Thrive go to their website: www.thriveharbor.com

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Join the Men's Breakfast on Saturday January 13th from 8am to 10am in the Student Ministries Building. There is food, fellowship and a bit of devotional time. Please bring a breakfast item to share.



#### Wednesdays:

\*Join Calvary on Wednesday from 6-8pm in the Student Ministries Building for Youth Group. We will have worship, messages, games, discussions and of course, fellowship.

#### **Sundays:**

\*Sunday after PCFs service on the **1st and 3rd Sunday**, roughly a start time of 12:15-12:30pm we will have youth small group time with lunch! Join us for about an hour after service as we discuss a bible story and enjoy a meal together. See Charles or April Wilder for info.



PCF will have meals the 1st and 3rd Sunday. The 1st of the month is fully provided. The meal on the 3rd Sunday of every month will be potluck style. With a general theme each month. If you are bringing an item, just bring it to the kitchen before church and set up however you need to keep your item heated or refrigerated. If you would like to help coordinate a potluck day, let April know!

We are greatly looking forward to sharing meals together and growing our fellowship time. After service we will need helpers to put up tables and chairs, also to break them down after. **THIS MONTH THEME: Comfort Food.** Bring your favorite go-to dish to share! Feel free to bring something sweet or savory. PCF will provide utensils and beverages.

#### **Husband Discussion Group**

Saturday January 27th from 8:30am-10am in the Coffee Corner.

If you are a married man, or have been, you are welcome to join us in exploring how we can do our best in this vital role we occupy as God's man for the woman we are married to. This is discussion & discovery based, not instructional. Touch base with Pastor Kurt if you have any questions.





## FINANCIAL RECAP... Monthly Budget \$15,769.00 December as of 12/25— Actual Income \$16,274.50 + or (-) Budget \$505.50 Total Budget Year to Date \$189,228.00

Actual Income to Date	\$180,549.05

+ or (-) Total Budget Year Income (\$8,678.95)



Do you love kids? Maybe have a hidden computer talent? Enjoy working with your hands? We are always looking for help. If you have time to give, let us know and we will help find a place for you! Contact the office and let us know how we can help you serve! office@welcometopcf.org



#### Key Peninsula/Port Orchard

Leaders: Jason & Trish Weron Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm

Meeting in person at Eric and Wendy Pierson's

Contact Trish Weron: 253-514-0696

#### **Tacoma**

Leaders: Peter & Betsy Smith

Tuesdays 6:30-8pm

Meeting in person - location varies Contact Peter Smith: 253-732-6018

#### Gig Harbor

Leaders: Ted and Diane Wilder

Thursday 6:30-8pm

**Meeting in person** - location varies Contact Ted Wilder: 253-225-0487

Regular meetings are underway.

Join a life group today!

Interested in starting your own life group?
Contact the church office and let's talk
about getting you started!

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#### January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	I	2 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	3 PCF Office Hours 6:30-8pm Calvary Midweek Youth Group	4 Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF	5	6
7 9am Calvary Worship Service I I am PCF Worship Service I 215pm Youth Church Undecorating	8	9 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	10 PCF Office Hours 6:30-8pm Calvary Midweek Youth Group	Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF	12	13 8am Men's Breakfast
14 9am Calvary Worship Service I Iam PCF Worship Service	15 6:30pm Women's Prayer Meeting	16 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	17 PCF Office Hours 6:30-8pm Calvary Midweek Youth Group	18 Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF	19	20 9am Women's Breakfast
21 9am Calvary Worship Service 11am PCF Worship Service 1215pm Youth	22	23 PCF Office Hours Life Groups	24 PCF Office Hours 6:30-8pm Calvary Midweek Youth Group	25 Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF	26	27 8:30am Husband's Group
28 9am Calvary Worship Service I I am PCF Worship Service	29	30 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	31 PCF Office Hours 6:30-8pm Calvary Midweek Youth Group			



1-Alvin Johnson 9-Mae Litzenberger 13-Jonathan Pierson 18-Charles Wilder 23-Jason Weron

Do you have a need we can help with? Email the office:

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