

Victory newsletter

Fall 2018

Family Sunday

To some, the concept of a “church family” may sound strange. But at Victory, we believe that during these times where society feels more divided than ever, we absolutely need to come together in unity. After all, God’s Word describes us as one body. Not one generation or demographic is more important than the other—each one has an integral role to play! So, our team put together a special service to take place on the fifth Sundays of the year—Family Sunday! Our inaugural service was on September 30. It was wonderful!! Children from POGO and children’s chapel joined us in the sanctuary. We started things off right with a baptism and worship songs that connected with young and old! Brother Larry and Brother Josh each took turns preaching the sermon, covering the life of Abraham and his obedience through faith. Later that evening we had a massive church-wide gathering on the grounds full of food, games, and fellowship that lasted well into the night around the fire pit.

If you feel lost and out of place, we welcome you to Victory Baptist Sherwood with open arms. We will encourage you, challenge you, love you, and walk through life with you as a family of God should!



Children's Ministry



Third Realm

Summer of Fun 2018: For some churches, Vacation Bible School is the main highlight of the summer. But for the Victory Kids, it was just the beginning! This year was our first ever “Summer of Fun.” Every Wednesday night was one to remember. There were game nights, movies, bingo, kickball, and Nerf Wars! Each night

was more fun than the last! And this year, on the final Wednesday before school, we ended the summer with a bang! We gathered at the biggest, wildest, most amazing trampoline park in the state—Third Realm! Our kids got to test their inner ninja with obstacle courses, trapeze, and the wildest game of dodgeball ever! It was an amazing summer of fellowship that we’ll not soon forget! We will definitely go back!

Kidz Kamp: There are so many summer camps that our kids could be a part of—but there’s something special about Bogg Springs Kidz Kamp. It’s truly a unique place—a place where our kids grow closer to one another, their adult leaders, and most importantly to God. This year’s theme was “Dream Big.” Our kids were challenged to humble themselves and hold onto God’s plans for their lives—plans that are far greater than any of them could



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possibly imagine. On the final day, one of our girls submitted to God’s calling and prayed to make Jesus her Lord and savior! I cannot speak more highly of our leaders and the kids of our congregation. Everyone agreed that this was our best summer at The Bogg by far!



See You At the Pole: Our schools are in desperate need of Jesus. We live in a country with broken families and children living in total disconnect with each other and the world around them. That’s why See You At The Pole is so important. It’s a national day of prayer where kids around the country gather around their flagpole and pray for their peers, teachers, and campus. It’s proven to be quite popular with High School and Jr. High students, and with elementary kids it is slowly gaining momentum. This year I had the pleasure of joining the kids of Oakbrooke



See You At the Pole

Children's (continued)

Elementary, bringing the encouraging words of Jesus (and not to mention, lots of donuts). In the end, over 100 kids were gathered together in prayer. And it wasn't just one school! I received messages all morning from different parents, informing me that their children were leading prayer with their friends at their own schools! This was a great way for our kids to open up to their friends—to not be afraid to shine for Jesus, and to shine on for more than just one day a year!



See You At the Pole



POGO: Our Sunday morning kids worship service is growing! In the weeks following VBS, we were at standing room only and had to add more chairs! Our leadership team is also growing. We have added Crystal Taller and Lori Thomas to our sign-in team, and Noah Davidson has joined our ranks as a crew leader for the boys! We've been having a blast with our current series "The Big Picture." Both kids and adults alike are being led through the bible chronologically, treating it as a book of historical fact—not just a collection of stories. To supplement this, we've started a new Sunday school curriculum entitled

"The Bible Made Easy for Kids" and a lesson series on Wednesday nights called "I Know It Sounds Crazy, But It's True!" going over some of the weirdest and obscure stories of the Bible. It's so exciting to see kids getting excited about God's living Word!

Full Time: Finally, I am so humbled by the fact our fellowship has voted to make me a full-time children's pastor. I do not take this lightly. Jesus gives *warnings* to those seeking to lead in ministry! (Luke 17:2, Mark 10:15) But I am so grateful to be a part of a congregation that understands that Children's Ministry is not just glorified babysitting! Children are not just the future of our church—they are a vital part of our church RIGHT NOW!

