



Vernon Park Church of God

March 2020

Committed to loving God, loving others and serving others!

Women's History Month Inventors



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The Corner of Hope & Possibilities

A monthly reminder of what's possible!

Greetings Family,

March is known for a few predictable events. Among them; Spring Break, the NCAA March Madness Basketball Tournament as well as the last cruel weeks of Winter weather. Here at VPCOG, it also ushers us into a season when we collectively consecrate ourselves before the Lord. To “consecrate” essentially means to wholly dedicate to something of greatest importance. When spoken plainly, however, “consecration” refers to the act of setting one’s self aside and dedicating ourselves to God.

This year our time of Consecration will occur for a period of 30 days. During that time we must still function normally among those we love, work and live. However, we will focus extra times of prayer and study combined with denying ourselves some of the diet and even frivolity that is common.

Keep in mind this time is not punishment for sin, neither a cause to brag or appear superior. We consecrate these 30 days to bring ourselves individually and collectively into greater focus as we seek God’s will and way going forward in this new decade.

As always, we’re making personalized schedules available to those of you who wish to participate, either wholly or in part, during this time that will end on Good Friday, April 10th. I believe this to be a wonderful and necessary season for each of us as we humble ourselves before the King of kings and Lord of lords.

**My Pen is Positioned,
Pastor J**



PASTOR OF POSSIBILITIES

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Announcements



Eat better...feel better!

Wedding Anniversaries

James & Zandra Dixon - 17 years, March 3rd

Rick & Cheryl Nelson - 14 years, March 19th

Pastor Quincy & Sharyn Dyer - 11 years, March 22nd





Responsive Reading

March 1, 2020, Revelation 21:1-7, "A New Heaven and New Earth"

Lead: Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

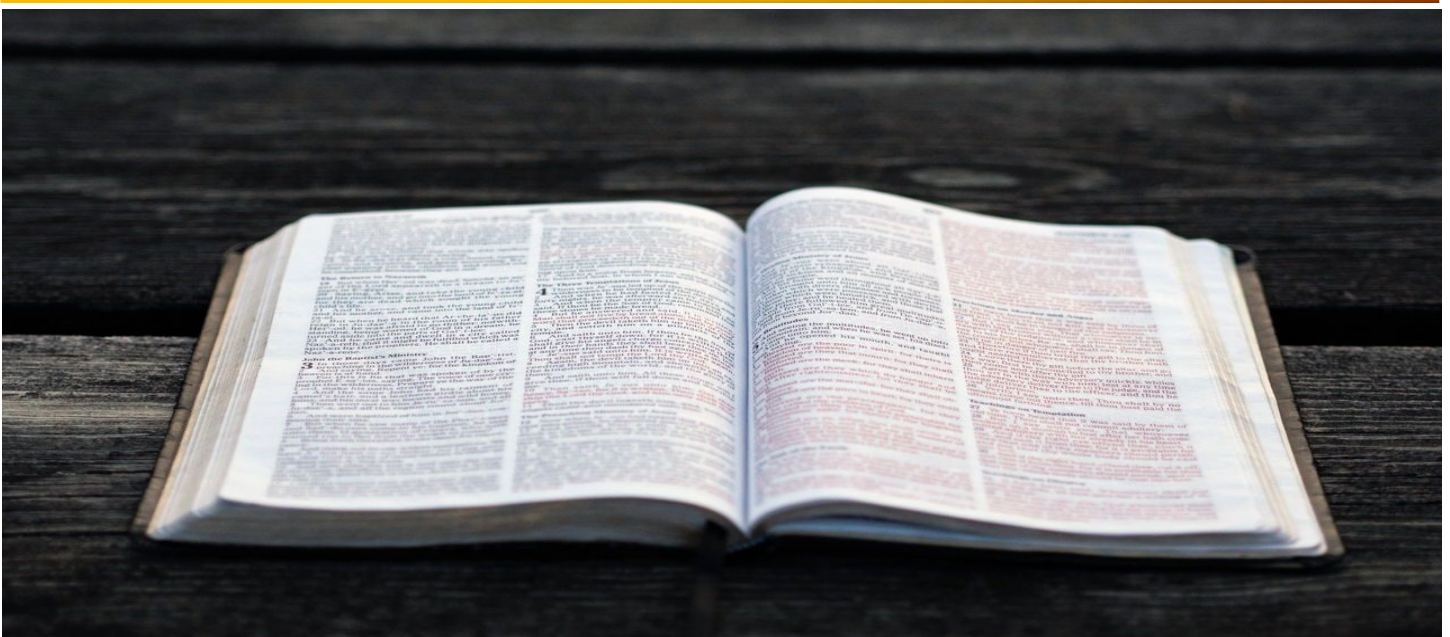
Cong: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Lead: ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Cong: He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Lead: He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Together: Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.





