

Things to Ponder

By Grant Williams

Do you ever feel all alone, like no one really cares? You can be assured that God is enthusiastically concerned about your well being! God, who is our Heavenly Father, is the greatest of all parents. Good parents care about everyone's children, but have a special place in their hearts for their own children. In the Bible, the Old Testament prophet Nahum, in chapter 1 verse 7 said, "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for them who trust in Him..."

Recently I drove into Portland

on a business trip and everything was going as planned until I jumped in the car to head home. When I pushed my foot on the brake to put the transmission into reverse the pedal went to the floor. I'm not a mechanic, but I knew that wasn't good. I called AAA and they towed me to a repair shop that discovered both of my front brakes lines failed at the same time. God was watching over me because I was one emergency stop from a crash. He is so concerned about the details of our lives I was only delayed 3 hours. In situations like these we realize how fortunate we are to have a Heavenly Father who is watching out for us. Have

you placed your trust in Him today?

My desire for everyone reading this column is that you are connected to a local fellowship that will help you grow in your faith and trust in our Heavenly Father who cares for all of us. If you aren't currently attending a church somewhere I would like to introduce you to the "Open Door Gathering Place." We meet at the Vernonia Grange at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays. Our purpose is to meet the spiritual needs of people seeking a mid-week service or who work on the weekends and are not able to attend a Sunday church service.

Because the holidays are upon

us I would like to let everyone know we will not meet on November 27th, December 25th, and January 1st so people can travel and spend time with their families. Questions or comments can be directed to pastorgrantwilliams@gmail.com or 503-702-3553.

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Bridge Street Bits

WOW here it is mid November already. Darker outside earlier, colder and windier... come in and join the warmth by a stove, warm lunches, and warm fun. A good time was had by all on October 30 at the Halloween get together. Tommy Sherman was voted best dressed gent; Eidle from Forest Grove best dressed lady. The well received pie auction was a big hit as well. Watch this column for another upcoming auction coming soon. Your donations in giving and buying here at the Vernonia Senior Center is very appreciated.

ANOTHER EXCITING EVENT coming is the Center's raffle of the beautiful quilt lovingly made by hand. Come in to take a look and buy your tickets for your chance to win on November 20th! One dollar for one/five dollars for six!

THANKS TO MICHELLE MOORE for coming

here twice these past two months to explain the current health maze. If you missed her and would like information call Karen 503-429-0273.

HOPEFULLY DONATIONS will be coming in for a new karaoke machine that we are excited to introduce into our Wednesday music days! If you are looking for a place to unload your wallet for a fun cause this is it! And we do have some good singers, why we had Patsy Cline here recently! Come join the fun!

ANOTHER WAY to help support us is to become a member for only \$15 for the year, or renew. Come in or send your dues to our address. We thank you!

NEED YOUR FEET PAMPERED? Marilyn Albro does a great job here. Call her to make an appointment: 503-429-0406

FROM COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM: Energy Assistance packets are in the mail. If you need one or did not get one, call Karen for assistance.

HOW TO SPOT A CON ARTIST: Warning sign #1: Con artists blend in. Con artists know that being themselves hurts business, so they disguise their true motives. Con artists will take great pains to look, sound, and speak like you, and coincidentally, will have similar interests. This is their way to befriend you and get you to trust in them. Once that occurs, the con begins.—from the Scam Jam

SENIOR SIGN OFF: On Christmas Eve, Santa carries the bag. After Christmas, the parents are left holding it.

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Schedule as of April 1, 2013

Nehalem Valley Fixed Route

Mon, Wed, Fri Leaves Vernonia 6:15am & 4:30pm

Dial-a-ride Service Available

Tue & Thr for 5 hours per day 503-366-0159

Please visit the website for fare schedule

<http://www.columbiacountyrider.com>

Please have exact fare ready. Drivers do not give change.

Columbia County Rider

General Public

Seniors, Disabled, Students & Children

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

FIXED ROUTES RATES (All fares are one way)

Per boarding within a Boarding Zone	\$5.00	\$4.00
Per Additional Zone (add) - per boarding	\$1.00	\$1.00

MONTHLY PASS RATES - Scheduled Routes Only

1 Zone	\$75.00	\$60.00
2 Zones	\$130.00	\$110.00
All Zones	\$150.00	\$130.00

Church Directory (in alphabetical order)

Assembly of God

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Prayer: 6:00 PM
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

Grace Family Fellowship

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Thursday Prayer: 6:00 PM
Pastor Greg "Mac" McCallum
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790

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 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