

Victory newsletter

Summer 2016

New Staff Member

On June 15, the church hired Jason Burke as a part-time assistant. Jason is married with four children. His wife Tara, children Hannah, Lydia, Joseph, and Priscilla, are all a part of his ministry as he attends the Missionary Baptist Seminary to complete his Master's Degree. Jason was once a teenager in Brother Harris' youth group in Texarkana. Since he graduated high school, Jason has continued his education and served as a music director in Hope as well as a youth pastor in DeWitt. He will serve Victory by preaching the Sunday night worship gathering and filling in for Bro. Harris when needed. He will also fulfill other ministerial needs as they present themselves. His family has already been a tremendous blessing to Victory, and we hope you get a chance to get to know them! The photo shows Bro. Jason at his recent fourth year graduation ceremony at the Missionary Baptist Seminary.



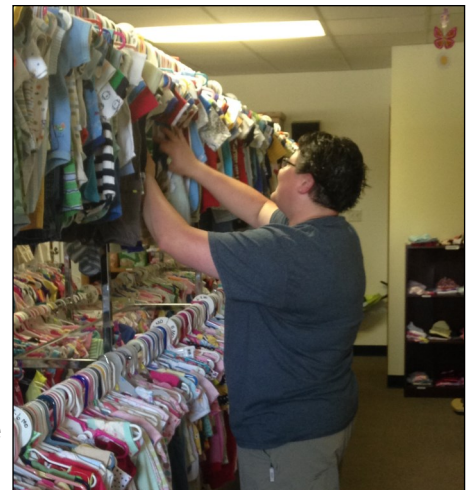
Jason's graduation

CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall has been so blessed in many ways! We are still receiving donations from families in the church, friends of foster parents, foster parents, and other generous people, including children, who have the desire to help the foster children! Our volunteers have been busy sorting and hanging clothes. If you have a desire to help the CALL Mall, there are several ways: donating clothing, baby and children's items; volunteering to work two hours a month in the Mall on a Friday or Saturday; and praying for the families who are taking care of the foster children and praying for whatever God's plan is for the foster children.



CALL Mall customer



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We continue to see new foster parents coming to the Mall, and they are so thankful for the help. Thank you, Victory Church family, for making the CALL Mall a mission to children right here in Arkansas! God blessed us!

Kids Department

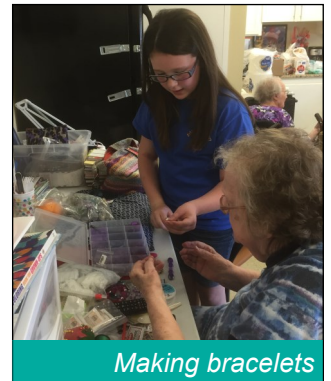
LEARNING During the spring, our kindergarten through sixth grade students had a great time exploring a six-week study titled “3 Questions.” We asked the following questions: (1) who am I trying to please; (2) whose power am I depending on; and (3) what is a true friend? We received answers to these important questions by **learning** about the lives of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; Daniel; and King David and Nathan. We kicked off our summer study on June the first with “Submerged” where kids are **learning** to find truth below the surface. Our teens are assisting with this effort and are **learning** all about what it takes to lead large and small groups, assist with games, crafts, and snacks, as well as maintaining a safe and friendly environment for children.

LOVING On May 15, several of our kiddos **loved** getting the chance to visit with some of our friends at Robinson Nursing Home. We played bingo, colored pictures, sang songs, and made bracelets. Our Robinson friends were gracious hosts, even supplying our kids with prizes for the bingo game! **Loving** and



Bingo!

honoring our elders is a Christian principle worth investing in, and always promotes a sense of gratitude and respect in the hearts of our young ones. As we were leaving Robinson that day, one of our kids asked, “Can we come back next Sunday?” They’re already excited about a return visit!



Making bracelets

LIVING Children’s ministry doesn’t happen without the love, compassion, and commitment of many special people within our church family. By **living** out the teachings of Jesus in front of our kids, these faithful volunteers are changing the **lives** of those they serve. They don’t want recognition, they don’t want glory, they just want to make a difference. So thank you, children’s ministry team members! Thank you for preparing teaching material at home, spending your own money on supplies, coming early and staying late, wiping tears, giving hugs, praying for kids to trust Jesus as their Savior, and everything else you do to make a difference. Victory Church could spend the rest of our **lives** saying thank you, and it wouldn’t be enough!