Becoming full-time now opens up opportunities for curriculum development, long-term planning, the restructuring of VBS, becoming more integrated with our schools, and most importantly—spending time one-on-one with our children, discipling them and their families. The journey God has brought me on leading up to this has been a long one, but I am so thankful to say that it is just the beginning! Thank you, Victory Baptist, for everything you do!

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.



One of the traditions of Victory Baptist Church is the teens' trip to Bogg Springs church camp every summer. Our children look forward to this trip all year long—and some of our adults, too! Last summer was no exception for our teen group. While they missed riding together on the big blue bus, they still had a memorable time. In fact, they said it was the best year ever! The fact that they say that every year shows what a great camp it is! The theme this summer was “I pity the fool!” based on Proverbs 1:7, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” As always, they received sound biblical instruction from



Teen Camp at Bogg Springs



Amplify Fest

the speakers and practical advice for living biblically in our world.



A fun outing the teens took shortly after school started was to Amplify Fest in Benton. Amplify Fest is a free Christian music festival held on a Friday and Saturday that features several popular Christian music artists at one venue. This year Amplify Fest welcomed Casting Crowns, Plumb, Tauren Wells, Summerhill, and many others. A small

group of our teens went to Amplify Fest on a Saturday in August, and they had a great time! They look forward to next year and hope more can make it!

Football games and other sporting events are popular social events for middle and high school students. With this in mind, Bro. Jason organized a “Fifth Quarter” gathering for our teen group after a Friday night football game in September. The plan was to meet outside around the fire pit, but the wet weather moved them inside. In spite of the change in plans, many of our teens and their friends were able to make it, and they had lots of fun!



Teens participating in Fifth Sunday fun!

CALL: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL organization welcomed a new director, Joe Snyder, just a couple of months ago. He replaces Mary Carol Pederson. In a recent meeting with the church advocates, Joe referred to James 1:27 that it is the church's job to take care and have compassion for the orphans and widows. He said God has placed this calling on the Church. We are all adopted children of God. We all should show compassion for these foster children because of Jesus who died for all. I feel the CALL Mall is a start to following God's will.

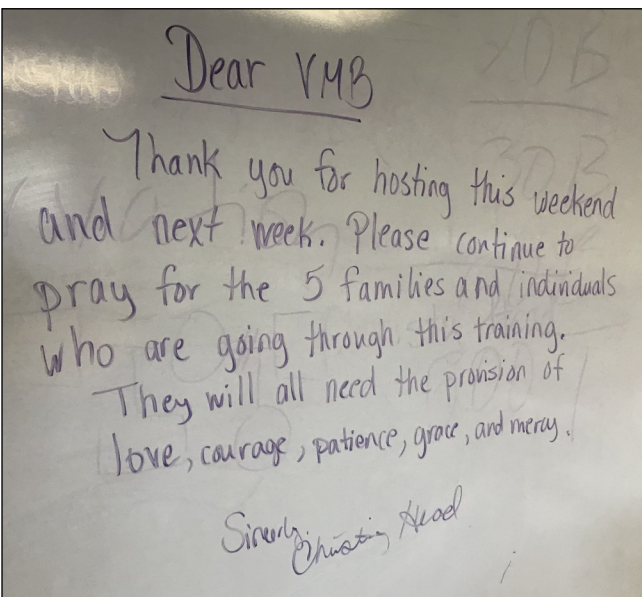
On the weekends of September 8-9 and September 22-23, the CALL held their monthly training at Victory Baptist Church. Foster parents are needed in Pulaski County since there are roughly 394 children in foster care compared to 262 families trained as foster parents. These numbers are as of July 2018. The weekend trainings of five couples and three individuals was the beginning of eight new foster families. We need to pray for these families through their journey. Our church provided two meals and an abundance of snacks and drinks for those two weekends. I want to thank Cynthia, Debbie, Eula, Elsie, Julie, Judy, Miranda, Peggy, and my husband Bob for helping in the preparation of the meals, and thanks to Faye and Peggy for the delicious pies they made! Thank you to all who helped by bringing the snacks and drinks! I know I can always count on my church family for any help that is needed!!



