

Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

Hello my friends,

Someone challenged me to show/prove the existence of God; I understand the arguments and discussion that can come. I gave it some thought and prayer and this is what was put on my heart.

For us who know Him relationally this is easy, with the desire to spend time with Him like you would your best friend, because He is; as well as God! But to a person who does not know Him it is not the same.

May I encourage you to consider this? Go online, Google the human body with all of its parts and systems working together, especially the youth! Then stand in front of a full length mirror and look at yourself with the full knowledge of what is going on inside you. With the scientific facts before you in all the wonder that is you, think about this~ there has never been another you or ever will be again. You are unique, set apart from all creation in that you can reason and have free will to

choose life or death.

After you have done this sit quiet within yourself, allow your mind to search your heart with no other outside influence to give you bias. You may not find God there but to deny what His spirit has woven into our spirit, our being; is simply to deny the truth..... that too is our choice!

Theology: The study of God, His nature with intent to know Him; his character and attributes. The Greek word to know is one referring to knowing with intimately. To know God!

The difference between know Him and knowing about Him: 85-95% of Americans will say if asked, I am a Christian. When asked if they read the Bible, believe it is the word of God, that they base their way of life on the precepts and teaching of God's word because they know (Greek know) Him. It falls to 3%.

To see other topics covered and talked about, you only have to let me know. I would love to have your participation.

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

Contact us: www.christiannews.com or saltn_light@hotmail.com

Local Ministry: Walk and Talk, Share a prayer request with them and allow us to pray for the community needs.

Church News:

Vernonia Christian Church

"Ruttin Bull Busters" is a new bow hunter's chapter that meets the third Tuesday of the month for bow hunters from 7-9 PM. They meet downstairs in the chapel where a shooting range has been set up.

April 14th is the Sportsman's Banquet. Good food, good speaker and good times. Tickets available at the Sentry Market.

There are Home Groups on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All are for singles or married but Thursday at 12:30 there is a ladies only group.

Meet Your Police: Vernonia Police Chief Michael Conner

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ment activation of any sort. But the structure is still basically the same. So I feel confident in being able to handle and manage a large scale event. I mean, how comfortable can we really get? And unfortunately our success is really dependent on the staff available. None of us could handle it ourselves. That's why we are very community dependent. That's why our CERT Team is so important—we are currently working to re-establish a good working relationship with our Community CERT team members and provide some training so we have some additional resources."

Conner says he believes Vernonia is somewhat unique in the way the citizens handle adversity. "Most people, in the event of an emergency, really pull together and help each other out."

Conner says he knows Vernonia is not completely ready to deal with a major disaster. "We're trying to get some structures in place that will help us know where we need to go first, who we need to help first and where our vulnerable community members are. We need to structure our resources so we know where to send them first. Will we be one hundred percent prepared? I don't think we can ever be one hundred percent prepared for every event. What we can do is get resources here. In the event that something happens, we are prepared as possible. And that's what we're working towards--paying attention to the early warning signs and reacting appropriately."

Conner reinforced his hope to create an atmosphere of trust and openness at the VPD. "When those questions come up, pick up the phone and give me a call," he says. "If they have a question about what one of the officers are doing or what I'm doing or why something is happening or the way it is happening, ask the question. And if I can provide the answer, I will. Sometimes there are questions about criminal cases and I can't discuss those until they become public record and they have to go through the process. But when there are questions, concerns or even complaints, I want people to come and let me know what their perception is. Maybe I can change their perception or maybe I find out the department has failed in some way-- I need to know that so I can fix the problem."

Senior Center Activities

Easter Parade of Hats: For men and ladies. April 4th wear your best or prettiest hat.

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, April 30 at the Clatskanie Senior Center

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

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

Covenant Church Vernonia

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