

# VP NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

## Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

708-753-1975 (o)

No internet?

No problem.

Call in for

Sunday Service

at 10am

202-926-1080

Access Code

981434

Children's Church

is held following

Praise and Worship.

**Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24**

**PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO VOTE**

**Tuesday, Nov. 5th**

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**Saturday, Nov. 9th**

**Real Girlfriends - BRUNCH**

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10a-2p

**Monday**

**Nov. 11th**

**Veterans Day**



**Thursday**

**Nov. 28th**

**Thanksgiving**

**NEW**

**IT'S GENERATIONAL!**

**NO BRAG, JUST FACTS!**

**This month highlighting: Harold Grevious**

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**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**

**Call for November Sponsors**

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**LEADERSHIP RETREAT**



**SAVE THE DATE**



**Saturday, December 14th**

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**HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY**

**November is...**

**Diabetes Awareness Month**

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**[Link to Photos from Pastor J's 25th Anniversary Celebration](#)**

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# November Anniversaries

Bennie & Alma Smith  
35 years ~ November 18th

**Love is Kind**

**Pray for our sick and shut-in**

**Sis. Willie Randle**

**Pray for our bereaved**

Deacon Paul (Denise) Alston  
in the loss of his nephew  
~Bro. Frank Alston

Sis. Mary (Charles) Sawyer  
in the loss of her Sister

~Sis. Teresa Ward-Kittrell

Sis. Veronica (Paul) Dark, Brianna  
(Sydney) McClay, Tyler (Obinna) Mojekwu  
and the entire Dark / Sawyer family in the  
loss of her father, their grandfather, great-  
grandfather, uncle and great-uncle  
~Bro. William Hill

~Psalm 147:3

**He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.**

NEW CONTENT ON:  
[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#),  
[Instagram](#)  
and [VPCOG.ORG](#)

**MONDAYS - 5PM**  
Moments in Marriage  
Real Life Stuff

**COMING SOON**

**TUESDAYS - 6PM**  
Poetic Perspectives  
*Catlin & Lady Maura*

**THURSDAYS - 6AM**  
Prayer Call  
202-926-1080  
Access Code 981434

**THURSDAYS - 6PM**  
Power of Prayer  
*Min. Cassandra Ward &  
The Prayer Team*

**SATURDAYS - 12PM**  
See What I'm Sayin'  
The Bible & ASL  
*Talayah Stovall &  
Carmen Banks*

**3RD SATURDAY-12:30PM**  
Monthly  
Men of Destiny

**4TH SATURDAY-10AM**  
Monthly  
Women Of Purpose  
& Prayer Ministry

**SUNDAYS - 12PM**  
This Week in...  
Black History





**Early Voting/Grace Period  
Registration/Election Day Vote Center  
Locations: Click Link Below..**

**[Illinois State Board of Elections Link](#)**



# VERNON PARK CHURCH OF GOD WOMEN OF PURPOSE & THE PRAYER MINISTRY

In support of our friend in ministry

**Psalmist**

**Audrey Lewis  
"MamaLew"**

**Saturday, Nov. 9th**

COMEDY  
MINISTRY  
MUSIC  
& FOOD

THE 4TH  
ANNUAL

\$95

REAL GIRLFRIENDS  
BRUNCH

We would like to  
secure 1-2 tables of 8!

Ladies Click  
Here to register.



AUDREY LEWIS MINISTRIES  
PRESENTS

Actress  
Comedian  
**LADY  
LUNCHA'BELL**

Host:  
**AUDREY  
LEWIS**

**THE 4TH  
ANNUAL  
REAL GIRLFRIENDS**

*Brunch* **20  
24**

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ELEMENTS BY THE ODYSSEY  
16235 LaGrange Rd,  
Orland Park IL 60467

SATURDAY  
**NOV 9TH**  
10 AM - 2 PM



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## **Harold Grevious & Brenda Taylor Grevious**

On Tuesday, March 5, 2023, we received the call that gave life to the words **"time is filled with swift transitions."** But God!!!

It started out as a normal day for Harold and I and ended with him in the hospital requiring three blood transfusions. Around 11am, I received a call from his doctor telling me that Harold's hemoglobin count was severely low and he was in immediate need of a blood transfusion. The emergency room had been notified and arrangements were made for him to be admitted upon arrival. We watched Harold go from some back pain to someone who was so sick that he couldn't adjust himself in bed. Three to four days in, we received the diagnosis; Harold had Multiple Myeloma...cancer of the blood.

