

# Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

## “A lesson from the Fish”

I walked down to the river yesterday morning. The fog was from the ground to just above the tree line. I looked up at the moon it was bright, three quarters full. The hue around it said once it burned off it looked to be a beautiful day and it was. As I walk under the canopy of the trees at the river's edge I caught a glimpse of something in the water. It was a single salmon making its way back to the beginning. I felt rain drops falling lightly around me, but it was not raining. The moisture from the cold nights had collected and began to fall.

I watched the salmon for a

moment; it made me sad and gave me hope all at the same time. I wondered how far she had journeyed, where she came from. I wondered if she knew just how close she was to her journey's end; both her task and her life. I hoped she knew her place of origin was just a few miles away in comparison from where she must have begun.

It seemed as though the trees might have been crying for her, it was only raining in that one place. I know I am at a sensitive season in my life and I am like the salmon both filled with hope and sadness. Hope for what tomorrow might bring, sad for what I knew I might have missed. Hope that I will remain able to see the things in life that I missed as a youth. Sad I did not see them earlier.

The salmon reminded me; any old fish can swim downstream, go with the flow. But life is at its best when we go against the flow fighting to get back to the place that is home in our hearts and minds, wherever that may be for each of us.

That salmon wants to go home, so do I. God is good, I must admit yet I often ask the question. God, will it be today? May we have the desire the salmon do to return home, to our place of belonging; where we began. In the arms of a loving God, Jesus I'm like a child in need of His Father's loving arms.

Aren't we all when we think about it?

**Pioneer Baptist Fellowship:** Beginning Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Vernonia Community Church:

New Web-site: [vernoniacommunitychurch.org](http://vernoniacommunitychurch.org)

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

Contact us: [www.christiannews.com](http://www.christiannews.com) or [saltn\\_light@hotmail.com](mailto:saltn_light@hotmail.com)

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

## Philippians 4:8, 9

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.

## Senior Center Activities

**5-Area Luncheon:** Monday, September 24 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 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**

## Still Lots to do at Stub Stewart


Although summer is coming to a close, there 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 more information go to the website - [http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\_255.php](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>
- OMSI Star Party September 22nd - <http://www.oms.edu/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).

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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.pbflive.com](http://www.pbflive.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](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