

## Church News and Events

By William Wells

Recently Scott Laird and I sat down and kicked around an idea for covering church news and events beyond the typical Church Directory found in most small town papers. Neither one of us know what you would like to see in this new column, but we think we have a good idea. So feel free to correct us if we are wrong. I conducted an informal survey of the general public and have found that the majority were in favor of this new column.

**First Baptist Church** is in the process of changing their name to Covenant Church of Vernonia. If you are interested in hearing Pastor John Murray's sermons, they are online at <http://sermon.net/covenantchurchvernonia>. They also have items from a church rummage sale that they would like to give away to those in need. There are a lot of baby clothes and other baby items, appliances, clothing for all ages, and more. For more information, please contact John Murray at 503-860-3860.

**Nehalem Valley Bible Church** performed a Baby Dedication on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, for 7 week old Jiayi Cox. Damien and Rhea Cox presented Jiayi to Pastor Taylor and grandparents, Gunny and Gail Cox, stood with them. Also at NVBC the Sunday Evening Bible Study has resumed. Two items I wish to highlight: One is that the ladies have a Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10:00 AM and the men have a Men's Prayer Meeting on Saturdays at 6:30 AM.

**Pioneer Baptist Fellowship** has two new classes starting at the Vernonia Community Learning Center for Thursday nights. At 5:30 PM "Survivor Kit for New Christians" taught by John Cahill; at 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Starts; and then at 7:00 PM "The Baptist Faith

and Message" taught by Jack Lindsley. One class that is not at the VCLC will be taught at 1181 Cherry Street by Lynda Cahill, "Jesus, the One and Only," written by Beth Moore. This class will start at 7:00 PM

**Walk and Talk Prayer Team** takes to the streets of Vernonia every Tuesday and Thursday to gather prayer requests. Don't be afraid of something being too personal, just tell them, "Keep It Private" and they will. For more prayer power, tell them to share your request with the Prayer Chain and you'll have a whole bunch of people praying for you. Prayer is more powerful than a stick of dynamite. Kaboom! Things happen! After the prayer team finishes their walk and talk, they then come together as a group and pray over your requests.

**Vernonia Christian News.com** is a brand new Christian news blog that has just been published online. Not only am I writing for Vernonia's Voice, but I am also writing and publishing the Christian news blog. Using multi-medias will give us more options and less constraints for gathering and distributing information. If you wish to participate, Vernonia Christian News accepts press releases, articles, calendar submissions and news items that are of interest to the Christian community.

**Question:** Would you like to see the Vernonia Christian Academy open their doors again and start excepting students for a Christian education? To answer this question, go online to [www.VernoniaChristianNews.com](http://www.VernoniaChristianNews.com).

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## Senior Center Activities

**5-Area Luncheon:** Monday, January 30, To Be Announced

**Connie's Fabulous Breakfasts:** Fabulous breakfasts are available to the public on Fridays for a cost of only \$3.50. The event happens at the Senior Center (446 Bridge Street) from 7:30 to 9:00 AM each Friday. Meal price includes a beverage, too. Enter through the side, parking lot door. What a deal!

**Week Day Lunches:** The Vernonia Senior Center offers nutritious and tasty lunches each weekday for a \$4 donation for seniors over 60; cost is \$5 for anyone under 60. To-go meals are available for \$5. These are available to the public, not just Senior Citizens. (Mealtime is noon; late arrivals may not be served.) You can reserve your lunch by calling by 11:15 AM, or further in advance if possible, to assist the cooks as they prepare the day's meals. Meals on Wheels are available for a \$4 donations for seniors over 60. Please contact the Senior Center for an application.

**Maple Bars available locally!** Connie King, the cook at the Senior Center, is making maple bars each day. The maple bars are available to the public, too, and only cost \$1 each. Availability is subject to quantity on hand. You can assure yourself of a good supply by pre-ordering them directly from Connie by calling the Senior Center (503-

429-3912) any week day, from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please allow one day lead time for larger orders. The Center's front door opens at 9:00, but the side parking lot door opens at 7:00. Ah, sweet treats!

**Thrift Store:** Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped off during those same hours, and donated clothes need to be clean and in good condition so they are "sales ready". We are offering half off during the first week of each month. Buy locally and support your local Senior Center.

