

Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

Hi everyone,

I am pleased and humbled to be able to help continue the work and idea that William Wells started here in this space--to have a voice into the community that will better enable communication among the church and the people of Vernonia.

I will do what I can to put in print those things that the church, collectively and individually want to bring to the community; that goes for the community to the church as well. Having said

that it will be a partnership I am looking forward to. In order for me to do this I will greatly rely on both the church and community for information to aid me in this collaboration.

I will also invite anyone to check out the web site www.christian-news.com to post and find information about the churches in Vernonia. My E-mail you can reach me at saltn_light@hotmail.com. You can also reach me at 503.961.5281 if you need to call or text.

With the transition at such an early stage of this new feature in *Vernonia's Voice* we will have to be creative,

mix it up and keep praying how God might use this article here to be his voice reaching our community.

Free Community Dinner: Vernonia Pioneer Baptist Fellowship is a relatively new, growing church. It meets at the Middle School Cafeteria on Sundays (where you see the *No Perfekt Peoples* banner), with Sunday School for children and adults at 9:00 AM, and the main service at 11:00 AM

At the recent Thanksgiving Community Dinner (with the cooperation of the Vernonia Community Church), Pioneer Baptist provided a meal to approximately 130-140 people. That success led to the decision to begin a church outreach. This year, the members of the Pioneer Baptist Fellowship plan to provide at least one hot meal each month, at no charge, to anyone who would like to attend. The first meal will be on Saturday, February 18, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park. The menu is simple: Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup (a great recipe), bread, and dessert. In the next few months, there will be a Chili Feed, a Beef Stew dinner, and-- when the weather warms up-- even a barbecue or two!

Bring your appetites and a smile-- everything else will be provided!

Local Ministry: Walk and Talk, you have seen these guys around town. Jack and his friends simply asking what people have in their hearts that they want prayer for. I hope to post these on the web-site next time.

Upcoming Youth Events: Cosmic Bowling, Sunday February 19th Park

Lanes, contact Mark Brown if you are planning on going (reservations are required) by Feb 6th.

General Events: Rock-n-Worship Road Show: Rose Quarter March 2nd at 7:30 PM. General admission is only \$10.00 at the door.

Book recommendations: *TrueFaced: Trust God and Others with Who You Really Are* Authors: Bill Thrall, John Lynch, Bruce McNicol.

Questions: How can the church help you? Post your answers on the web site or E-mail us.

Words to think on: A young couple moves into a new neighborhood... The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly I wonder who taught her this." The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows." And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look!

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Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, February 27, 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 Vernonia 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 donation 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!

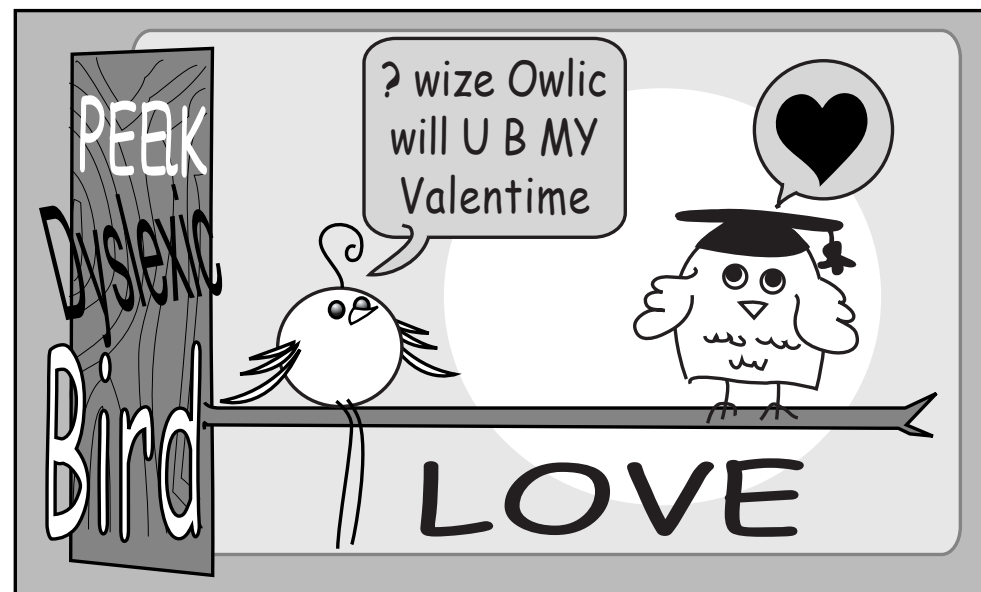
Thrift Store: Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped off during those 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



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
John Cahill, Pastor

249 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
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
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
503-429-8301