

VP NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

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. 2, 9, 16, 23



**THURSDAY,
November 27th**

IT'S GENERATIONAL!
NO BRAG, JUST FACTS!
Highlighting: JORDAN JONES
"AUTISM & AUTOMOBILES"
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MARRIAGE MINISTRY EVENT
ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE!
Saturday, November 8th
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MOTHER CARR'S FARM
Greenhouse/Arbor Opening
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THE ZOE INSTITUTE
Continues until Sunday, Nov. 16th
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HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY
National Family Caregiver Month
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November Anniversaries

Bennie & Alma Smith
36 years...November 18th

Pray for our sick and shut-in

Sis. Dietta Smith

Sis. Phylis Hatcher

Sis. Kristy Norman

Deacon Roy Burns

Sis. Veronica Dark

Sis. Stacey Whittington

Pray for our bereaved

Pastor Jerald (Maura), and Craig January
in the loss of their cousin Bro. Kenneth January

Trustee Harold Battie in the loss of his brother
Bro. Thaddeus Tate

Deacon Mardelle Vanderbilt, Reshonda Anderson,
Trustee Angie, Tamera and Cary Vanderbilt in
the loss of their aunt and great aunt
Mother Deborah Robinson

Rev. Alice Elzy, Andrea January and Sharron
Irving in the loss of their nephew and cousin
Brother David William Scott

Lady Maura (Jerald) January and Mary and Erma
Harrison in the loss of their cousin and nephew
Bro. Lester Dwain Broughton

Sis. Denise Turner Alston in the loss of her
husband Deacon Paul Alston

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

~ Psalm 147:3



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MONDAYS

The church office
is CLOSED.

THURSDAYS

6:00AM

Prayer Call
202-926-1080
Access Code
981434

THIRD

SATURDAYS

12:30PM

Men of Destiny

SUNDAYS

October 12th -
November 19th
6 weeks!

Zoe Institute
Bible Study

ADULT & 16+ CLASSES
(Children's Church)
YOUTH 12-15 CLASSES
(Classroom 103)
8:45AM - 9:45AM

New Members Class
8:45AM - 9:45AM

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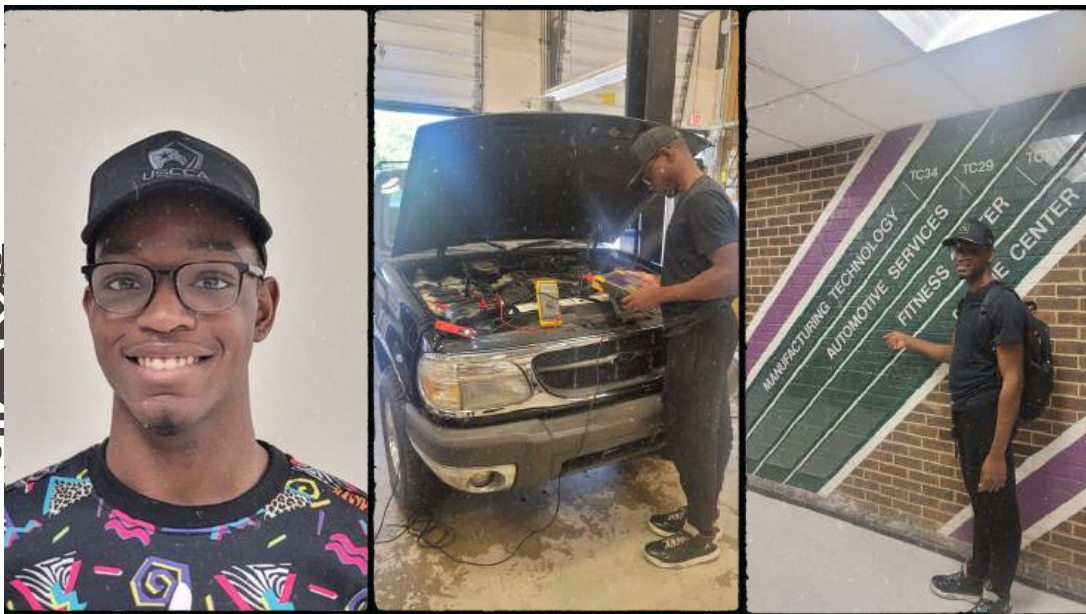
Highlighting: Jordan Jones

“Autism & Automobile”

My name is Jordan Jones. I am living with Asperger's on the autism spectrum. People living with Asperger's have academic, social, and motor skills delays and/or challenges. I don't consider it a disability, but a unique ability to learn things at my speed, my way. Because change is difficult for me, I am able to focus on things I am interested in. I have loved everything about cars since I was a toddler. So, when my parents asked me what I wanted to do career-wise, I told them I wanted to be a mechanic. This is where my after high school journey began.

