



# Vernon Park Church of God

September 2019

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

## A Summer of Celebrations



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## The Corner of Hope & Possibilities

*A monthly reminder of what's possible!*

Greetings Family,

I read somewhere; *"The greatest tragedy is when people see God's invitation and do not accept it. This is the greatest decision we can make in life – one with eternal consequences."* Unlike other creatures on the earth, you and I can opt out or either accept our God-given purposes.

Each day is another opportunity to accept His plan during our lifetime. I believe these are the days of Decisions and Consequences. We're experiencing a time of very few grey areas. Either we live our lives saying "yes" to God's Word or we reject it on its face. I believe whatever our decision it will have consequences that not only affect us but generations to come.

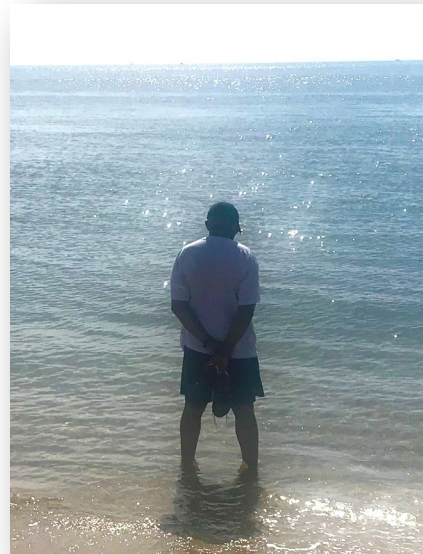
For the past month I had an opportunity to spend time resting and recuperating near the ocean. For many hours I just walked along the beach and stared at the waves. And, like many of you, I sought God's will as summer prepares to give way to autumn. *Purpose is not seasonal, but the seasons help shape us within our purpose.*

The Bible declares in *John 1:12*, *"Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."* Our decision to walk with God leads to eternal consequences.

*True mature decisions don't come easily. They are prayed over, contemplated and decided in the heart that is seasoned with grace and yielded to God. And sometimes we must decide to do the hard things because Purpose calls for it. The only option is disobedience.*

*But for the mature Christian it's not an option at all.*

*My pen is positioned,  
Pastor J*



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## *Announcements*



*A Community Supported Agriculture Project of Vernon Park Church of God*

# **Eat better...feel better!**

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

*John & Faith Lindsey - 1 year, September 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Andre & Dana Miller - 1 year, September 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Sydney & Brianna McClay - 1 year, September 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Patrick & Denee' Dent - 9 years, September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Eric & Julie Bryant - 21 years, September 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Lamarr & Laura Wimberly - 23 years, September 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Ronnie & Thia DeVance - 26 years, September 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Robert & Carol Hillsman - 28 years, September 19<sup>th</sup>*





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## *Responsive Reading*

September 1, 2019, Psalm 19:1-11, "The Ways of the Lord"

**Lead:** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

**Cong:** Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**Lead:** It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**Cong:** The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**Lead:** The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

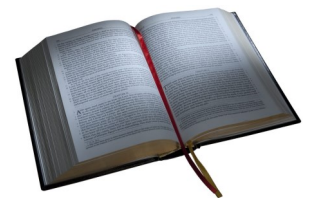
**Together:** By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.



## Sunday School

Begins Sunday, September 15th

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





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## *Responsive Reading*

**September 8, 2019, Ephesians 3:12-21, “Prayer for Spiritual Growth”**

**Lead:** In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

**Cong:** For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

**Lead:** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

**Cong:** And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people.

**Lead:** To grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Together:** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

## **Men of Destiny Meetings for 2019**

**Saturday, September 21st - Saturday, October 19th**

**Saturday, November 16th - Saturday, December 21st**

**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

***For more information, please see Brother Aubrey “Coach V” Volious***



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## *Responsive Reading*

**September 15, 2019, Psalm 33:12-22, “Our Trust is in You, Lord”**

**Lead:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

**Cong:** From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

**Lead:** No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

**Cong:** But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

**Lead:** We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

**Together:** May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.







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## *Responsive Reading*

**September 22, 2019, Romans 5:1-8, “Peace and Hope”**

**Lead:** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Cong:** Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

**Lead:** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

**Cong:** And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**Lead:** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

**Together:** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.





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## *Responsive Reading*

**September 29, 2019, James 5:13-20, “The Power of Prayer”**

**Lead:** Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

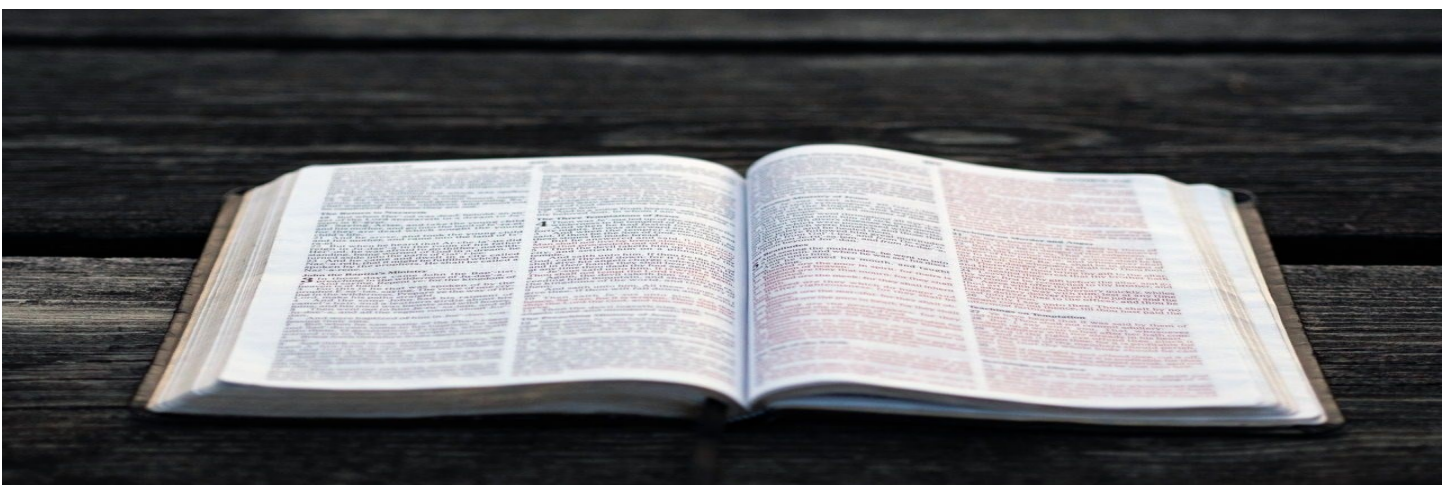
**Cong:** Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

**Lead:** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

**Cong:** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

**Lead:** Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

**Together:** My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.







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## VPCOG New Members



### NEW MEMBERS CLASS OF JUNE 2018

*Left to right are: Mishawna Manning, Charlene Griffin, Mary Ellen Johnson, LeLe Snell and Maurice Snell.*



### NEW MEMBERS CLASS OF JUNE 2019

*Left to right are: Faith Lindsey, Kathy Coley, Marcita Gooley and Calvin Gooley.*



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*Sermon:*

*Date: September 1, 2019*

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*Date: September 8, 2019*



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# *Happy Grandparents Day*

*Sunday, September 8, 2019*