Music

One never knows the impact of music on a person. And one never knows how God can use music at a particular time for a particular purpose. Many times when I think that the music was not done up to our best is when perhaps I’ve seen the most response; and likewise, when I feel like we’ve done a marvelous job, there is not much response. God has a plan—even for music!

Summer is here, and vacations come and people go. We can’t look at absentees and think that they’re just not interested, but that they are taking time to recharge their batteries.

Always look for an opportunity to serve and sing!



Teens

What have we done?! Not much! We've spent \$5,160 of the \$6,700 raised at the dessert auction and have enjoyed every moment of what your donations as a church have afforded to our ONE Ministry! Thank you for giving!

How did we spend that much money so quickly, you may be thinking. Honestly, it was easy. Glenn Knight poured his heart out to our church, and it moved our students to give. I hope we all heard the tone of urgency and conviction in our missionary's voice. Our students got together down front after church and decided to give \$3,000 to help Glenn pay for adding three wells to help our church's ministry reach unreached people. We know all of us can't go. We know that we never may go, also. We also know that doesn't mean we can't help. Thanks for helping us help the Knights! We don't want to waste our money you've given. We hope our investment is returned in dividends in the eternal realm.

The other \$2,160 covered our fees and food for serving a local church plant in Conway, Arkansas.

We carried 16 people there, and even brought them all back!! We served that church by serving their community. How can we continue this course? Simply put, love God and love others. Where does it begin? It begins with you. How will you use what you have in the community of Sherwood, Arkansas, to build relationships with people for the opportunity of sharing the gospel with them? Serve this community and you will be serving your God. The Bible says:

Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37, 39-40 NLT

You cannot love God without loving people; all the commandments from God hinge on loving Him AND people, not *or* love people. Does our community know that we love them, or does our community think that we just love ourselves? Is God portrayed in a hopeless and bleak light because of the way we portray "love" to our community? Will you help us?



Headed to Conway



ONE Worship Band

Upcoming Events and Dates

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| July 13 | Team Meeting | August 17 | Team Meeting |
| July 16 | 100 Dresses Project | September 5 | Labor Day |
| July 18-22 | Teen Camp (6 th -12 th) | September 11 | WINGS |
| August 3-6 | Kidz Kamp (2 nd -5 th) | September 14 | Team Meeting |
| August 14 | WINGS | October 9 | WINGS |
| August 15 | First day of school (for most) | October 12 | Team Meeting |

WINGS: Women IN God's Service

What's happening with WINGS? A lot!

We enjoyed a beautiful potluck meal with our missionaries, Glen Knight and family, as special guests. A huge thank you to all those who helped make it such a great day!



Glen and Summer Knight

Orders were recently placed for our church t-shirts. These are good quality shirts that we will all be honored to wear to promote our church. WINGS is also planning to publish a cookbook full of recipes of the scrumptious dishes we enjoy at our potlucks. More information will be coming soon, so start gathering your favorite recipes! Proceeds from shirt and cookbook sales will go toward various WNGS projects.

Our Philippine Mission project is underway! Our goal is to sew 100 pillowcase dresses and buy 100 little girl dolls (available at Dollar Tree). Jennifer Key is heading this worthwhile effort and has set a date of Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to make the dresses. There will be a sign-up sheet for anytime you can help that day. Jennifer will also be making packets for those who would like to make dresses at home. There will also be a “learn to sew” time from 2:30-4:00 that day for anyone who would like to learn the basics of sewing. If you would like to donate money to purchase material and supplies for these dresses, please give it to Verna Baker or Jennifer Key.



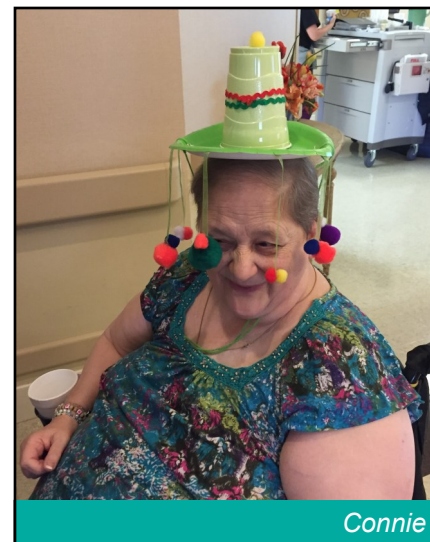
We are also purchasing footwear for Glen, Summer, Juli and Justin. These shoes are sturdy, and will last a little longer and withstand the conditions they endure daily. In addition, we are looking to collect fishing supplies—new hooks, line, floats, etc.—and small bottles of toiletries and hacky sacks for the boys.

