

Things To Ponder

By Grant Williams

While visiting my parents in Southern California we attended a Christmas Eve program in a beautiful, secluded place called, "Silverado Canyon." The pastor made a bold statement in his sermon that took me by surprise. This is not a word for word quote, but, he said something along these lines: There are people sitting on a bar stool somewhere right now who are just as likely to be in heaven as the people who sit in church every Sunday because the person on the bar stool is probably more conscious of the fact that they are a sinner who needs help.

The person who is in church every time the doors are open can become comfortable with themselves, not remembering that Jesus said: He came to save sinners, not the righteous. The righteous He was referring to, of course, were the people who saw themselves as being in favor with God because of their good works and piety. The person on the bar stool may truly need help, but being there doesn't make him automatically an enemy of God. The blind spot in many religious peoples lives is the fact that everyone needs the grace and mercy of a loving and forgiving God. The Bible tells us that we are all sinners and fall short of His glory. Read Romans 3:23 and I John 1:5-10.

As we go into the New Year, let's make a conscious decision to live for today, build for the future, and leave the past in God's loving care. Let's deliberately forgive and forget about the hurts and the failures of the past and work toward a harmonious future with Christ at the center of our activities. We would also be wise to remember the parable of the wheat and the tares

in Matthew 13:24-43. It will be to everyone's benefit if we leave the judging to God and pick up our own cross and follow Jesus. It is very easy to see other peoples faults and miss or ignore our own. Let's make a real effort in 2014 to get ourselves ready to meet our Maker. Every day we are alive the "Day of the Lord" draws nearer!

Sure hope you enjoyed the holidays. It's time to enter the New Year with vigor and a renewed sense of urgency regarding God's purpose for the churches in Vernonia. God has placed Christians in our community with His message of life and hope. If you don't currently have a place of worship you call home The Open Door Gathering Place meets on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Vernonia Grange. Everyone is welcome to come and check out our ministry. Happy New Year and may God bless you.

Welcome to the World

Robert "Robby Lee" Graham



Travis and Amanda Graham of Vernonia are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Robert "Robby Lee" Graham on October 25, 2013 at 10:46 PM. Robby Lee was born at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland and weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19.75 inches. Robby Lee joins sister JoLee, age

4. Grandparents are Robert and D' Lisa Watts of Vernonia and Tony and Marla Paden of Vernonia. Great grandparents are John and Elda Saunders of Cornelius; Robert "Mac" (deceased) and Deanie Watts of Vernonia; Dee Butler of Salem; and Martha Smith (deceased).

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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
Greg "Mac" McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790

www.gracefamilyfellowship.org

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

Open Door Gathering Place

Service: Wednesday 7:00 PM
Grant Williams, Pastor
375 North Street
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
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www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
503-429-8301