



Vernon Park Church of God

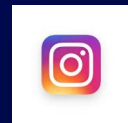
January 2019

Committed to loving God, loving others and serving others!

2019 A Year of Maturity



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The Corner of Hope & Possibilities

A monthly reminder of what's possible!

Blessed New Year Family,

We just sang, praised, gave, and received our way through another holiday season. It's been said that every year we live marks another year of maturity. Well that's not necessarily true. What's true is each of us celebrated a birthday in 2018. And that day marked another year we've lived on the earth by the Grace of God. However, being older doesn't necessarily mean one is more mature.

The Bible speaks of maturity not as surviving a space in time, but a daily lifestyle. God desires that His Body on the earth, in which we are a part, exhibit a maturity that causes effective witness. In other words, our presence is more effective by our depth of character than our breadth of numbers.

We live in a time and culture that commonly has immature expectations and makes demands without gratitude. The power of God in us demands a different attitude, one of gratitude and unselfishness. We must accept the fact that there are millions in the earth that would trade their best day for our worst day without complaining. But it's the Grace of God that we Americans are still the envy of most of the world. Therefore, let's live our lives everyday from a perspective of Christian maturity that allows us to not only be victorious but also gracious and compassionate.

It's possible that this year will find us living above pettiness, jealousy and envy. The year 2019 should be 'A Year of Maturity' in our congregation, homes, schools and jobs. Everywhere you go, make sure those that come in contact with you notice the God-difference in your life.

My pen is positioned,

Pastor J



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"While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus Himself approached
and began traveling with them."

Luke 24:15

"They were continually devoting themselves
to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship..."

Acts 2:42

"...that is, that I may be encouraged together
with you while among you, each of us
by the other's faith, both yours and mine."

Romans 1:12

Come join us!
~ All are welcome ~

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Responsive Reading

January 6, 2019, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 “God’s Faithfulness”

Lead: We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Cong: And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

Lead: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Cong: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lead: He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Brothers, pray for us. Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

Together: I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Wedding Anniversaries

Jesse & Ollie Hall - 12 years, January 4th

Ardie & Mira Davis - 38 years, January 19th



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Responsive Reading

January 13, 2019, Isaiah 30:18-26, "The Lord is Gracious to us"

Lead: Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Cong: For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

Lead: And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher.

Cong: And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left. Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!"

Lead: And he will give rain for the seed with which you sow the ground, and bread, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and plenteous. In that day your livestock will graze in large pastures, and the oxen and the donkeys that work the ground will eat seasoned fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork.

Together: And on every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the LORD binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow.





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Responsive Reading

January 20, 2019, 1 Peter 2:1-12, "Living Stone and a Holy People"