This was the beginning of a 15-month journey where at every visit Mr. Grevious asked the same question, "When can I go back to work?" and "Can I practice golf?" There were many ups and downs along the way as he underwent weekly rounds of chemotherapy. After 7 months, his hemoglobin count went up enough to get his care moved to U of C where it was planned for him to participate in the CarT Treatment Trial.

Once there they discovered that the chemo had damaged his heart so he no longer qualified for the treatment trial. The option was a stem cell transplant. This meant more chemo and growth injections because the transplant required a significant increase in the hemoglobin count and reduction in myeloma cells because he would be his donor. Now he's receiving chemotherapy and treatments to repair his heart. The new chemotherapy was working. The myeloma cells were reducing and his heart valves were starting to pump as they should. Six months later the oncologist and cardiologist concurred, he was well enough to undergo CarT Therapy (not the trial and not the dreaded stem cell transplant).

The next hurdle was getting insurance approval. We kept trusting God and moved forward in anticipation of His "Yes." In April we received it and his cells were collected and sent to the lab for cleaning. The following weeks were filled with hospital visits for chemo, labs, and a series of infusions to fight off infections. His cells were returned in June and he was admitted to the hospital for three weeks for monitoring. We had been told by his medical team that the next 6 to 8 months would be grueling and painful as his body fought to produce good T-cells and destroy new myeloma cells.

In August, Dr. Derman showed us the comparative scans from June where Myeloma was everywhere except his brain and August where there were two or three small spots and he is officially in remission! He was cleared to return to work on August 19th and played in a golf tournament on September 28th. He's getting stronger day by day.

Thanks be to God and our VPCOG Family for the prayers and check-ins. They made a world of difference!



**If you have a WIN to share, email: [Vparkcog@gmail.com](mailto:Vparkcog@gmail.com)  
for instructions on what we need in order for you to be included.**

# CALL FOR SPONSORS

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES



JOIN THE EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE OUR VERY OWN  
VP COLLEGE SCHOLARS!

CALL FOR SPONSORS:  
THE ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

PLEASE SEE ANY MEMBER OF THE MISSIONS TEAM  
FOR MORE INFORMATION!

VERNON PARK CHURCH OF GOD MISSIONS MINISTRY  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR YOUTH MINISTRY AND  
 SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

JERALD JANUARY, SR., SENIOR PASTOR  
QUINCY DYER, OUTREACH PASTOR



REGISTRATION @9:30

SAVE THE DATE  
**VPCOG  
STRATEGIC  
PLANNING  
MINISTRY**

**14 DEC**  
SATURDAY  
**10:00 - 2:00**  
AM PM  
**2024**

*Leadership Retreat*



ENGAGE



INVOLVE



CHALLENGE

**“PLANS FAIL FOR LACK OF COUNSEL, BUT WITH MANY ADVISERS THEY SUCCEED.” ~PROVERBS 15:22**

# NOVEMBER IS...

## NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

**Diabetes is a condition in which you have high levels of blood glucose (also known as blood sugar). Your body can make glucose, but glucose comes from the food you eat. As we take in food, glucose is released into our blood. Insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas helps glucose get into your cells where it is used for energy. If you have Diabetes, your body doesn't make enough insulin or any, or it doesn't use insulin properly to facilitate the movement of glucose from your blood into your cells. Glucose then remains in blood elevating your blood glucose levels.**

**The most common types of Diabetes include Type 1 and Type 2. In Type 1 Diabetes, the immune system attacks and destroys the insulin producing cells of the pancreas. This is believed to be caused by genetics and environmental factors and usually have an onset at childhood. Type 2 Diabetes is believed to be caused by lifestyle factors and genetics and develops in adult life. Being overweight, obesity and physical inactivity can all lead to the development of Type 2 Diabetes.**

**Over time, high blood glucose can damage your heart, kidneys, feet, and eyes. If you have diabetes, you can take steps to lower your chances of developing diabetic health problems by taking steps to improve your overall health and learning how to manage the disease.**

[For symptoms and causes of Diabetes, click here or visit:](#)

**Symptoms and Causes  
of Diabetes - NIDDK nih.gov**





**There's still time..**

**If you attended Pastor J's Anniversary Banquet at the Serbian Center on 9/15/24, or not, you can view the photos.**

**We have uploaded over 1600 images. Perhaps there is a photo of you, your table or of Pastor you want to print out as a keepsake! These images are downloadable.**

**Keep in mind the size of the images are much larger than cell phone photo files.**

**[CLICK HERE FOR PHOTOS](#)**