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Victory newsletter

Summer 2018

Victory's New Pastor!

In June, Victory Baptist Church welcomed her new Pastor, Brother Larry Campbell! The Pastoral Search Committee was formed in March and they got right to work. Bro. Larry's was one of the first names they received, and he was able to preach for us soon after he was contacted. As the Search Committee considered and visited with Bro. Larry, it became more and more apparent that he might be the pastor God was sending to Victory. When it was time to vote, Victory overwhelmingly voted "Yes!" to Bro. Larry! June 10 was Bro. Larry's first Sunday to preach as pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Sherwood, Arkansas!

Many were surprised at how quickly the vacancy was filled. While we do need to be patient and wait on the Lord, we also need to be aware that He sometimes tells us to move more quickly than we expect!



Brother Larry, Sister Cindy, Jack, and Katie

Dessert Auction

One of the events our members look forward to each year is our annual Dessert Auction. This year it was held at the end of April, and it did not disappoint! The church stepped up and brought lots of beautiful desserts, their pocketbooks, and their competitive nature.



So many desserts!

With these ingredients, a show is guaranteed! About 40 desserts were donated; most were home-made, and some were purchased at local bakeries. There was much friendly bidding on favorite recipes, everyone had more than their fill of sweets, and when the bidding was over, \$5,000 was raised for our children and teen groups. Thank you, Victory, for coming out and supporting our youth!



A delicious strawberry pie

Children's Ministry

VBS Vacation Bible School is one of our most exciting times at Victory, and this year was no exception! Our theme this year was “BUGS! - Small Creatures, Big Lessons!” A team of skilled volunteers transformed our church to a giant backyard, making the kids feel as if they had been shrunken down to the size of a bug! We used different bugs as reminders of important Biblical lessons. Ants reminded us to work together as the body of Christ. Fireflies reminded us to shine the light of Jesus in a dark world. Spiders reminded us to avoid the trap of sin. Caterpillars and butterflies reminded us that when we ask



Jesus to be our savior, we're transformed into a new creation! Stinkbugs reminded us to keep a good attitude and build each other up. All throughout the week, three teams of kids competed in wild games and tests of knowledge—with the winner sliming Brother Josh with his least favorite desert, vanilla pudding! The winning team, the Green Dragonflies, was in third place for the entire week of VBS but pulled into the lead on the final day for a surprise victory! And yes, fun and silly times were had—but God was at work throughout all of it. Each night over 50 children attended! Over the course of five days, five children accepted Jesus as their savior, and another seven rededicated their lives. All in all,



this year's VBS has gone down as our best ever, and we're already planning for next year! God is moving in the city of Sherwood, and it's starting with these children. Check out Victory Baptist's YouTube channel for the VBS highlight reel! To find our YouTube channel, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), type "Victory Baptist Sherwood" in the search bar, and click on our logo.

SUMMER OF FUN 2018 VBS kicked off our summer right, but there are still so many activities to go! This year, each Wednesday night we host a different event for K-6th graders and their families. These include an outdoor movie night, game nights, kickball on the church lawn, water gun wars, and Nerf wars!

Children's (continued)

POGO Every Sunday we have a worship service specially designed for K-6th graders called "POGO!" This is a fun, high-energy service where the kids play games, sing and dance, give their own offering, and learn practical, hands-on Biblical lessons. This summer we're going deep into the story of David and Goliath with a series entitled "GIANT!" Our kids are learning that with God, no problem in this life is too big to handle!

If you're interested in keeping up with our children's department, check out the "Victory Kids!" Facebook page, or read more about it at www.victory1st.com.

More VBS moments . . .



Senior Sunday

On Sunday, May 6, the church recognized eight members representing three local high schools for their accomplishment of graduating high school. This was one of the biggest group of graduates we have seen in a while! We have watched these boys and girls grow up into the young men and women they are today, active in their church and community. Brother Jason Burke recognized them and presented each of them with a Bible from the church. He preached a sermon entitled “Follow Your Heart?” reminding us that although the world continually advises us to follow our heart, the Bible tells us that the heart is deceitful above all things (Jeremiah 17:9); instead, as Christians, we need to follow God. It

was a good reminder for these seniors as they begin a new phase in their life—and for the rest of us, too!



CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime



The CALL Mall is a very special place to volunteer. Everyone who works there has seen many blessings for the foster children and their parents. These families pick up items (clothing, shoes, baby food...) for free that can be used by the foster child. The CALL Mall was the recipient of a blessing on June 14th! Richard Eberle organized a group of middle school-aged girls from New Life Church to work in the Mall organizing, cleaning, and hanging up clothes. Richard is a former Victory kid. This was a very sweet and wonderful act of service that these girls offered to the Mall. Patty Davis organized this event on our

side; she was with the girls and adults during their stay and was very impressed with all that they did! They worked really hard!



