

Things to Ponder: The Happiest Time of the Year

By Grant Williams

For approximately two billion people around the world Christmas is the “Happiest Time of the Year.” Celebrating the birth of Christ brings meaning and hope to Christians. The other four billion plus people on earth regard Christmas as everything from just another holiday to a day to disregard or as a day worthy of only outright disdain and hatred. Retailers love Christmas because they see dollars signs and the largest profits of the year. For many people Christmas brings family and friends together like no other time of

the year. Unfortunately, Christmas is also the saddest time of the year for many people and leads them into debt and deep depression.

I can’t help but wonder what Jesus must think about what man has done to His birthday. It certainly must break His heart to know the majority of the world has no interest in the salvation He has made possible for His fallen creation. The Bible tells us that He doesn’t want anyone to perish, but to have eternal life and know the forgiveness He offers as a free gift. Is it possible that the world has rejected Christ because many of His so called followers don’t live anything like

He has commanded us to live? He told us to love God and our neighbor as our selves, but many Christians are proud and drive more people away than they attract.

Christ came to earth to redeem, to buy back with His precious blood, a world that has wandered so far from God. He came as a child and grew into a man who by His sinless life was able to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin and save everyone that comes to Him by faith. His love for us caused Him to leave the riches, comfort, and glory of heaven to walk on earth as other men must and show us what God is like. He

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Bridge Street Bits

By Karen Miller

AS I CONSTRUCT this article, it is the “day after the wind storm.” That stormy day I felt like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. A senior client’s front door banged open as I tried to open it, nearly came off its hinges and took me with it. I trust you all got through it mainly unscathed. Thanks to West Oregon Electric for working round the clock to restore our power. And a big thank you to all of you who looked out for your senior neighbors. I’m sure there were many of you!

THE SENIOR CENTER BOARD elections were held on Friday, December 12. We are pleased to announce the return of Carl Holsey, Sandy Welch and Tommy Sherman for another 3 year term, along with

long time resident Larry Bernardi who was also elected and joins Tobie Finzel who was appointed in October to fill a vacant spot. Sally Harrison was nominated as a candidate but was not elected. Thanks to all of our Board members who make Center decisions - some easy, some not so! Looking forward to some changes in the coming days ahead.

HAVE NO PLACE TO GO for Christmas dinner? Well jump on the dinner train down here at the purple building on Christmas Day for a spread put on for the community by Bill James and company. Good food, good fun, good visiting from 1-4 PM. Center business will be closed that day and will reopen on the 26th.

FOR YOU INTERNET SAVVY SENIORS,

be sure to check out the Vernonia Senior Center Facebook page. Keep up on all the latest happenings, the scoop, and what’s up and what’s down. Come in and get the skinny and chew the fat, especially on Fridays which is our big game day... we’d love to have you!

CALL THE CENTER for days and times, but there is a ukulele class ... no stringing you along, no kidding. And no, you don’t need to wear a hula skirt or Hawaiian shirt. Participants seem to enjoy making sweet uke music together. Only \$10 a class.

QUESTIONS ON ENERGY ASSISTANCE PACKETS: Call Karen Miller 503-397-3511 at Community Action Team. Have questions on Weatherization assistance? They can assist you as

well.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS 2014 from our volunteers here at the Vernonia Senior Center. It may be our last Merry Christmas greeting from this location, but not our last Merry Christmas greeting! Exciting new adventures ahead!

Community Action Team Services:
Karen/Vernonia
503-366-6581
Marge/Clatskanie-Rainier
503-366-6581
Heather/St. Helens-Scappoose
503-366-6542

SENIOR SIGN OFF:
Christmas is the time when everyone wants his past forgotten, and his present remembered.

Vernonia Senior Center • 446 Bridge Street • 503-429-3912

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
Roger Cook, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151

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

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: Sunday 6:00 PM
Grant Williams, Pastor
375 North Street
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

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email: scott@vernoniasvoice.com

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1+ Bdrm, House, unfurnished. All appliances incl. stove, fridge, washer/dryer, woodstove, large yard, carport. Just outside Vernonia city limits in the country. Call or text 360-270-4617. First, last and deposit. \$700/mo.

Self Storage - Fine, insulated storage units in Clatskanie. 20 sizes, on site managers - John & Kris Lillich. Visa/MC/AmEx accepted. 503-728-2051

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HELP WANTED

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HELP WANTED

Clatskanie, OR 97016, fax (503) 308-4884, or email mkorsmo@clatskaniepud.com by 12/12/2014. This position will remain posted until filled. Contact Melissa Korsmo with questions at 503-728-2163.

WANTED

Scap Metal Wanted A to Z Paying cash for some. Also garbage hauling. 503-536-5083

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