The CALL training



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The staff at the CALL was also very appreciative of our church for hosting the training as the note Christina Head of the CALL left for us on the board indicates. The note reads, "Dear VMB, Thank you for hosting this weekend and next week. Please continue to pray for the five families and individuals who are going through this training. They will all need the provision of love, courage, patience, grace, and mercy."

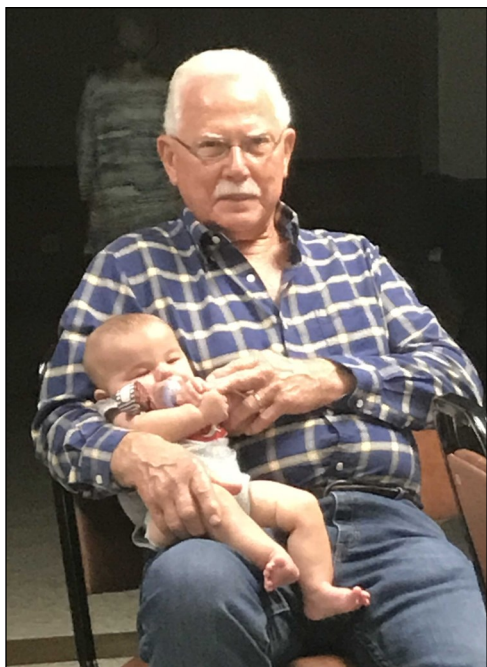
We continue to receive donations and meet new families receiving their first placements in the CALL Mall. Foster children are being blessed by God through foster parents who are doing God's will!

JOY: Just Older Youth

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

The JOY Breakfast meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am at Cracker Barrel in North Little Rock. We meet in the back area where there is plenty of room for more folks. Please join us for a great time.

Each month on the fourth Tuesday, join us for the JOY Potluck Lunch and devotional at noon at Victory. You will experience a sweet message and some of the best food Victory members can offer. Bring your favorite dish, and your friends and neighbors. If you work nearby, just drop in—there will be plenty food and fellowship for you. The JOY Potluck Lunch will meet in October on the 23rd; however, we will not have the potluck lunch during November or December due to the holidays. The JOY Potluck Lunch will resume it's normal schedule on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.



CARE: Caring Actions, Real Experiences

CARE is Victory's outreach program for members to actively stay in touch with fellow members and visitors. The schedule for CARE is the first and third Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm at Victory in Room 105. Both teams have a lot of fun, delicious food, and sweet fellowship as they meet for these outreach efforts. CARE activities include visits, calls, and contacts via cards, Facebook, text, etc. to members, visitors and others. When you come, you can choose who you contact and how you wish to contact them. There are also different categories of contacts for you to choose from.

During the upcoming holidays there will be a few schedule changes. In November, the AWESOME Team will meet the fourth Tuesday on November 27, the Tuesday AFTER Thanksgiving. In December, the COOLEST and the AWESOME teams will meet together on the third Tuesday, December 18. In January 2019, the COOLEST and AWESOME teams will meet together on the third Tuesday, January 15. This night will be our first of the new year. We hope to make this a BIG recruiting night! Anyone who is interested in checking out Victory's CARE outreach, please come for a great meal and see how CARE works. If you are not able to participate, please pray for us that we do what is best for Victory and the Lord.

New Members!

One of the most exciting things that happens at church is the baptism of a new believer! It is clear the young people at our church are hearing the gospel message, because we have had several come for baptism the past few months. Some of them have been attending church with their parents since they were born, and some came to our church because a friend invited them. Our kids and teens have been doing a great job of outreach by inviting their friends to come to church with them, and the size of their classes and activities shows that!

When you see any of these youngsters, be sure to encourage them and welcome them to our church!