WINGS: Women IN God's Service

WINGS partnered with Summit Church from Pine Bluff with a special project benefitting the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock and the Central Arkansas Baptist Bible Institute (CABBI) in Benton. Summit Church has been organizing a food and household pounding to help stock the pantries at these locations. The pantry at each seminary is stocked with donated food and household items, and is a tremendous help to seminary students who are able to get what they need from the pantries for their family. Together both seminaries enroll approximately 100 students. Each church was given a specific item to collect, and Victory was assigned to collect 50 boxes of tall kitchen garbage bags. Through the generosity of our church, we were able to collect over 60 boxes! Thanks for your generosity, Victory family! They will be delivered to the seminary in Little Rock in August for distribution to both seminaries. We hope to bless many students and their families through this effort.



We took a trip in the church's new van! Sixteen ladies went to eat at Charlotte's Eats & Sweets in Keo on April 21. We had a great time and can't wait to go on another trip! Thanks to Jeanette Morgan for being our driver! Cindy Campbell joined us as our guest. We are planning class, "Wreaths, Wreaths, Everywhere!" class on August 25. Our very own June Owen will guide us in making our own wreath or freshening up one we already have!

In the months to come, WINGS will be working with Bro. Larry and the church staff on some other projects.

WINGS meets on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you are not a part of this great group of women, please come join us! ALL ladies are welcome!

We love our church family!



CARE

CARE (Caring Actions; Real Experiences) is an outreach program that is a consistent way for Victory members to actively stay in touch with fellow members and visitors. CARE activities include visits, calls, and contacts via cards, Facebook, text, etc. to members, visitors and others. This is just one hour a month, and during the summer months, it is still daylight when we head home.

Different CARE teams meet the first and third Tuesday nights of each month from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in Room 105. The first Tuesday is the Coolest CARE Team and the Third Tuesday is The Most Awesome CARE Team. Both teams have a lot of fun and sweet fellowship as they meet for these outreach efforts.

In the last week of June we had a special CARE effort combining both teams enjoying a meal and fellowship in celebration and appreciation for their efforts for this outreach.

This outreach is a special way to be involved and fellowship with different members while providing a special service. Select one Tuesday a month and choose the activity you want to do. Join a team and be a CARE warrior. You will be blessed while blessing others. If you are not able to participate, please pray for us that we do what is best for Victory and the Lord.

JOY

OK Ladies, the guys are outnumbering us, and that is GREAT!!!

JOY events welcome all Victory members and guests, providing opportunities to fellowship together, share prayer requests and blessings, and build friendships.

JOY Breakfast meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am at Cracker Barrel in North Little Rock.

On the fourth Tuesday, join us for a potluck lunch and devotion at noon at Victory. Bring your favorite dish and a friend or neighbor. If you work nearby, just drop in. There will be plenty food and fellowship for you!

Financial News

If you paid attention to the report on the church offerings that was in the July Team Report, you noticed that our June offerings were above our budget requirement. In fact, our total yearly offerings are above what is needed to meet the budget so far this fiscal year. That is something to be thankful

for! The new fiscal year begins in September, and our deacons have begun the yearly process of putting together next year's budget. We will hear more about that soon!

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH	
Notes for June 2018 Financials	
Offerings required to meet Budget for June	30,550.38
Offerings for Month of June 2018 (4 Sundays)	39,569.13
June Offerings above or (under) Budget	9,018.75
Weekly Average for June	9,892.28
Average weekly Offerings required to meet Annual Budget	7,637.60
Average weekly Offerings September '17 thru June '18	8,748.31
Average Weekly Offerings above or (under) Budget	1,110.72
Budgeted Offerings to Date	328,416.63
Actual Offerings to Date	376,177.42
Actual Offerings to Date - over/(under) Budget	47,760.79

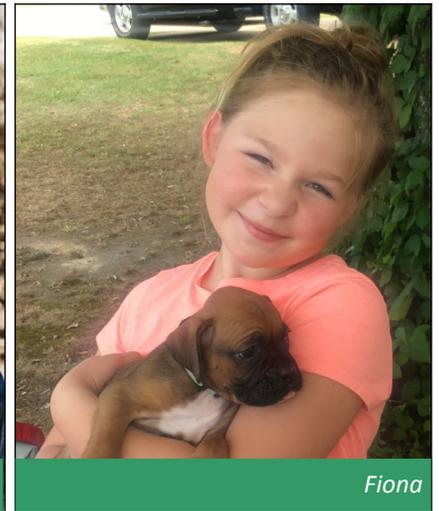
New Members!

