

Things to Ponder: It Will All Work Out

By Grant Williams

Have you ever had the feeling you were in a mess you would never be able to get out of?

I have had those sentiments many times in my life. Fortunately, God has given us some encouraging words in the Bible. Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

First of all, we have God’s promise that everything will work out for good in the end. Things don’t always start out good. Maybe we have put our foot in our mouth and need to tell someone we are sorry. Perhaps a job went south because we made a mistake on a bid costing our boss a bundle of money. No matter what the circumstances, God has said in the end it will work out if we love God.

What does it mean to love God?

I believe the first step in loving God is acknowledging our need for Him in our life. This is probably the hardest step a person ever makes, being humble enough to admit their need for Him.

Secondly, we must admit we have failed Him and others and seek to make things right by saying we are sorry (asking sincerely for forgiveness).

Thirdly, it is essential to believe (by faith) that Jesus paid the full price for all the wrong we have done.

A very interesting part of this equation is the part about being “called according to His purpose.” Believe it or not, God knows everything. He knows all the good and bad we will ever do. He loves us so much He wants to help us recover from our failures and start producing the good part of our lives. The parts that unselfishly seek to serve our fellow man. The parts that make this world a better place for every one by treating others the way we want to be treated.

Unfortunately, some people who claim to love God have no tolerance for people who aren’t perfect. Let me make one thing very clear, that person doesn’t exist in reality. We live in a world full of people who make mistakes every day. There is no such thing as a person who doesn’t need forgiveness. Every day provides many choices to be made, and God will help us make the right choices if we ask Him.

In one of his devotions Oswald Chambers made the observation, “Beware of the piety that denies the natural life, it is a fraud.” God knows that we are made of dust, prone to failure and susceptible to temptation. God is so confident in His plan He has promised to make all things right in the end if we will trust Him. Don’t let those who look down on you discourage you. Always keep in mind that your Father in heaven loves you and is there to help no matter the size of your problem.

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Bridge Street Bits

DO YOU HAVE MEDICARE INSURANCE QUESTIONS? Beth Moffett will be at the Nehalem Valley Bible Church (at Grant & North) on Thursday, October 22, at 1 pm with information and answers to those questions.

FOOT CARE appointments may now be made with the Vernonia Health Center receptionist during clinic hours, 8 am through 4:30 pm, at 503-429-0622, Monday through Friday. Thanks to an agreement between the Vernonia Senior Center and the Health Center, foot care will continue to be provided one day per month at the Health Center with their receptionist taking reservations. You may also schedule future appointments with the provider when you see her. Our provider, Joyce Jossi, RN, is certified in senior and diabetic foot care. Cost is \$25 payable directly to Joyce by check or cash at the time of service. You may bring nail polish if you’d like to have Joyce give your toes a real finishing touch. The next foot care will be Wednesday, October 28. Appointments for October or next month, Wednesday, November 25, can be made now.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET? The Fred Meyer Community Rewards program will donate funds based on a shopper’s purchases to the non-profit of his/her choice. If you shop at Fred Meyer and have a Rewards Card, you can link your card to

the Community Rewards program online (www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) or by telephone (1-866-518-2686). You can search for us by name online or by our assigned non-profit number, 81674. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and rebates. You don’t have to be a senior to help the Senior Center with this program!

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE COME HELP! If you have or would like to get some retail store experience, we’re seeking more volunteers to help our BRIDGE STREET BARGAINS store team. Please call Pam at 503-429-3912 to request an application. Even one day per month would be a big help. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!

THE VERNONIA SENIOR CENTER OPERATES IN TWO LOCATIONS. The Senior Center Office and the Thrift Store, “Bargains on Bridge Street,” reside in the former VCLC building at 939 Bridge Street. The senior meal program has relocated to the American Legion Hall at 627 Adams Avenue. Meals are served Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. To reserve a meal, please call Wendy by 11:00 am at 503-429-1414. Suggested donation for seniors over 60 is \$4.00; under 60, the cost is \$5.00. Daily home-delivered meals are still available to qualifying persons; contact Community Action Team office on Mondays at 503-366-6584 for more information or to register.

BARGAINS ON BRIDGE STREET at 939 Bridge Street accepts donations during its regular business hours: Monday – Friday 9-3 and Saturday 10-3. Please bring donations inside. The thrift store welcomes you as a shopper, too. All donations and purchases support senior services in Vernonia. Watch for special SALE signs in front of the store.

WALKING WEDNESDAY is an opportunity for gentle exercise for seniors and anyone in the community who’d like to join us. Walking Wednesdays continue at Vernonia Lake at 9:00 am (note time change) each Wednesday, rain or shine. Walk at your own pace with a friend or solo. No fee and no pre-registration – just come and walk one or more circuits around the lake.

RUSS CLARK, COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, IS AVAILABLE to meet with clients in Vernonia. Russ will be at the Senior Center (former VCLC) in the office at the end of the hallway on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 7:00 pm.

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

The Crossing

Southern Baptist Church of Vernonia

Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Troy Pound, Pastor
Cabin in Vernonia
901 Park Drive
503-819-892

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
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