

# Victory newsletter

Winter 2016



## Our New Location!

On January 17th, 2016, Victory Baptist Church assembled in a new home that God made available to them. The church in unity agreed they believed God was leading them to relocate their meeting site to 10000 Brockington Road from 515 Sherwood Avenue. This decision was acted on quickly because New Beginnings Church in Sherwood purchased and closed on the 515 Sherwood Avenue property in late December. The first Sunday was a great success! The room was full of members and visitors. A man joined the church

during the response time after the sermon. Several visitors met with Bro Harris after the services to attest in tears and joy that they were moved by the Holy Spirit during the event. We pray for the lost and broken people of Sherwood and that our Lord will bring success in reaching them. We invite all those on our church roll to revisit their commitment to Christ in this new phase of Victory's life.

## Christmas Surprise!

On Sunday, December 6, Pastor Harris shared the story of a family he heard about who were unable to afford Christmas gifts for their 14 and 15 year-old teenagers. Members handed Bro Harris cash, checks, and gift cards which totaled **\$405.00!** The money was used to purchase a gift card to McCain Mall. On Thursday, December 17, Bro. Harris delivered the cards to Crystal Moore. Completely surprised, she responded with hugs and tears. She told him she had been thinking about how to get presents for her kids at the exact moment he arrived. Crystal is grateful for the loving gift sent to her from God through the people of Victory!



Bro. Robert and Crystal

## WINGS: Women IN God's Service

In December we had our annual Ladies Christmas Party. Tara Burke brought us a great message on gifts,



and Amber Martin sang two beautiful songs. The love offering was for Tara and expenses for Janice Williams to join us at the Women's State ABA meeting in September 2016. A special thanks to our nursery workers! It was a wonderful evening! For the next few weeks WINGS will be busy helping the church settle in at our new location on Brockington.



# Kids Department

**LEARNING** Our kindergarten through sixth grade kids just completed a 12-week study on Wednesday nights titled “The New Normal.” We **learned** all about taking our relationships with God to a higher level in our attitudes, speech, church, and families. We launched our new study on January 20, “Never Too Young.” **Learning** from the lives of Bible heroes like David, Esther, Timothy, Joash, Naaman’s servant girl, and the boy with the five loaves and two fish will help our kids see that they are NEVER TOO YOUNG to follow God’s plan and change the world.



Lizzie, Hannah, and Chloe



Joann



Max

**LOVING** Teaching our kids to **love** others is one of our core values. They were given an opportunity to create festive snowmen to be shared with some of our elderly church members and nursing home residents. These adorable creations received rave reviews from their recipients!

As we transition to the Brockington property, new procedures will begin with regard to the safety of our kids. A big part of **loving** our children is protecting them, so please exercise patience and flexibility with the changes.

**LIVING** We’d like to celebrate a **life** changed among the kids who participate in our children’s ministry. Kathryn “Kat” Stanley, friend of Chandler Farmer, has visited our church many times. She recently made the brave decision to give her **life** to Jesus! In tears she explained how much she loves Victory Church and how she really felt like she belonged. Please pray for this sweet young lady whose parents do not attend church alongside Kat.



The 5th & 6th grade making Christmas cards for shut-ins and seniors

In December, we enjoyed our annual pilgrimage to Antioch Baptist Church in Conway for Bethlehem Revisited. A busload of **lively** kids, teens, and adults enjoyed a recreation of the nativity as well as an exciting visit through booths in a “Bethlehem” marketplace.

## CARE: Caring Actions, Real Experiences

CARE is Victory’s outreach program that is a consistent way to mobilize our church family to actively stay in touch with our fellow members and visitors. CARE services include visits, calls, and contacts via cards, Facebook, text, etc. to members, visitors and others as well as helping members with minor home needs (examples; fix a meal, change a light bulb, weed a flowerbed).

CARE teams meet the first, second, and fourth Tuesday nights of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This outreach is a very special way to be involved and fellowship with different members while providing a sweet service. Join us and be blessed while blessing others! Contact Judy Whitaker (425-6809) for more details.

## CALL Mall

The CALL (Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime) Mall provides clothing for foster children at no cost. We have been blessed with many donations from our church members! Volunteers from our church spend one day a month on a Friday or the first Saturday of the month working at the CALL mall to help the foster parents pick out clothing for the children they have taken into their homes. Without them, the Mall could not function or continue to pass on the love of Christ to these families!

Other groups have also supported us through donations. This past year, Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated donated diapers, wipes, and time to sort clothing in April. In September, members of the Oasis Church in NLR donated their time to change out the clothing from spring/summer to fall/winter.

Through our sharing of the love of Christ, we can make a difference in many parents' and children's lives.



Wrapping Christmas presents!

## Teens

December was a great month for **ONE Student Ministry!** Our students raised just over \$700 of their own money to support three different families. Two of the families were supported through Angel Tree

at our local St. Vincent's Hospital. The last family was a connection through a church member, Paula Penn. Our students picked out, purchased, wrapped and delivered presents! It was a very awesome experience of selflessness and giving!

This month we went to the Tied-Up Conference in Star City. Our teens had a great time!

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*“For me, ice skating is like wearing jeans that are too small. You just shouldn’t do it.”*

*—Nathan*

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## Financial Update

While conducting services at the Sherwood Avenue facility, the continuing expenses for the Brockington facility were being matched with the funds received from VBS, including auction proceeds. These funds and the net proceeds from the sale of our Sherwood Avenue property are included in our “budget overage” to date. Now that we have moved, these expenses will be part of our normal budget.

The net funds **included** in Budget Overage right now are \$520,518.62. As we settle in, we will discuss any adjustments necessary for the church’s budget and how to account for the sale proceeds (Building Fund, etc.).

Our budgeted offerings through the end of December were \$140,392.21, and our actual offerings were \$137,922.19.



# Music

Hello friends, I am John Hanks. Michael Driggers and I are worship leaders currently serving Christ at Victory Baptist Church. It's an exciting time at Victory with the transition to a new location. If you haven't heard any of our many different styles of music delivered by our Christ-led members, you are



Our first service at 10000 Brockington!

missing a blessing! God is using folks with limited musical backgrounds to do beautiful things for him. Just think what he could do with you! Yes, we are always looking for folks with a love for Christ to help us in our Music Ministry. I am just fool enough to think Godly music can honor God, uplift ourselves, encourage the dismayed, and point the lost to our Savior.

We just finished our Christmas music which was well delivered by all, and all was moving and God honoring.

This is a special invitation to come and listen to our choir, praise band, brass orchestra, and others—and see if God can find a place for *you* in our Music Ministry!

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