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Upcoming Events and Dates

October 19	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	December 12	Team Meeting; Youth caroling
October 20	CALL Mall	December 14	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
October 21	Small Groups	December 15	CALL Mall
October 23	JOY Potluck	December 16	Small Groups
October 26	CALL Mall	December 18	C & A CARE Teams
October 28	Fall Fest!	December 21	Call Mall
October 31	Halloween; no children's activities	December 24	Christmas Eve Service
November 2	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	December 25	Christmas!
November 3	CALL Mall; True Love Worship	December 26	No midweek service
November 4	Daylight Saving ends; Small Groups	December 28	Men's Breakfast; Call Mall
November 6	Coolerest CARE Team	January 1	New Year's Day; office closed
November 9	CALL Mall	January 4	CALL Mall
November 11	Veterans Day; WINGS	January 5	CALL Mall
November 13	JOY Breakfast	January 6	Small Groups
November 14	Team Meeting	January 8	JOY Breakfast
November 16	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	January 11	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
November 17	CALL Mall	January 13	WINGS
November 22	Thanksgiving Day	January 15	C & A CARE Teams
November 27	Most Awesome CARE Team	January 16	Team Meeting
November 30	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	January 18	CALL Mall
December 1	CALL Mall	January 19	CALL Mall
December 2	Small Groups	January 20	Small Groups
December 3	WINGS Christmas Party	January 21	MLK Day
December 5	Bethlehem Revisited (children's trip)	January 22	JOY potluck
December 7	CALL Mall	January 25	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
December 11	JOY Breakfast		

Facilities

Is it God Honoring? Does it Further the Kingdom of Christ? Is it in the best use of the Lord's Money? Wow! Things are happening around Victory and I am pleased and thankful to make the following report. Thank you to all who participate in the upkeep of the facilities.

The firepit has been christened and used (twice, actually, as of the typing of this report). We used it for our inaugural Fifth Sunday Family Gathering, and also at our inaugural Iron Men gathering. We are in the process of relocating picnic tables for seating and making this area more inviting for use by class gatherings, Small Groups, and other interested ministry partners.



We have gotten permission from our Sherwood City Fire Safety Chief to get a permit to have a bonfire for our Fall Festival, coming up on October 28th. Be listening as we will need to relocate the lingering limbapalooza pile to our designated burn area in preparation for this. After relocation, we will need help in cleaning up the leftovers.

We are working toward getting our church name out there in a better way for the community to know where we are. Bigger sign and name placed on the building are just a few

ideas we are looking at. If you have suggestions, please let me know.

We are very close to having programmable thermostats in all locations of the building. These are being programmed and should need very little attention. If you forget to reset them after use, they will have a default time that they will return to the standby setting. If the temperature in any area in which you participate needs adjustment, please let me know. Special shout out to Donis Parsley and Tommy McCarty for tending to these manually for many years in an effort to have our place of worship comfortable for all.

We have more and more folks stepping up to see what they can do to help around the church. Currently, we need to add a few weed eater, trimmer and blower folks to this team who can come in behind the mowers and keep the place trimmed and ready. We have all the equipment, we just need the laborers. If you can assist in this effort, please let me know.

All that you do for furthering the Kingdom of Christ through Victory Baptist Church is appreciated. Please let Michael Driggers know if there is anything he can help you with; his cell is 501-352-4827.



WINGS: Women IN God's Service

WREATHS, WREATHS, EVERYWHERE!! Twenty ladies attended a demonstration in August, led by our own very talented June Owen, on how to create beautiful holiday wreaths. We enjoyed learning and experimenting with different items to make our own unique design. Thank you once again, June, for sharing your wonderful gift of design with us!



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ABA Women's Retreat

Victory Baptist had a great representation at the ABA Women's Retreat held September 14 and 15 at the Benton Event Center. It is always refreshing to be with other women who love the Lord. There were approximately 860 women attending this year. We were honored once again to host Janice



Janice Williams

Williams, wife of missionary Kim Williams, from Houston.

We are happy to welcome Kylie Parker Martin to our church family! Kylie is the daughter of Amber and Brandon Martin, and little sister to McKenna and Macy. Thank you to all who helped filled the baby playpen for Kylie!