We welcome the Campbells, our new pastor and his family! Brother Larry, his wife, Cindy, and two of their children, Katie and Jack, have joined the Victory family. We look forward to getting to know each of them! (The Campbells are pictured on page 1.)

During Vacation Bible School, a special effort is made to help 5K through 6th grade students understand who Jesus is and why they need Him. Two young ladies who have been in church since they were born were baptized as a result of the VBS efforts this summer! McKenna Martin and Fiona Thomas each realized their need for salvation the week of VBS. They were baptized soon after, and we welcome them to our church as sisters in Christ!



McKenna



Fiona

Upcoming Events and Dates

July 16-20	Teen Camp at Bogg Springs	September 3	Labor Day
July 17	Awesome CARE Team	September 4	Coollest CARE Team
July 20	CALL Mall	September 7	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
July 21	CALL Mall	September 9	WINGS
July 24	JOY Potluck	September 11	JOY Breakfast
July 26	Men's Traveler's game	September 12	Team Meeting
July 27	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	September 14	CALL Mall
July 29-Aug 1	Kidz Kamp at Bogg Springs	Sept. 14-15	ABA Women's Retreat
August 1	No kid's activities	September 15	CALL Mall
August 3	CALL Mall	September 16	Small Group
August 4	CALL Mall	September 18	Awesome CARE Team
August 5	Children's Meeting; Small Groups	September 21	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
August 7	Coollest CARE Team	September 25	JOY Potluck
August 10	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	September 28	CALL Mall
August 11	WINGS to deliver items to seminary	October 2	Coollest CARE Team
August 12	WINGS	October 5	CALL Mall
August 13	School begins (most schools)	October 6	CALL Mall
August 14	JOY Breakfast	October 7	Small Groups
August 15	Team Meeting	October 9	JOY Breakfast
August 17	CALL Mall	October 12	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
August 18	CALL Mall	October 14	WINGS
August 19	Small Groups	October 16	Awesome CARE Team
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August 25	Wreaths, Wreaths, Everywhere!	October 20	CALL Mall
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August 31	CALL Mall	October 23	JOY Potluck
September 1	CALL Mall	October 26	CALL Mall
September 2	Small Groups		

Facilities

Does it Honor God? Is it making the best use of the Lord's money?
Does it further the Kingdom of Christ?

1. We are down to one desk remaining. It is the standard 6' x 3' desk with drawers on both sides. Keep spreading the word.
2. STILL HAVE MULCH IF YOU NEED IT! We still have a large pile of mulch out by The Barn. Take all you need.
3. The Mow Team is up and running. We have added some young bucks to the team recently, but there is always room for more weed eaters and grass blowers. If you see a member of the team working on the grounds, give them a honk and a wave...or better yet, bring them a slushy from Sonic. Shout out to Mike Eberle who is helping keep our grounds looking great with his spray rig. If anyone has an extension pole chainsaw and wants to help out getting low limbs cut around the property, let me know.
4. The new patio is poured, the retaining wall is set, and now all we need is for someone to make it presentable. I've had an idea suggested to me involving installing a cover and am still looking for more ideas.



5. Fire pit ... is your group interested in working in this area? Let me know.
6. The new lighting is installed around the covered entry way to the building. While there is little need for it during the summer months, I am excited to see how it will work for us when the time changes. Special shout out and thanks to Terry Waldrop for his behind-the-scenes work in getting this installed.

Thank you seems inadequate to show our appreciation for our volunteers. We can always use more. If you are ready to pitch in and don't know where, get with me and I'll put you in contact with the right groups. I appreciate and love you all. —Michael Driggers

A chainsaw-eating tree



Ultimately, a chainsaw . . .



. . . had the Victory!



Movie Night

Our Independence Day holiday was on a Wednesday night this year, and we decided to add a little fun to our Wednesday night service. After our Bible Study at 6:30, we had a Movie Night outside on the church grounds! Dinner was served, a traditional summer meal of grilled hot dogs, chips, and dessert, beginning at 7:00 pm. Several families showed up to enjoy food, fellowship, and the movie. The evening was very warm—well, okay, it was HOT—but that didn't stop everyone from having fun before it got dark enough to show the movie. A popular game was Can Jam, and some people chose to just toss a frisbee. Another popular item was the variety of popsicles that were provided!

Another fun distraction was the sparklers! When Bro. Josh brought them out, the kids were very excited! Some of the younger kiddos were a little bit hesitant about them at first, but eventually everyone had a turn, or two or three.

Finally, it was dark enough to start the movie!

Bro. Josh and Bro. Larry moved the screen just inside The Barn so it could start a few minutes earlier. Everyone settled in their chairs and on their blankets to watch the movie "Up." It was a great movie and everyone enjoyed it; however, some uninvited guests (mosquitos!) drove some of the invited guests to leave early. When all was said and done, everyone had great time!



