



Vernon Park Church of God

April 2019

Committed to loving God, loving others and serving others!

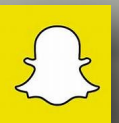
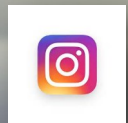
The Resurrection

**Palm Sunday
April 14th**

**Resurrection Sunday
April 21st**



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The Corner of Hope & Possibilities

A monthly reminder of what's possible!

Greetings Family,

April is normally known as the month of showers. While we're excited about the departure of snow and cold weather, it's not quite summer yet. It's a fact we in Chicago must trade our snow shovels for raincoats. But that rain leaves us with green grass and colorful flowers.

I was reading my devotional and took note of the phrase "God changes our lives daily." The author explained how God is mighty enough to change any dire situation we find ourselves in into one in which we can come out overcomers.

Psalm 10:14 reminds us "You, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; You consider their grief and take it in hand."

During this Spring season remember that our Heavenly Father is aware of the storms in your life. And while it may seem like the rain will never end, God has plans to bring you to a beautiful, victorious and wonderful victory.



My Pen is Positioned,

Pastor J

PASTOR OF POSSIBILITIES





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God's Senior Ministry Reaches Beyond the Walls

By Sister Josephine Robinson



God's Senior Ministry of VPCOG visits the Wentworth Rehabilitation & Health Care Center on every fourth Thursday of the month from 10:30 A.M. until about 11:30 A.M. We go there to bring the love of God to each of the residents who attend. We have an order of service with a Call to Worship, prayer, Bible verses, songs and preaching of the word of God by our own Min. Ardie Davis. But it has become more to us than just a service, we go because we have come to love the people we serve. To see their faces light up as we enter, sets our hearts on fire. And to know that God is pleased with us is the icing on the cake for we get so much pleasure out of what the Lord has sent us to do. We always leave aglow, smiling and commenting on how good it was!

This team that goes to Wentworth Rehab has been together for almost 7 years, but the ministry was started several years before under Rev. Luella Butler. She was such a great leader, and we are carrying on her legacy.

We are so blessed to have a wonderful minister who preaches the word of God faithfully and with power. This is Minister Ardie Davis, and when he has not been able to attend, the Lord has blessed us with Rev. Bruce McKinney and Minister Darwin Jackson. Our Chaplain is Sis. Rosemary Tucker and Sis. Millicent Garcia brings us our Bible readings. Sisters Barbara Middleton and Ruth Watts always fill in wherever and whenever they are needed. Bro. Tyrone Tucker, before his accident, was also very faithful. Also, Sis. Willie Mae Randle served as our songstress before she began having health issues. Everyone, including the residents, serve as the choir. We truly have church!

We are always looking for more faithful people who have been called by the Lord to serve. They don't really have to call, just be there on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10:30 A.M. However, they can get in touch with me (773) 737-1036 or any of the other members they know. I can guarantee that whomsoever the Lord selects will truly be blessed every time! Not just once, not just twice, not just occasionally, but every time! I'm a witness!



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Responsive Reading

April 7, 2019, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, “One Died for All”

Lead: For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Cong: So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Lead: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Cong: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Lead: We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Together: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

April 14, 2019, Romans 5:1-8, 11, “Justified Through Faith”

Lead: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Cong: And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Lead: 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.

Cong: 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.

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

Together: Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



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Responsive Reading

April 21, 2019, Matthew 28:1-10, "Jesus Has Risen"

Lead: Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

Cong: And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

Lead: But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Cong: Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.

Lead: See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Together: Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."



Scholarship and Education Ministry's



2019 Dollars for Scholars Campaign



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



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Responsive Reading

April 28, 2019, Luke 24:36-45, "Peace Be With You"

Lead: While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

Cong: He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

Lead: Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

Cong: When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

Lead: They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Together: Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Reaching Beyond the Walls

With PASTOR JERALD JANUARY, SR.

SATURDAYS at 8:00 a.m. - Chicago Cable Channel 25

City of Chicago

MONDAYS at 9:00 p.m. - Comcast Cable Channel 19

South Suburbs

Online at www.vpcog.org



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Announcements

Attention All Engaged Couples



Vernon Park Marriage Enrichment Ministry will be offering Pre-Marriage classes in the very near future. Vernon Park believes in biblical marriage and the classes are based on what the bible teaches about marriage. This is an eight-week course and all engaged couples are welcome to attend. The classes will be held on Sundays following the worship service. Please contact the church office and give your names and contact information.



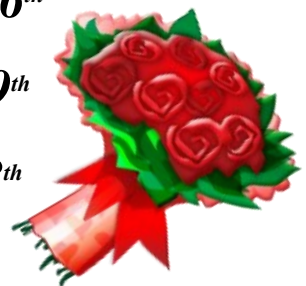
Wedding Anniversaries

Darryle and Mildred Robinson - 6 years, April 6th

James and Elizabeth Hicks - 70 years, April 16th

Charles and Annette Cain - 21 years, April 19th

Jordell and Karen Prather - 7 years, April 28th





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Announcements

*Are you interested in becoming a
Deacon or Deaconess?*



*Training Class begins
Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 8:30am*



*Registration will take place
Sunday, April 7th in Room 101 after service.*

*Deacon Darryle Robinson
773-398-1289*



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Announcements

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Resumes Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:30-9:30 am

The following classes will be offered:

Experiencing God - Creative Bible Study

International Bible School

(Traditional Sunday School Class)

American Sign Language (ASL) Classes



Learning a new language is both challenging and fun yet really worth it! Classes will consist of the basics of Deaf culture, sign language vocabulary, ASL grammar and beginning conversational skills.

Basic ASL I Class - Instructor: Alvenna Ward

Location: VPCOG classroom

When: April 13, 2019 - May 18, 2019 (6 weeks) - Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm Saturday

Donation: Members \$25.00; Non-Members \$50.00

Text required: Signing Naturally Student Workbook Level 1 with DVD

ISBN - 10: 1-58121-127-9 ; ISBN - 13: 978-1-58121-127-6

Register after Sunday service....deadline April 7, 2019



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Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 7, 2019

Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 14, 2019



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Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 21, 2019

Speaker:

Sermon:

Date: April 28, 2019



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

