



Vernon Park Church of God

May 2018

Committed to loving God, loving others and serving others!

Emerging!



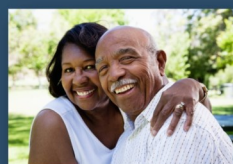
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A Church with PURPOSE!

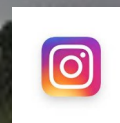


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The Corner of Hope & Possibilities

A monthly reminder of what's possible!

Greetings Family,

Matthew 11:28 says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Sounds great doesn't it? Rest for the weary is one of the promises of God. The same rest that the Lord has given for thousands of years throughout the world is available for you and I today.

We're on a wonderful journey together as a faith family. Vernon Park has been assigned with great purpose for more than 60 years. However, that assignment is corporate as well as individual. Each one of us has a life within the Body of Christ that demands that we function well to benefit the whole. Just as important is our existence in our own homes, schools, jobs and communities. With this in mind I believe our Father wants us to run our race with patience and rest when necessary.

For the next few weeks my wife and I will be spending a time of sabbatical away from the church and campus. It's not a vacation, it's a time to rest, reflect and recharge. Part of this 'Season of Emerging' calls for a renewed effort to tell the world about Jesus Christ and His love. This new trust will include new television broadcasts, Bible classes, web and cyber teaching just to name a few things. Hence, the need for me to pull away and set my mind and heart to move forward in His strength.

I encourage each of you to continue your race. Find your pace and keep making progress. And when the need to tap into His rest occurs, know that God has an ample supply for all of us.

My pen is poised,

Pastor J



PASTOR OF POSSIBILITIES



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Announcement



A Community Supported Agriculture Project of Vernon Park Church of God



Full Share - \$350.00

For the Harvest Season

***SHAREHOLDERS WILL RECEIVE ALL NATURAL
PESTICIDE-FREE PRODUCE EVERY OTHER
WEEK DURING THE 2018 HARVEST SEASON***



Half Share - \$175.00

For the Harvest Season

***For more information on the Mother Carr's
Farm Project, please contact the church office
at 708.753.1975 or visit our website at***

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Responsive Reading

May 6, 2018, Psalm 116:1-9 “I Love the Lord”

Lead: I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications.

Cong: Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

Lead: The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.
Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!”

Cong: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.

Lead: Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered
my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.

Together: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

May 13, 2018, Hebrews 6:10-15 “God’s Promises Bring Hope”

Lead: God is not unjust. He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped
his people and continue to help them.

Cong: We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be
fully realized.

Lead: Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, imitate those who through faith and
patience inherit what has been promised.

Cong: When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he
swore by himself, saying,

Lead: “I will surely bless you and I will multiply your descendants beyond number.”

Together: And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.



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May 20, 2018, Psalm 91:1-11 “God’s Mighty Hand of Protection”

Lead: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Cong: Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

Lead: You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Cong: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Lead: If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

Together: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

May 27, 2018, 1 John 4:7-14 “Let us Love One Another”

Lead: Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Cong: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Lead: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Cong: No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Lead: This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

Together: And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.



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Announcements

TIME TO GET READY FOR
GRADUATION AND MOVING ON CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, June 23, 2018

In the McKay Henry - Education Wing - 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All graduates are to arrive by 9:00 a.m.



There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all grads and/or parents.
You will receive detailed information about the ceremony.

Please select one of the following meeting dates:

Sunday, May 27th after service in the Overflow Room

Sunday, June 3rd after service in the Overflow Room

Attention Graduates

Scholarship applications for *high school graduating* seniors are now available. Applicants must be a member of Vernon Park and an active member of a Ministry.

Applications must be postmarked by May 21, 2018

Notification of Graduation forms are **due May 21, 2018**

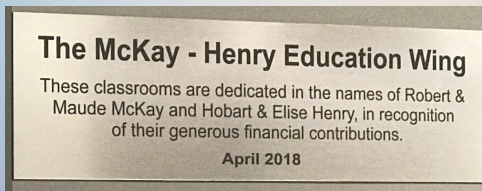
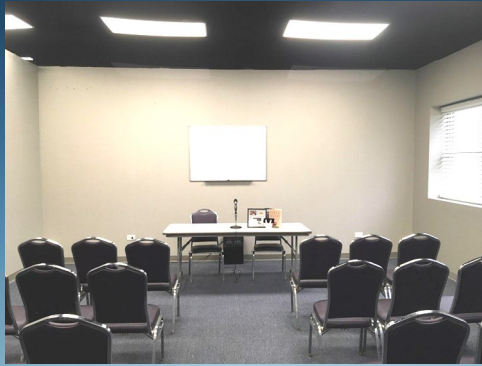
Pick up forms from the Media Table





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Vernon Park Highlights



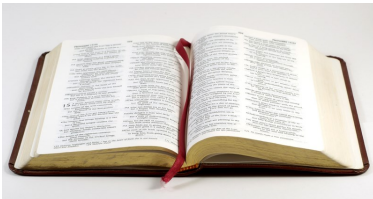


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Life Enrichment Institute

Sunday School **now open**



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



Wedding Anniversaries

Marvin and Phyllis Hatcher - 40 years, May 1st

Wilbur & Arleen Pierce - 55 years, May 5th

Minister Darwin & Tosha Jackson - 7 years, May 7th

Jimmie & Gwendolyn Dawson - 42 years, May 8th

Aubrey & Sherri Volious - 16 years, May 11th

Victor & Stacy Watts - 24 years, May 14th

Donald & Dorothy Franklin - 58 Years, May 15th

Randy & Dietta Smith - 43 years, May 24th

Larry & Gladys Brand - 1 year, May 27th





Souvenir Journal



There's still time to get your ad into the Souvenir Journal ... a collector's item that will commemorate the opening of our new main sanctuary.

Full Page Color - \$250 Full Page Black & White - \$200

Half Page Color - \$175 Half Page Black & White - \$125

Quarter Page Black & White - \$75 Patron - \$25

For more information, contact the church office at 708.753.1975





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Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: May 6, 2018

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Sermon:

Date: May 13, 2018



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Happy Mother's Day



Sunday, May 13th