Music

Many people have noticed a difference in the music portion of our Sunday morning Worship Service, and it seems as if there has been some misunderstanding about what is happening. We recently added a 'praise band' to the music portion of our worship on Sunday mornings. Soon after, and completely unrelated to that, the choir did not sing for several weeks in a row. The choir has been a regular in our worship service for many years. Choir members enjoy singing songs of praise and worship, and those in the congregation enjoy hearing the songs of praise and worship, and singing along. When the choir was absent for several weeks, some thought the praise band had replaced them, that the choir was not coming back, and that there was some conflict between different areas of the music ministry. However, that is not true. Josh Thomas is overseeing the music ministry, and he works closely with the choir and the instrumentalists to prepare for Sunday morning worship services. The choir is not gone for good, it just took a break for a few weeks.

If anyone has questions or suggestions about music, or if anyone has a song or a special they want to share, please let Josh know. Ultimately, everyone in the music ministry is working to bring everyone together to worship our Lord as a church family.

RIM: Remote Island Ministries

We were so glad to see Glen, Summer, and Juli Knight last month! We missed seeing Justin, Summer's son; he stayed in Palau to take care of the boat.

Brother Glen is the missionary whose work Victory Baptist Church sponsors. Bro. Glen's work is called Remote Island Ministries (RIM) and is based out of his boat, the RIM Nativa. The Nativa is a ship capable of sailing anywhere in the world. At the present, Bro. Glen is focusing his efforts of sharing the Gospel in Micronesia in the western Pacific Ocean. The Nativa's home port is in the Republic of Palau. The Knights are spending a few months stateside this summer; they attended the ABA Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, last month, and their plans also include visiting family and several churches across several states.



Summer, Glen, Juli Knight, Patty & Chris Davis at ABA



While at Victory, Bro. Glen gave a moving report of his work in Palau. They have visited several villages and islands and have made many friends. The people and customs are different, and they have learned, and are continuing to learn, how their approach to God's

work must be adjusted accordingly. One of the differences of the new location is the cost of living and working in Micronesia; it is much higher. There are additional crewmen, and the cost of diesel fuel for the boat is higher. Bro. Glen emphasized that the monthly budget must be increased to cover the additional costs.

Another issue RIM has run into is the problem of transporting heavy equipment, cargo, and personnel from the Nativa to the islands they visit. The islands in that area of the Pacific are surrounded by shallow reefs that make it impossible for the Nativa to get close to the islands. The small craft they currently have to go from



The EAGLE ATVC, still under construction

the Nativa to shore is not always a safe alternative; it is also not adequate to transport the cargo they often have. Bro. Knight has been collaborating with a friend in the Philippines, Alan Kim, to produce what he needs, a light cargo transport boat. This boat that is currently under construction, named the “EAGLE ATVC,” is the first of its kind, and it is almost finished! The cost of producing the EAGLE ATVC is estimated at \$25,000.00; at mid-July, only \$6,000.00 was needed to meet the cost. In terms of ministry, the value of the EAGLE ATVC cannot be estimated.



Many people would see the task of spreading the gospel to the islanders in the vast Pacific Ocean as a challenge too huge to be tackled; Bro. Glen views this “problem” as David viewed the “problem” of Goliath—nothing is too difficult for God! Part of Bro. Glen’s plan to reach the people is to recruit more missionaries. With that in mind, he is starting the Maritime School of Missions. Bro. Glen will give practical, hands-on training on the Nativa for three to six



months to those accepted into the program. Students will assist with ministry and humanitarian aid projects, learn about the operations of the ship, and be given responsibilities consistent with life aboard the Nativa. The school will help equip more missionaries to “reach people on the edge.”

Bro. Glen is very passionate about the work God has called him to do. He and his family face many challenges, and even dangers, in their work daily. Please continue to pray for the mission work, for Glen, Summer, Juli, and Justin, and for the additional funds needed to carry out God’s work. To read Bro. Glen’s Newsletters about his work, visit our website at victory1st.com and click on the “MISSIONS” tab. You will see a brief description of the ministry and links to the RIM newsletters.



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Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast has been a popular meeting of our men for several years. Some show up early to get the cooking started, and some show up to enjoy what's been cooked. They may have any combination of breakfast foods: pancakes, biscuits, eggs, sausage, bacon, fried potatoes, milk, and orange juice.

The date and time of these breakfast gatherings has changed recently. They now meet every other Friday morning at 8:00 at the church. Men and boys of all ages are invited to come for breakfast and to visit with other men from church. Bring family, friends, and co-workers with you! All they ask is that each one who comes puts a few dollars in the kitty to help cover the cost of the food. Check the Sunday handout, the website calendar, or page 7 for dates.