Responsive Reading

March 8, 2020, Psalm 147:1-18, "The Greatness of our Lord"

Lead: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Cong: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

Lead: Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

Cong: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.

Lead: He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

Together: He sends his command to the earth; His word runs swiftly. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down His hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends His word and melts them; He stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.





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Responsive Reading

March 15, 2020, Acts 17:24-31, "God's Sovereign Rule"

Lead: "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

Cong: From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

Lead: God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring'.

Cong: "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

Lead: In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

Together: For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead."



Thank You

and congratulations to all members of

**Vernon Park Church of God's
Special Events Committee**

for a spectacular

Black History Program

on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

It was amazing!

"A Lesson Learned in Black History"

*Sis. Sarah F. Barber
Special Events Chairman*



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Responsive Reading

March 22, 2020, Philippians 4:4-11, "Rejoice Always In the Lord"

Lead: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Cong: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lead: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Cong: Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Lead: I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

Together: I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

March 29, 2020, Psalm 81:1-16, "God's Provision to His Faithful People"

Lead: Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Begin the music, strike the timbrel, play the melodious harp and lyre. Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our festival; this is a decree for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob. When God went out against Egypt, he established it as a statute for Joseph.

Cong: I heard an unknown voice say: "I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket. In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Hear me, my people, and I will warn you—if you would only listen to me, Israel!"

Lead: You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship any god other than me. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

Cong: "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices.

Lead: "If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!"

Together: Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."



Dr. Shirley Jackson is an American physicist. She received her Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1973, becoming the first African-American woman to earn a doctorate at MIT in nuclear physics. Currently, Jackson is the 18th president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

In addition to her academic achievements, she also has an impressive list of inventions to her credit. Her experiments with theoretical physics are responsible for many telecommunications developments, including the touch-tone telephone, the portable fax, caller ID, call waiting and the fiber-optic cable.



Marie Van Brittan Brown received a patent in 1969, making her the first person to develop a patent for closed-circuit television security. Brown's system was designed with four peepholes and a motorized camera that could slide up and down to look at each one. Her invention became the framework for the modern closed-circuit television system that is widely used for surveillance, crime prevention and traffic monitoring.

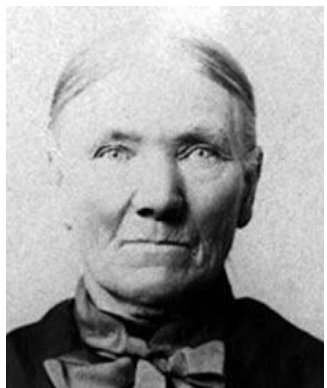


Dr. Patricia Bath is an American ophthalmologist, inventor and academic. She received a doctorate from Howard University College of Medicine and was also the first African-American woman doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose. In 1981 she received a patent for the Laserphaco Probe, which is used to treat cataracts. Dr. Bath's laser probe made cataract surgery faster and more accurate, and she has been credited with saving thousands of people from losing their sight.



Betty Harris received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southern University and a master's degree in chemistry from Atlanta University and earned a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico.

She worked extensively in the area of explosives and her research in this area led her to obtain a patent for her invention of a spot test for identifying explosives in a field environment. In 1999 she received the New Mexico Governor's Trailblazer Award for her achievement.



Sarah Goode was an entrepreneur and inventor, who was the first African-American woman to receive a U.S. patent. Goode invented a folding cabinet bed which provided people who lived in small spaces to utilize their space efficiently. When the bed was folded up, it looked like a desk. The desk was fully functional, with spaces for storage. She received a patent for it on July 14, 1885



Baby Dedications



Sunday, March 29, 2020

Baby dedications will be held on Sunday, March 29th at the 10:00am service. If you are a member of Vernon Park, and your child is 2 years or younger, please call the Church office to get more information

“Allow the little children to come to me! Don’t forbid them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these” Mark 10:14



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Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: March 1, 2020

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Date: March 8, 2020



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Women of Purpose

in conjunction with Vernon Park Church of God

PRESENTS...

The Award Winning Film

TestHERmony

T.V. Blake

Maura Gale

Erin Wiley Sands



Shame Kept Them Silent. Courage Gave Them a Voice.

Saturday, March 28th 11a - 2:30p

Screening and Q&A

**Ask questions and get answers:
Let's talk about ALL things WOMEN.**

This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family & neighbors.

*****Not recommended for girls under 12*****