There are so many ways we all can help!

WINGS meets monthly on the second Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in Room 105. All ladies are welcome!

Cinco de Mayo

On May 5, Sister Sherri and Brother Robert Harris visited Robinson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. They met up with their usual friends there to see how they were doing. Mrs. Connie is a woman who is typically very festive with every holiday, and this one was no different. She had made fun little party hats out of solo cups and paper plates. She donned hers for us and even let Sister Sherri wear one. After a little levity, the conversation turned more serious and became spiritual. Mrs. Connie needs prayer because she has only a little while left to live if her prognosis is correct. After a lengthy discussion regarding her eternal destination, it is clear that she is a person of faith who will be in the sweet presence of Jesus when her time on earth is done. Praise God for the amazing moments of fellowship with His family!



Connie

New Members

We continue to have many new faces in our services. Some are family and friends visiting members, some are new to the area, and some have other stories. We welcome all of God’s children to His house at 10 Grand to join us in worship!

One of our new members whose name was left out of the last newsletter is Johnny Glaze. We are happy to welcome Johnny along with our other new members!

Speaking of new members, work on the baptistry continues. The new one has been installed; however, there is still much work to be done before it is ready. We are looking forward to baptizing believers in obedience to God’s command!

CARE: Caring Actions, Real Experiences

Victory members fellowship together in CARE to reach out to others in need, in appreciation, and to welcome new members and visitors. Folks can send cards, call, text, or visit, whatever is their preference. We especially need more folks on the third Tuesday night. Please review your schedules and make just a one-hour commitment to CARE each month. You can pick which night works best for you, or you are most welcome to come to both outreach nights.

The CARE teams meet the first Tuesday (The **Cool** Team) and third Tuesday (The **Awesome** Team) of each month from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. We meet in Room 105 (Wisdom Seekers Classroom). This outreach is a very special way to be involved and fellowship with different members while providing a sweet service. Food is often available so you don’t have to cook that night. You choose the night to come, and you choose the activity. Join us and be blessed while blessing others!

| CARE and JOY schedules for July-October | | | | |
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| | July | August | September | October |
| CARE, Cool Team | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| JOY Breakfast, 8 a.m. | 12 | 9 | 13 | 11 |
| CARE, Awesome Team | 19 | 16 | 20 | 18 |
| JOY Lunch, 11:30 a.m. | 26 | 23 | 27 | 25 |
| All dates are Tuesdays. Each JOY breakfast will be at Cracker Barrel. July’s lunch will be at Olive Garden; the lunch locations for August, September, and October will be announced at a later date. | | | | |

JOY: Just Older Youth

JOY events are for 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 am at Cracker Barrel.

On the fourth Tuesday, join us for lunch at 11:30. The location is announced each month. On July 26, we will meet at Olive Garden in North Little Rock. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend and join us!

Financial News

Budget Year to Date

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| Average Weekly Offerings required to meet Annual Budget | 8,258.37 |
| Average Weekly Offerings through June 2016 | <u>7,734.38</u> |
| Average Weekly Offerings over/(under) Budget | (523.99) |

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| Budgeted Offerings to Date - 43 weeks | 355,109.71 |
| Actual Offerings to Date - Through June 2016 | <u>332,578.36</u> |
| Total Offerings over/(under) Budget | (22,531.35) |

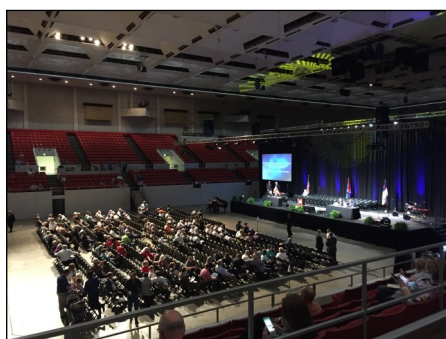
June Budget

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| June 2016 Offerings (4 Sundays) | <u>27,455.88</u> |
| June Average Weekly Offerings | <u>6,863.97</u> |

BUDGET The church's current fiscal year will end on August 31, 2016. The deacons have begun working on next year's budget.