Lead: So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

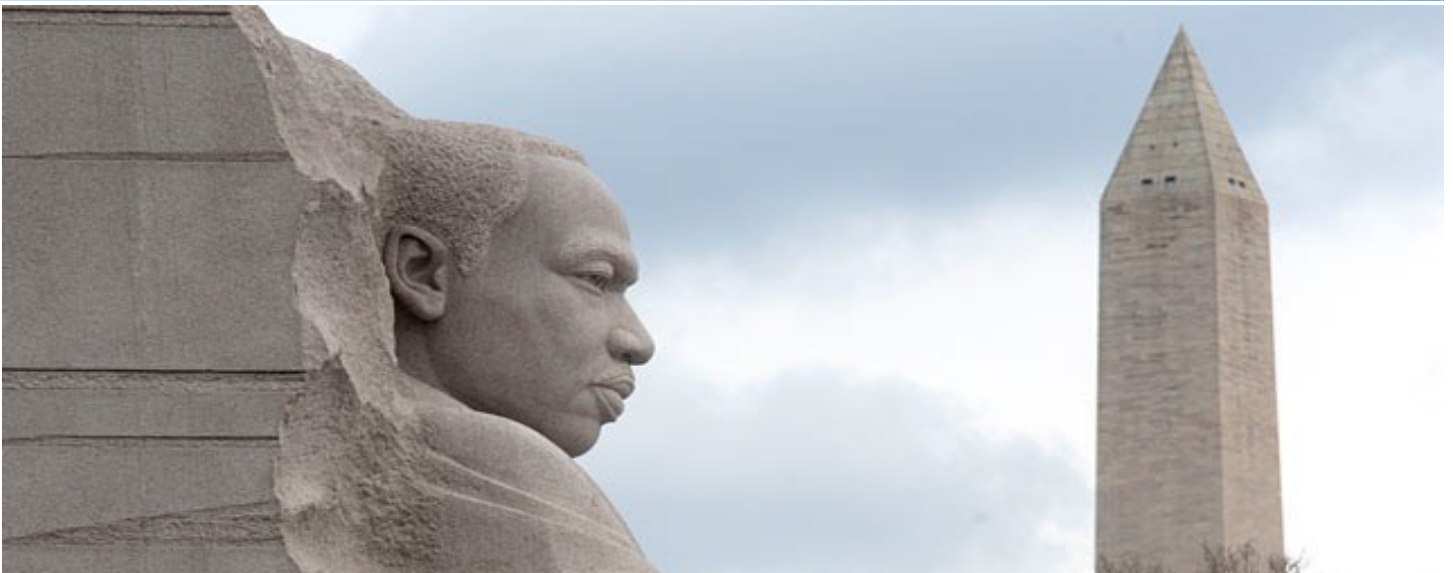
Cong: As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Lead: For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

Cong: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Lead: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Together: Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.





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Responsive Reading

January 27, 2019, Proverbs 3:1-12, "Trust in the Lord"

Lead: My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Cong: Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Lead: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Cong: Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Lead: Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

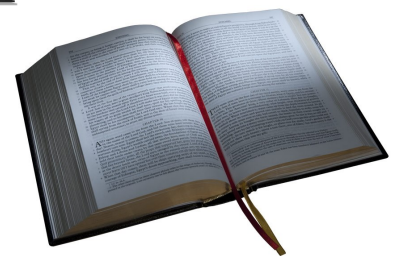
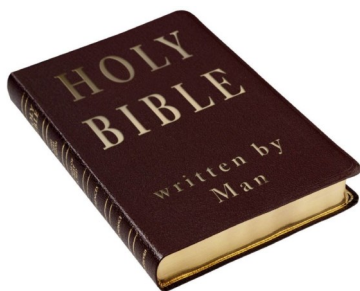
Together: My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Life Enrichment Institute Sunday School now open

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

In the

McKay-Henry Education Wing





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Reaching Beyond the Walls

With

Pastor Jerald January, Sr.

SATURDAYS 8:00 A.M.

CHICAGO CABLE CHANNEL 25 - CITY OF CHICAGO

MONDAYS 9:00 P.M.

COMCAST CABLE CHANNEL 19 - SOUTH SUBURBS

ONLINE AT VPCOG.ORG

Vernon Park Church of God College Care

VPCOG College Care sends care packages to college students living and studying away from home. We send biblical inspirational items, snacks, personal care items, church bulletins, and school supplies to the students. There are 2 packages/year, 1 each semester.

These packages are intended to let the students know that while they are away, their VPCOG family is thinking of them and praying for them.

If you have any questions, please see members of the VPCOG College Care Team,
Sis. DeShonda Sisco, Sis. Julia Hill or Sis. Danielle Garner Tillman.

Together, our scholars will succeed!



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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Sermon:

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Bro. Rick Nelson, Co-Chairman (Media)

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Black History is Me!

Join our Vernon Park Family as we celebrate

"Our Becoming"

(Genesis 2:10-15 – *Africa is the cradle of Mankind*)
during Black History Month on
Sunday, February 24, 2019.

Purchase your shirt today
to wear throughout the day of this special event.

Adult Shirts (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, and XXXXL) \$15 each

Youth Shirts (sizes S, M, L, XL, and XXL) \$10 each

Deadline for ordering
Sunday
February 10, 2019



Order forms available and payments taken at the
Special Events Committee Table in the foyer.