

Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

Imagine a place, a place where people are not afraid to be who they are. A place where we can take off our masks and be ourselves and be loved because of it. I hope that place or person exists in each of our lives but I am sure for most of us it does not. Is it a dream I have that a place like that exists? July 21st will offer hope and a beginning for such a place.

If you have the capacity to love people in this way or need to be loved this way come to the Vernonia Community Church. Let's begin to build and see what that might look like. This is an alternative service, not what most Sunday Mornings services look like. We will seek the heart and mind of Christ in a Community setting. It will take time to grow to live without masks. I know where God's Spirit moves, nothing can stop it, if He does not, nothing we can do will move Him one inch! This is not another church or exclusive to the Community Church other than location. It is stepping out in obedience and faith, trusting God...nothing more!

Pioneer Baptist Fellowship: Pastored by John Cahill, has been meeting in the school facilities on Sunday. However, with the school demolition happening this summer, PBF will be relocating to a different time and place. Beginning Sunday, June 24th, Pioneer Baptist will meet at 6:00 PM in the Vernonia Foursquare Church (850 Madison Ave.). This schedule will remain in place through the summer. When the new school opens, it is expected that PBF will

return to a Sunday morning service in the new school facility. More information will be given closer to that date.

-submitted by Nicholas Welch

Men's Round Up: It's just around the corner. September 7th, 8th, & 9th. Check out this link... <http://www.mensroundup.com/>

Vernonia Community Church: BBQ #2: It is time to get to know one another again, Join us July 21st ~ food served from 5-6 pm, games and activities for kids followed by a movie night.

Saturday Evening Service: We hope to start July 21--let's get together.

VBS: coming in August, times T.B.A. helpers and volunteers are still welcome to sign up.

Questions: How can the church help you? What is your view of the faith based community in Vernonia?

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

Please contact me with any faith based news that the community might like to know of.

Philippians 4:8, 9

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is [e]lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, [f]dwell on these things.

9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

In Memory of...

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Marcus was preceded in death by his father, Joe Thomas Perez, Jr. Survivors include his mother, Reeann M. Gray and her partner, Booker T. Bolds, of Happy Valley Oregon; his sister, Alisha Tolboe of Astoria, Oregon; his brother Justin Perez, of Happy Valley, Oregon; his grandparents, William D. Gray & Colleen M. Gray, of Portland, Oregon; his great-grandmother Mary Hickey and his grandmother, Rachel Perez, of Beaverton, Oregon. Also surviving are his aunts and uncles, and cousins.

The family suggests that contributions may be remembrances to the Marcus J. Perez Memorial Fund, Wells Fargo Memorial fund for Marcus J. Perez Account No. 3396066353.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Beaverton is in charge of the arrangements. (503) 641-9060.



Connie G. Anderson

Connie G. Anderson, 55, a resident of the Vernonia community, died Sunday

morning, June 10, 2012 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, Oregon.

Private Cremation Rites were held at Hoyt Crematory in Forest Grove, Oregon.



Connie Genevieve Anderson was born on December 14, 1956 in Alameda County, California, the daughter of the late Carl and Dorothy (Mitchell) Richards. She was raised and received her education in Livermore, California.

She worked as a cook in several restaurants as well as nursing homes in Carson City, Nevada and Manteca, California.

Connie lived in Carson, Nevada until 1995 when she moved to New Kirk, Oklahoma. On April 5, 2012 she moved to the Vernonia community to reside with her daughter and family, where she had resided since.

Among her special interests she enjoyed camping, fishing, visiting the mountains of Nevada as well as Vernonia Lake.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Dorothy N. Richards and her two brothers, Franklin D. Richards and David E. Nebel.

Survivors include her children, Christina Burns-Maugeri, of Modesto, California; Sarah Burns, of Vernonia, Oregon; Dawn Marriott, of Santa Rosa, California and Joshua Marriott, of Carson, Nevada and her two brothers and a sister-in-law, Fred and Cynthia Richards and Alva Richards, all of Livermore, California.

Also surviving are her five grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, June 30 at the Rainier 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: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 10:45 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