I am in the Automotive Program, earning my Breaks Specialist Certification at Prairie State College. This was a huge change and challenge for me. Coming in, I did well, but not keeping up caused me to fall behind and fail Auto 107, my first class. Although that set me back a bit, I was able to complete and pass my remaining classes. Now, I am in a full circle moment ending where I started. I am repeating Auto 107, and I'm set to earn my certification on 12/11/25! Being in the Automotive Program and having a good support team is also helping me with accepting change and overcoming my social anxiety.

During the summer, I interned at Sutton Ford in Matteson; I am serving on the Watchmen Team at VPCOG, and I'm planning to take one more class to earn another certification. I won't let autism hold me back!



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

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MARRIAGE MINISTRY ESCAPE ADVENTURE



\$33 SATURDAY, NOV. 8TH

**Meal NOT
Included**

DINNER AFTERWARDS

**As couples, you will put your communication,
problem-solving, and teamwork skills to the test.**

SKILLS & TOPICS

- Crack Codes
- Solve Puzzles
- Race the Clock
- Listen for Clues
- Tackle Challenges
- Work Side by Side



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to RSVP**

SCAN ME



6:30p

**Psych Escape Room
18058 Wolf Road
Orland Park, IL 60467**

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR YOUR ESCAPE!

MOTHER CARR'S FARM

Planted with Purpose GREENHOUSE & ARBOR CELEBRATION!

Saturday, November 15th
Noon-2:30pm



CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF OUR GREEN- HOUSE STRUCTURE & PLANTING OF 9 TREES:

- 1 Redbud
- 1 Autumn Blaze
- 1 Dogwood
- 1 Maple
- 2 Honey Crisp Apples
- 2 Gala Apples
- 1 Pear

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Special Guests
- Ribbon Cutting
- Green House & Arbor Tour
- Food Tasting
- Vendors
- Children's Activities



**CLICK
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**ALL ARE
WELCOME**



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THE ZOE INSTITUTE
SUNDAYS 8:45AM - 9:45AM
OCTOBER 12th - NOVEMBER 16th
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ADULTS & YOUTH AGES 16 & UP!

Salvation *The Word* **Prayer**
STREET EVANGELISM *Shine Your Light*
Service

This Bible Study will be one of the most practical approaches to discovering and living in harmony with God and His purpose for our lives.

SUNDAY • OCT. 12TH **GROWTH**
AND
IMPACT
youth **12-15**

Our young folks will receive teachings to continue laying the foundation for Godly living, unconditional love and Bible-based learning.

Room 103 • 8:45AM - 9:45AM

NOVEMBER IS...

National Family Caregivers Month

Honoring Those Who Give So Much...

Each November, we honor and recognize the incredible contributions of family caregivers across the country. National Family Caregivers Month is a time to support, uplift, and express deep gratitude for those who selflessly care for loved ones-often without recognition or rest. Although caregiving is not always planned, it becomes a central part of life when it does. Whether it's providing full-time care for a patient with Alzheimer's, managing medications for a child with special needs, or supporting a partner through illness, caregivers are the quiet heroes of our communities. Over 53 million Americans provide unpaid care for family members, friends, or neighbors who are aging, ill, or living with disabilities. Many juggle caregiving with full-time jobs, parenting, and other responsibilities-often at the expense of their own well-being, making supporting caregivers that much more important.

There are several ways we can support family caregivers:

- **Listen and Acknowledge** - Sometimes, simply asking "How are you really doing?" can mean the world.
- **Offer Help** - Small gestures like delivering a meal, running errands, or providing respite care make a big impact.
- **Share Resources** - Connect caregivers to local support groups, financial assistance, and mental health services.
- **Advocate** - Support policies that improve paid leave, healthcare access, and caregiver support services.

To every caregiver in our community, WE THANK YOU! Your strength, compassion, and resilience are seen and deeply appreciated. You make a difference-every single day. Let's use this month not only to raise awareness but also to take meaningful action. Together, we can build a more supportive world for those who give so much of themselves to others.

For more resources for caregivers, please visit: www.caregiver.org

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