Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

That I might be this Fool!

When I seek the mind of God am I a fool? Do I have anything to lose in choosing to believe, even DARE believe I am able too? Is it vanity to imagine He, God, desires you and I in any capacity? Has the one who is Holy (OTHER) stopped pursuing you or me? Is there ANYTHING He is not able to do? Is there ANYTHING, He has not already done to draw us unto Himself? Lots of questions, one answer.....NO!

You see, one of the things that He was called and accused of by those who thought they knew him, should have known Him…. the EXPERTS of their day, was a friend of sinners. So, in light of that truth, He is my friend for I am one who is both sinner and friend, one who He calls friend. How is it possible to be so blessed as to have God call me/you His friend? I simply in faith trust Him, and in doing this, receiving it as truth... He does all the rest. So I will continue to seek the mind of my God, my friend and He continues to change me into the image of the one He loved enough to have it be enough for us all; Jesus!

Invitation: To any person or persons interested in sharing the writing of this article. Submit yours to the e-mail address below. Thank you.

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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.

Vernonia Community Church: Visit our new web site at www.vernoniacommunitychurch.org, Sign in, Leave prayer request for yourself or another.

Upcoming items of interest: Small group study "The Art of Marriage" Starts 2/10 at 6:00 PM.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study at 9:00 AM followed by fellowship at 10:00 AM then morning Worship at 10:30.

To the community of Vernonia: All believers in Vernonia, this is your article as well. Do you have a story to share, personal testimony, and praise? What do you feel is missing from the churches or needs to be added or considered so we may serve you better?

Non-believers and/or non-church goers: What do you see when you look at the church(s) of Vernonia, what don't you see? I am not inviting criticism so much, but if we as the church are going to reach those who for whatever reason have stopped or never gone, understanding those reasons is huge! Help us to see thru your eyes.

All positive feedback is important for understanding and the rebuilding of relationships and true healing to begin. Contact us with yours……..

Thank you!

Readers Lend Their Voices...

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To the Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters and EMS,

As a former member of both, I would like to tell you what a fine job you all did in the rescue of Adam Bucken who was injured in an accident at the school demo site. I have known Adam for many years, coached him, and watched him grow up. I also know many who are very close to Adam and have been by his side in ICU. I just want to tell you something I was told-that with the injuries that Adam received, the doctors were amazed that Adam was alive. They attributed his survival to the outstanding job that you all did on scene, and your outstanding decision making. I know from having been in these situations, that this is the kind of call that will help you validate all the time and effort that you have put into your unpaid trade. You all need to take a minute and pat yourselves on the back, for you have done a fantastic job.

Thank You.

Ernie Smith
Vernonia

Vernonia's Voice has changed publication dates.

We are publishing twice each month on the **1st and 3rd Thursday.**

Our next issue will be March 7.

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 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 55 and older may join.

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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