



Vernon Park Church of God

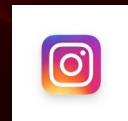
February 2018

Committed to loving God, loving others and serving others!

Black History Month Edition **GENERATIONS**



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The Corner of Hope & Possibilities

A monthly reminder of what's possible!

Greetings Family,

As 2018 discovers its pace, we're once again celebrating Black History Month. The great history of African people has long been under-stated and under-appreciated. Thank God there's still an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the great achievements of a great people.

I believe we're in a place in time to make our own historical mark. History is defined as "a continuous, typically chronological, record of important or public events or of a particular trend or institution." Vernon Park Church has long been known for its people who've made incredible strides in historical ways. From the worlds of politics, business, religion, community organizing and so much more, we've been the church home of many great servants of God.

Now it's our opportunity to become historical figures. It's possible that this generation is waiting for you and I to emerge onto the scene.

As we begin another season of fasting and praying, please set aside time to serve humanity with a Kingdom mindset. It's not the size of the sacrifice but the size of a servant's heart that often makes the difference. If each of us reaches out with the love of God and the strength of the Holy Spirit that's been proven in times past, we will make our community and world better.



My Pen is Positioned,

Pastor J

PASTOR OF POSSIBILITIES



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Announcements

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.

For more information, contact the church office at 708.753.1975

2018 Consecration - February 19th to March 30th
THE YEAR OF EMERGENCE

**Pick up your 2018 Consecration Schedule at the church or
download it from our website at vpcog.org**



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Responsive Reading

February 4, 2018, Mark 12:28-34, "The Greatest Commandment"

Lead: "One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Cong: Jesus answered, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Lead: The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Cong: "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

Lead: To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Together: When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

February 11, 2018, Romans 12:9-18, "Love in Action"

Lead: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love.

Cong: 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.

Lead: Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Cong: 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.

Together: If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.



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Responsive Reading

February 18, 2018, Isaiah 53:1-10, "The Suffering Savior"

Lead: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Cong: He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Lead: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Cong: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Lead: By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Together: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.



Scholarship and Education Ministry's

2018 Dollars for Scholars Campaign

Will begin Sunday, February 4th

The donation containers are located on the Media Table in the foyer.





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Responsive Reading

February 25, 2018, Psalm 57:1-11, "The Lord's Mercy"

Lead: Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.

Cong: He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.

Lead: I am in the midst of lions; I am forced to dwell among ravenous beasts, men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Cong: They spread a net for my feet—I was bowed down in distress. They dug a pit in my path—but they have fallen into it themselves. My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Lead: Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

Together: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.



Wedding Anniversaries

Darren & Qutester Mapp-Rushing - 6 years, February 18th

Frank & Monica Miller - 6 years, February 25th

John & Shirley Hill - 49 years, February 28th





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Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: February 4, 2018

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Vernon Park Church of God Health & Wellness Ministry and The Mother Carr's Farm Team

In celebration of American Heart Month



Dr. Terry Mason, *Chief Operating Officer*
Cook County Department Of Public Health
with Fred Carter - Black Oaks Center

''A HEART ATTACK
Has nothing to do with the heart...
INITIALLY!''

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

And 2018 FARM SHARES KICKOFF!