Remember, WINGS is for ALL ladies! We meet at 4:15 pm the second Sunday of each month. Our annual Christmas Party will be December 3, the first Monday in December, and our speaker will be Cindy Campbell.

Ladies, please come join us . . . you will be glad you did!

Iron Men

For some time, several of the men have been talking about a men's group at Victory. After tossing some ideas around, they came up with a plan. The name of the group is Iron Men, from Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." The first event was held in October, and men of all ages showed up! They enjoyed the "gourmet" food that was provided and the friendly chipping competition, complete with prizes. Men, be watching for information about the next Iron Men event!



RIM: Remote Island Ministries

Brother Glen, Summer, and Juli Knight arrived in the states in early June this year, with plans to spend about several months visiting family and many of their supporting churches, including Victory. They were glad to visit with Bro. Glen's family after being away for so long and were present for several memorable events, some happy, such as his grandson's high school graduation, and some sad, such as his aunt's funeral. All of them were thankful for the opportunity to see their family again!

While in the states, they kept the road hot visiting churches in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Florida, and they also attended the ABA Messenger Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky! Bro. Glen had an exhibit for RIM at the ABA meeting, and he was very thankful for the help of Chris and Patty Davis and Pastor Joe and Elizabeth Stacks of Forest Grove Baptist Church in Taylor, Arkansas. Many people visited the booth and they were able to give out much information about RIM's work.



Bro. Glen was also able to acquire several items for the ship this summer. One such item is a deck crane. After searching for several weeks, he found a used and fully refurbished deck crane with a 2,000-pound lift capacity in

Oklahoma. It will be mounted on the RIM NATIVA and used to transfer cargo from the NATIVA to the EAGLE ATVC for delivery of goods to the remote islands they visit. Another needed item Bro. Glen acquired is a ship's compass. This will replace the one taken by a former "captain" of the NATIVA, and it is a much better one!

Plans are already being made for Christmas when the Knights return to Palau! They published a list of items to be donated for Christmas activities. All items donated were sent to Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supplies in Hamburg to be packed in a container. On September 25, the container was loaded with the items donated for Christmas and all other supplies and tools purchased this summer for





the ship. The container is now on its way to the port of Koror, Palau, by way of railroad and freighter; the ETA is 35 to 40 days. Many thanks to Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supplies, Calvary Baptist Church of Hamburg, AR, and all churches who support this work! They have been a huge help through the years in getting much needed supplies to Bro. Glen in the Philippines and in Palau!

When the Knights return to Palau, they will be taking a new crew member! "Snuffy" will join Stanley, Yani, and Bongo as the new missionary monkey, to help teach island children about Jesus!



Bill and Faye Driggers with Snuffy, their gift



While Bro. Glen, Summer, and Juli have been stateside this summer, Summer's son, Justin, and his friend Tim, have been taking care of things on the ship in Palau, and they weathered several storms! One was major storm in mid-August they watched with concern as it was building and moving towards them. They were very thankful that it moved northeast of them, and that there no major damage, only flooding, where it did hit in Yap and Guam. Another "storm" to be dealt with was the death of the ship's generator. Thankfully, they had purchased another unit as a back-up several months ago, and Justin and Tim were able to replace the old one. Just this month, Bro. Glen purchased a new generator in Texas, and it has been transported it to Hamburg awaiting shipment to Palau.

The Knights were back at Victory at the end of September. Bro. Glen reported that their deputation this summer was very successful. The EAGLE ATVC has been completely funded and should be delivered to Palau in December. Three people have shown an interest in the Maritime School of Missions. He has acquired many instruments and pieces of equipment that are important to the operation of the ship and to the mission. Very soon, Bro. Glen, Summer, and Juli will return to the RIM NATIVA in Palau. They have expressed their gratitude for the hospitality shown them while visiting, and they are very appreciative of your continued prayers as they carry on God's work! You can find updates of their work and travels on Facebook (Glen Knight or Summer Knight); to read the Newsletters of the work, visit our website, www.victory1st.com, and click on the "Missions" tab.



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Family Sunday evening fellowship