

Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

I recently finished reading a book I could not seem to walk away from. I wish I could say it was the completion of the Bible again; (I hope to be able to say that again too!). This was a book titled “The Forgotten God” by Francis Chan. In the book the author brings to light one of the HUGE concerns for the church today, the absence of any real manifestation of the Holy Spirit with the church, which is more prevalent in the western culture than most others place in the world. He challenges us and asks the question(s) that I hope, causes us to re-examine the current view we have of God and in turn; ourselves. One of the questions asked is this: What if you were stranded on a desert island with only the New and Old Testament (Bible) to read? Then imagine you were rescued after 20 years and walked into a typical church service, you would be shocked! Most people sitting in church today cannot say that they can recall the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives and for

the most part believe they cannot. Our current style of worship has come about in the past twenty years or so, and although it’s helped keep us entertained it has not produced self-sacrificing servant attuned to the Holy Spirit; much the opposite. As a music director for the local church, this is always a concern of mine. I wish I could re-design the music portion of our worship so those in attendance were together, facing the same direction as us. Maybe have an empty chair, something to remind us it is HE who we come to worship and focus on and help us to grasp the deep and powerful movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, DAY by DAY, even MOMENT by MOMENT! That is one of the things I see that took place in the 1st century church (read Acts). I also believe we see it today in places where people are thirsty for the Holy Spirit in their lives. After all, if the Spirit moves, nothing can stop Him! If He is not, no amount of time, effort or energy we give it will have lasting change and draw us nearer to God, the understanding of His Word or the supernatural things

that only the Holy Spirit of God can accomplish in and through us. “More than Words” There is so much more to this life than what we think we know we know. A seed can only bring forth the life within it as it dies to itself. Then it is transformed and knows its purpose and meaning; so it is with us. When we die to self and are reborn in the light and image of the one who knit us together in our mother’s womb. Knowing this Being (God) is our greatest good in this life and the next. **Seeking:** A person of interest to write this column! Contact us: www.christiannews.com or saltn_light@hotmail.com

Philippians 4:8, 9
8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, 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.

Rose Avenue Project Gains Momentum

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of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Both the Senior Center and Food Bank will need to apply for and receive these funds in order to construct their project. CDBG rules limit the number of open grants any community can have at any one time. Vernonia is already at their limit but expect to close one in the near future, opening the way for the City to apply on behalf of the Senior Center and Vernonia Cares. If CDBG funds were used the City would own the building for the first five years. Still to be determined is the role the City will play in fiscally managing any block grant funds, and how the transfer of ownership would occur between the City and the stakeholders following the five year period. At the conclusion of the workshop Council determined by consensus that they would like the Health Center and CAT to work together to create a joint site plan and return to Council before moving forward. Although there are still many details to be worked out and roles to be determined and defined, there seems to be momentum growing for the development of this project on both the part of the City and the three partners.

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, February 25 at the Rainier Senior Center
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 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. 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 55 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
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
www.pbfalive.com
John Cahill, Pastor
939 Bridge Street

503-429-1161
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Wednesday Religious Education: 3:15-4:30 PM
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