



Vernon Park Church of God

April 2017

Committed to loving God, loving others and serving others!

He is Risen



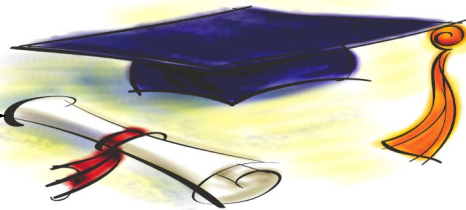
Rev. Jerald January, Sr. - Senior Pastor
1975 E. Joe Orr Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411
Phone: 708.753.1975 - Fax: 708.753.1977
Website: www.vpcog.org





Vernon Park *Church of God*

Announcements



**ALL 2017
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES**

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

Applications must be postmarked by May 21, 2017

For more information contact Sister Brenda Williams at 773.995.0155
or see one of the following:

Pastor Frank Miller - Youth Pastor; Minister Dawn Hatchett - Children's Church

Sister Constance El-Amin - Scholarship and Education Ministry

Information will be available at the Media Table

**The Dollars for Scholars
Campaign is here!**



*The donation container is
located near the Media Table!*

2017 Consecration - March 6th to April 14th

THE YEAR OF DESTINY

**Pick up your 2017 Consecration Schedule at the church or
download it from our website at vpcog.org**



Vernon Park *Church of God*

Announcements



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 2017 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*

vpcog.org



Wedding Anniversaries

Darryle and Mildred Robinson - 4 years, April 6th

James and Elizabeth Hicks - 68 years, April 16th

Charles and Annette Cain - 19 years, April 19th

Jordell and Karen Prather - 5 years, April 28th





Vernon Park *Church of God*

Responsive Reading

April 2, 2017, Joel 2:12-16, 18, 21, "Rend your Hearts"

Lead: "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments.

Cong: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Lead: Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.

Cong: Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast.

Lead: Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, Lord.

Together: Then the LORD was jealous for his land and took pity on his people. Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things!

April 9, 2017, John 13:5-17, "Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet"

Lead: After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Cong: "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Lead: Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

Cong: When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

Lead: Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Together: Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.



Responsive Reading

April 16, 2017, Luke 23:53-56, 24:1-8, "Jesus Has Risen"

Lead: Then [Joseph of Arimathea] took his body down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

Cong: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Lead: On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

Cong: But when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

Lead: In their fright, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee.

Together: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again. Then they remembered his words.

April 23, 2017, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, "The Resurrection of Christ"

Lead: Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

Cong: By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

Lead: That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

Cong: After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Lead: But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Together: Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.



Vernon Park *Church of God*

Responsive Reading

April 30, 2017, Psalm 105:1-15, "The Eternal Faithfulness of the Lord"

Lead: 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.

Cong: 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.

Lead: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Cong: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. 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.

Lead: 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." When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it. They wandered from nation to nation; from one kingdom to another.

Together: He allowed no one to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."

Youth Ministry Announcements

Children's Church Sundays
during both services!



TWEEN CHURCH
EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH 5TH SUNDAYS

YOUTH MINISTRY MEMBERS ARE COLLECTING PLASTIC EASTER EGGS

FOR UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION TO THE CHILDREN

SERMON FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH
5 LOVE LANGUAGES

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT
DATE TO COME



Vernon Park *Church of God*

Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 2, 2017

Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 9, 2017

Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 16, 2017

Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 23, 2017

Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 30, 2017



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