**For after hours drop-offs please contact Pauline 503-429-5810.**

**Special Days:** On the last Wednesday of the month Wauna Credit Union will be serving ice cream. On the last Friday of the month we will serve birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate that month's birthdays.

**Membership Dues:** Another way to support Vernonia's Senior Center is to pay the \$15 annual membership dues. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Senior Center. Anyone 50 and older may join.

**Questions? Call: (503) 429-3912**

## Casting Call for New VCT Play

Attention all actors, actresses and fans of the theater! Your last chance to appear in a play on the Washington Grade School stage is coming soon!

Vernonia Community Theater is pleased to announce that it will be holding auditions on two nights: Tuesday, January 24, and Wednesday, January 25, both at 7 pm in the Washington Grade School gym for its next play: Vaudeville's My Home. Adults and youth aged 13 and up are welcome to try out for one of 20 adult and youth parts; there are one to two parts for actors under 13. Callbacks, if

needed, will be held at WGS Tuesday, January 31, at 7 pm. If you'd rather help behind the scenes with directing, stage management, sets, lighting, props, or costumes, please come on the either the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> to let us know about your skills and interest in helping.

The play, written by Ken Bradbury, is a semi-musical comedy set in the 1920s. It starts out with two vaudeville troupers who are fleeing New York following their robbery of a theater box office. They become stranded in a rural village that needs a new school (does this sound familiar?). Broke and hungry, the men devise a plan to swindle the local populace by convincing them they have enough talent to produce their own vaudeville show to raise money for that new school.

Rehearsals will begin the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>, specific nights per week to be determined, from 7 - 9 pm. Performances are slated for Friday, April 13, at 7 pm and Saturday, April 14, at 7 pm at Washington Grade School. To help cover expenses of the production, there is a \$20 registration fee for all participants. A limited number of scholarships to cover this fee are available by request at sign-up.

The Vernonia Community Theater was established in 2010 by Kinnell Steward and Mark Brown. Its first offering, Robin Hood, was a youth production. The second play, Exposé: Holiday Celebrities Tell All featured teens and adults. Both were well-received by the many people who attended the performances. VCT operates under the auspices of Vernonia Hands-on Art, a non-profit organization whose mission includes the performing arts. Contact Kinnell Steward at 503.819.0143 or by email at [mtskys@frontier.com](mailto:mtskys@frontier.com) if you have questions.

## Church Directory (in alphabetical order)

### Assembly of God

Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM  
Wayne Marr, Pastor  
662 Jefferson Avenue  
503-429-0307

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday Schedule:  
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 AM  
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 AM  
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 PM  
Marc Farmer, Branch President  
1350 E. Knott Street  
503-429-7151

### First Baptist Church

Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Worship Service: 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7:00 PM  
John D, Murray, Pastor  
359 "A" Street  
503-860-3860

### Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Sunday School: 10:00 AM  
Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Wed. Ladies Bible Study: 10:00 AM  
Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM  
Sat. Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30 AM  
Gary Taylor, Pastor  
Grant & North Streets  
503-429-5378

### Pioneer Baptist Fellowship

Sunday School: 9:30 AM  
Worship Service: 11:00 AM  
Thursday Prayer 7:00 PM  
[www.pbfalive.com](http://www.pbfalive.com)  
John Cahill, Pastor  
939 Bridge Street  
503-429-1161

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sun. Religious Education: 10:30 AM  
Sunday Mass: 12:00 PM  
Rev. Luan Tran, Administrator  
960 Missouri Avenue  
503-429-8841

### Vernonia Christian Church

Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 11:00 AM  
[www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org](http://www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org)

### Sam Hough, Pastor

410 North Street  
503-429-6522

### Vernonia Community Church

Sunday School: 9:00 AM  
Worship Service: 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Prayer: 6:30 PM  
Ralph Young, Interim Pastor  
957 State Avenue  
503-429-6790

### Vernonia Foursquare Church

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM  
Children's Sunday School  
Carl Pense, Pastor  
850 Madison Avenue  
503-429-1103

### Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath (Saturday) Services  
Sabbath School: 9:30 AM  
Worship Service: 11:00 AM  
[www.VernoniaSDAC.org](http://www.VernoniaSDAC.org)  
Larry Gibson, Pastor  
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.  
503-429-8301