

Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

The Unmasked Man!

I am retiring from the faith. I feel this world is too large for me and I am too often walking in isolation. I know and see a God who is beyond description, even the universe is unable to contain or explain Him. To love Him should be easy but for most it seems hard at times. Why is that? Often left wondering if I am crazy or afraid to think I could be cherished by one who is HOLY...other than me, yet He says He imputed a part of Himself in me; in you! That He initiated the relationship and pursues me with all the splendor of His majesty. His desire is relationship with me and to conform to His will (our greater good in truth). But although He might break my will to do that, he refuses to break my spirit, which in part is His own. For love that is forced upon another is no love at all. He might weep for us who deny or choose not to accept. But it will not be for His lack of trying, His lack of dying for you and I...

When did God cease being God? Other than in the minds of men, who replaced Him with themselves! The great exchange of the truth for lie! The one told long ago is still working in the minds and hearts of men today. That somewhere along the line the creation has surpassed the creator. Oh but His grace keeps us

from what is just, what we deserve, the scourge that only Jesus could take, for our sake; will we awake; or forsake the only love that is worthy of our all in all...

Pioneer Baptist Fellowship: 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.

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

Vernonia Community Church:

New Web-site: vernoniacommunitychurch.org

Saturday Night Live: Saturday Evening alternative worship/meeting 6PM

Thank you all for a very good VBS program this year. Those who came and those who gave of their time and talents.

Questions: How can the churches in Vernonia help you? What are your views of the churches 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.

Still Lots to do at Stub Stewart

Although summer is coming to a close, still are still several interesting activities for families at Stub Stewart State Park.

Interpretive Programs at Stub Stewart are held from Wednesday through Sunday. Programs are open to campers as well as day-use visitors. Groups are more welcome with prior confirmation—contact Interpretive Ranger Steve Kruger at 503-324-0606 ext 223. For day-use just pay the vehicle registration fee, park at Hilltop Day-use Area, and walk the 10 minute hike on Barberchair Trail to the program locations posted on the website - http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_255.php

Other upcoming programs:

- REI Outdoor School workshops, 5 classes in September (preclass sign up required) <http://www.rei.com/outdoorschool/300/programs/23>
- Heritage Day, September 8th
- OMSI Star Party September 22nd - <http://www.omsiedu/node/752>
- IMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking and Youth TRI October 6th - Northwest Trail Alliance, Westside Trail Federation, Hillsborobiking.org, and Bike Gallery activities all day (free bike rentals, riding clinic and competitions).

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, August 27 at the St. Helens 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 Wau-na 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

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Church Directory (in alphabetical order)

Assembly of God
 Sunday School: 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
 Wayne Marr, Pastor
 662 Jefferson Avenue
 503-429-0373
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
 Worship Service: 6:00 PM
www.pbfalive.com
 John Cahill, Pastor
 850 Madison Ave.
 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