



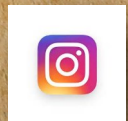
# Vernon Park Church of God

June 2019

*Committed to loving God, loving others and serving others!*



**Rev. Jerald January, Sr. - Senior Pastor**  
1975 E. Joe Orr Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411  
Phone: 708.753.1975 - Fax: 708.753.1977  
Website: [www.vpcog.org](http://www.vpcog.org)







**Vernon Park Church of God**

# The Corner of Hope & Possibilities

*A monthly reminder of what's possible!*

Greetings Family,

A few days ago, Steve Harvey responded to the news of his popular talk show going off the air. As a matter of fact, it appears that he is departing all three of his television shows, *The Steve Show*, *Little Bigshots* and *Family Feud*. His response to the news was both shocking and insightful. He said; "I'm 62 years old and I have had 62 chapters in my life. Some good and some not so good. But I can't wait to see what God has in store for me in the next chapter."

Like Mr. Harvey, VPCOG has had a great run with our Reaching Beyond the Walls telecast. Starting in the 80's it's been a staple of the local Saturday morning lineup of religious shows on TV 25. Last year, after a couple of years without new content, I decided we should relaunch the telecast from our Tabernacle with new content. I had hoped that a reboot would produce some of the old response from our television audience. However, it's evident that it's not practical to put new wine into old wineskins. So, like Steve, we're saying goodbye to this traditional telecast.

While there is the possibility we may launch a new telecast in the future, for now we have the opportunity to see what God wants to do with VPCOG next. During the summer I hope to meet with our media team along with selected members of our faith family and prayerfully plan new content using various formats.

It's possible that God will use the young tech minds among us to ride the digital highway into the lives of this generation.

Steve and I are the same age (62). Like him, I believe God can "make all things new." Let's all believe the Lord for greater as we mature in Him together.

*My pen is positioned,*

*Pastor J*



PASTOR OF POSSIBILITIES

®

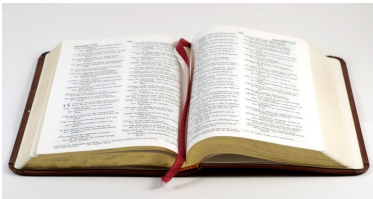


# Vernon Park Church of God

## Announcements

Life Enrichment Institute

## Sunday School now open



8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.



## Wedding Anniversaries

*Charles & Mary Sawyer - 46 years, June 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Rodney & Tarsa Tucker - 18 years, June 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Fred & Flora M. Lott - 64 years, June 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Bruce & Barbara McKinney - 36 years, June 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Eric & Andrea January - 20 years, June 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Robert & Annie Ruth Walker - 49 years, June 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Revs. William & Deborah Scott - 1 year, June 21<sup>st</sup>*

*James & Ladeyiha Reed - 16 years, June 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Chitunda & Danielle Tillman - 12 years, June 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Pastor Jerald & Lady Maura January - 2 years, June 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Tony & Carolyn Williamson - 11 years, June 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Maurice & Christian Brown - 5 years, June 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Tony & Vanessa Davis - 18 years, June 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Dr. Edward & Joyce Eddy - 57 years, June 30<sup>th</sup>*





# Vernon Park Church of God

## *Responsive Reading*

### **June 2, 2019, Hebrews 4:1-13, “Rest For God’s People”**

**Lead:** Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

**Cong:** And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.” And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

**Lead:** Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

**Cong:** For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

**Lead:** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

**Together:** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.



# Vernon Park Church of God

## *Responsive Reading*

### **June 9, 2019, Romans 12:3-21, “Humble in Christ and a Love in Action”**

**Lead:** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

**Cong:** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

**Lead:** Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

**Cong:** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

**Lead:** Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.

**Together:** On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



# Vernon Park Church of God

## *Responsive Reading*

### **June 16, 2019, Luke 15:11-24, “A Father’s Compassion for His Lost Son”**

**Lead:** “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ‘Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

**Cong:** After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

**Lead:** “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

**Cong:** But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

**Lead:** “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.

**Together:** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.





# Vernon Park Church of God

## *Responsive Reading*

### June 23, 2019, Psalm 139:1-14 “God Formed”

**Lead:** You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

**Cong:** Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

**Lead:** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**Cong:** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

**Lead:** If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**Together:** For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.





# Vernon Park Church of God

## *Responsive Reading*

**June 30, 2019, 1 Chronicles 16:7-27, “Declaring the Glory of God”**

**Lead:** That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the Lord in this manner: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

**Cong:** Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Israel, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**Lead:** He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: “To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit.”

**Cong:** When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it, they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. He allowed no one to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: “Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.”

**Lead:** Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**Together:** For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

**New Church Office Email**  
**office@vpcog.org**

**Please use this email address for all of your  
correspondence with the church office!**





**Vernon Park Church of God**

## *Announcements*

**Get ready for the  
Graduation & Moving On Celebration!**

**Saturday, June 22nd  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**GRADUATES are to arrive by 9:00 a.m.**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY 2019**

**A celebration of cultures to benefit the  
Annual JERRA JANUARY MISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Sunday, July 28th  
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

*Details to follow*

**For more information or to volunteer, please visit the Jerra January Legacy table or  
see a member of the Missions Ministry, Scholarship and Education or the Special  
Events Committee.**



# Vernon Park Church of God

*Speaker:*

*Sermon:*

*Date: June 2, 2019*

*Speaker:*

*Sermon:*

*Date: June 9, 2019*



# Vernon Park Church of God

*Speaker:*

*Sermon:*

*Date: June 16, 2019*

*Speaker:*

*Sermon:*

*Date: June 23, 2019*

*Speaker:*

*Sermon:*

*Date: June 30, 2019*



# Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