ABA Week

On June 20-23, Victory sent Pastor and Sister Harris to Tulsa to attend the yearly American Baptist Association meeting. This is the church association with which Victory affiliates to do mission work and to produce literature. For more information on the ABA, please visit www.abaptist.org. This convergence



of messengers from churches all over the world provides a great opportunity for Bro. Glen Knight to raise awareness of Remote Island Ministries. Our missionary made the most of his time in Tulsa by filling up his available dates until he leaves the U.S. the first week of December. The promotional booth featured two flat screen monitors which played a Point of View video tour of the most

recent island mission in May, prints of Nativia II for sale to raise money, and informative literature. In the pictures, you can see the venue of the Cox Business Center in downtown Tulsa and Brother Knight visiting with a pastor at his promotional booth. During the business sessions, the ABA voted to print new children's literature for Sunday School, make outdated copies of the literature available for reprint to outside publishing houses, give the writers a 3% raise, and add new interstate and national missionaries to salary. The ABA also reported thousands of professions of faith by the missionaries. All business was conducted in harmony and in the Spirit of the Lord.



RIM: Remote Island Ministries, Philippines

On June 2, Glen Knight and his wife Summer, and their children, Justin and Juli, arrived in Dallas for an extended stay in the United States. Bro. and Sis. Harris drove to Dallas to deliver the 2011 Ford F-150 to them for their transportation needs while here. On June 11, the Knight family arrived in Sherwood for their weekend at Victory. The family met with leaders from the church to update them on their recent work and future plans. Then the family was whisked away to Jeff Lemaire's home for a delicious, home-cooked meal and relaxation with the Harrises, Nathan and Tasha Harper, and the Lemaire's. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for the still-jet-lagged family. The evening was a short one as the sleepy travelers returned to the suites that were reserved for them by Victory at the Hilton Garden Inn on McCain.



On Sunday, the Knight family gave a tremendous presentation about Remote Island Ministries. They shared the various developments with the boat ministry such as the well-drilling efficiency due to the use of drones, medical blessings through their partnership with Cross-Bearing Medical Missions, and the new crew on board. On the last mission voyage of the ship, hundreds of people professed their faith in Jesus. To help sustain this new focus on the mission, RIM has moved their operation to Bacolod City. There they have a warehouse that is now being overseen by pastor Jun Abay. The services were well attended with many guests who came to see the Knights.



At the conclusion of the services, the ladies of the church had a wonderful meal prepared, the teens set up plenty of activities for fun, and the Knights took time to visit with anyone who wanted their time. It was a great weekend and the Lord blessed wonderfully!

CF Awareness

Victory has a son named Reese Anderson who has Cystic Fibrosis (CF). He is a delightful, intelligent, 14-year-old who is a child of God. His parents, Haskell and Angela Anderson, have led out in a public event in Little Rock known as Great Strides to raise money and awareness for CF research. This year,



they petitioned the church to hold a yard sale at the church to raise money for the event. The church happily granted them permission, and on May 7, they had a day of selling used items for their cause. During the course of the event, the youth group held a free car wash as a good deed. If anyone gave them money for the car wash, it was donated to the fund raiser. Hundreds of people came through

during the sale and over \$1,000.00 was raised! Nathan Harper is pictured giving the young men instructions during the car wash while also using the opportunity to teach about always giving your best effort in life. This was a successful effort and saw the fellowship of a great many church members uniting for a young man they love.



Fun amidst the work!

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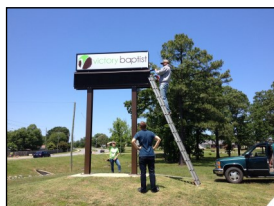
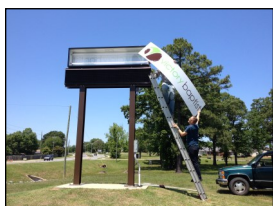
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Lights in the sky!

Have you driven down Brockington Road lately? If you've attended our services, then you certainly have! If you haven't driven down the road after dark, you've missed the brightly lit church sign that has recently been updated for the community to see. It is festooned with the brand new logo smartly designed by Josh Clinton who works at the Texarkana Children's Home. The colors of the logo are earth tones to reflect all the beautiful property the Lord has

blessed the church to have. It also reminds us all that we come from the dust of the earth by the power of God Almighty and to the dirt we will return. There is a circle with a "V" in the center for Victory. The circle has a ragged edge to show that the people of Victory may still have rough edges, but on the inside the Lord is working on them to maturity. The two colors inside the circle show the two natures of



man, the natural and spiritual man, both held in balance by the Victory the Lord has given them in Jesus Christ. It is a thoughtful logo and has been well received. We hope you enjoy it and tell your friends about the church on Brockington Road with the sign you can't miss!

