

Things To Ponder: The Promise of Eternal Life

By Grant Williams

Can you remember looking up at your father and thinking he was a giant? My dad wasn't that tall, but when I was kid he sure seemed big to me. While I was growing up all I could think about was getting older and gaining more freedom. When I was in the 3rd grade I used to walk by Willard Junior High school in Santa Ana, California and dream about being one of those older kids. Time has flown by and now I'm almost seventy years old. I'll have to admit being older is no longer my goal.

Somehow it seems like all the things I thought getting older would bring haven't materialized. I anticipated liberty from parental mandates, but discovered a whole new world of responsibilities. Time to do whatever I wanted has turned into a routine of obligations that must be fulfilled so that I don't feel like life has no substance and meaning. As I grow older it seems like life has taken on a whole new set of priorities.

Once young and strong, now showing signs of age and weakness forces me to think about what is next. The Bible plants the seeds of eternity in our hearts. We can't help but think about what happens when this life comes to an end. Is this all there is? Or is there something better waiting for us in eternity?

Every Easter, all around the world, Christians celebrate the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is the hope

of the world for those who trust in Him. My childhood dreams of being older have been replaced with the hope of spending eternity with my Savior. I now realize that getting older promises the certainty of something called death. How could I have ever understood this culmination of life without personally witnessing it through the loss of family and friends?

God allows us to experience life to teach us some very important lessons. Life is more than simply acquiring possessions we will leave to someone who won't appreciate them. Life is the gift that allows us to discover our Creator. To walk in the woods and see the beauty of the mountains, rivers, wildlife, flowers, and puffy clouds reveals only a glimpse of His splendor. He offers us much more. God sent His Son to show us what He is like. He is kind and gentle, just like Jesus. He is not only our creator, He loves us.

Maybe you have never considered who Jesus is and what Easter is all about, but I hope this year will be different. When you look outside at the beauty we are surrounded by I hope you will see something bigger and greater than you have ever seen before. I hope the beauty of the blossoms and the flowers will open your eyes to the Master of the universe and help you see God for the first time.

Vernonia Men's Golf Club Sunday, April 12

Morning golf followed by our first meeting of the year.
Meeting will be called to order at 2:30 PM.
Nominations and elections of officers for the 2015 season.



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Bridge Street Bits

By Karen Miller

BARGAINS ON BRIDGE STREET....how do you like our new name along with our new location? Thanks to board member Tobi Finzel for the idea... and for board member Sally Harrison for repainting the old sign that is now on the front of the Learning Center Building. Love the teamwork!

IN-HOUSE MEALS will be served at the Food Bank building as of April 1, 2015. Take note of this new location for meals. Meals served Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting at noon. Donations welcomed. \$4 for those 60 and over. Those under 60 are \$5.

CLEAN DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED and are now being accepted. Thrift Store Manager Pam requests that your donations are dropped off during business hours. Thanks.

WE WISH TO THANK THOSE AGAIN who worked so hard in moving us and in helping us reorganize. A BIG THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT JACK HARVEY for leading the way, in directing and in example. It was a lot of volunteer hard work for all. AND TO LARRY BERNARDI who worked alongside Jack with lots of decision making and hard physical moving.

THANK YOU TO TREASURER PAT RAY with assistance from Bill Langmaid in

setting up the computer and phones, all that tech stuff... and all the long hours Pat spent in reorganizing the Center Office. Pat, we hope you don't have to do this again anytime soon.

FROM THE DESK OF COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM: If you know of anyone who needs a support person to help them as they caregive their loved ones, we have a program called REACH (Resources to Enhance Alzheimers Caregiver's Health): Call Nikki at our office in St. Helens for further information. 503-366-6545

MONDAYS AT THE LEARNING CENTER - come into the Vernonia Community Action Team Office for your senior

concerns and information. Our phone numbers are on the door as well, for your calling convenience.

SENIOR SERVICES:
Karen-Vernonia
503-366-6581
Marge-Rainier-Clatskanie
503-366-6581
Heather-Scappoose/St. Helens
503-366-6542
Nikki-Family Caregiver
503-366-6545

SENIOR SIGN OFF: Some people sure are funny. They want to be at the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the middle of the road.

Vernonia Senior Center • 939 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
www.GraceFamilyFellowship.org

Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 10:45 AM
Tues. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 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