

Victory newsletter

Winter 2019

Victory's new logo!

Quite unexpectedly, Victory has a new logo! During a discussion at the September business meeting, members expressed their desire that the church get a new logo. Several people got together and the knowledge and expertise of Bro. Josh, our Children's Pastor (who also happens to be a graphic designer), was put to use. The goal was a simple design that would be recognized in our community and cause people who see it to say, "Oh, that's the church over on Brockington! They do the Halloween event/VBS/Christmas Candlelight Service every year!" At the next business meeting in



October, the new logo was presented and approved! It is now on our website, Facebook page, stationery, staff business cards—you may have even seen some members sporting it on their hats or vehicles!

Snow!?

It's not often that our church service is cancelled due to weather, but it happened one Wednesday in November! It was a very cold day, and by early afternoon, a few snow flurries were spotted. Not much snow accumulated, but the roads were wet and temperatures were dropping. Because of the risk of icy roads, the decision was made to cancel services. It was probably the best decision; very few people would have ventured out in that cold, icy weather!



Children's Ministry

Christmas: Did you have a good Christmas season? Our Kids Ministry sure did! The entire month of December was PACKED with fun activities! We took our largest group ever on our annual trip to Bethlehem Revisited at Antioch Baptist in Conway, our children ministered to a retirement village through caroling, and we celebrated our ministry workers with a fun night of ugly sweaters, movie trivia and prize giveaways! For our second ever Family Sunday, Brother Larry and I tag-teamed a sermon diving deep into the details of the nativity story, and ALL of our 5K-6th graders joined our worship team as a choir! They did such a great job! (See the top picture on page 1.)



It's easy for kids (and adults) to feel down after the holidays are over. A new year brings with it uncertainty, and the world can look dim once the decorations are stored away. But we have to remember that Jesus isn't our savior for just a season. He is with us all year long. His supply of peace and joy is never-ending to those who trust in Him completely, and it's our duty to spread that Good News every day!



Wednesdays and Sundays: Speaking of the Good News, during the first quarter of 2019 we will be focusing on EVANGELISM during our Wednesday night services! For the next few weeks our series is called "*Jesus is WORTH IT!*" We'll be hearing stories of real missionaries who are working in the field right now and the incredible sacrifices they must make in spreading the gospel. This will help kids see that they shouldn't get discouraged in telling their friends about Jesus! It may get difficult—but Jesus is *worth it!* And on Sunday mornings in our **POGO** service, we've already covered over *1,450 YEARS* of Bible history since August! We're continuing the series "The Big Picture," showing kids that the Bible is not just a bunch of stories, but a living history full of real people who God used to fulfill His promises! Our kids are beginning to understand that the all-powerful God of centuries past is the same God they serve today! It's such an



exciting series, and we're just getting started!

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.



In December, The Niche (college) and the Teen Sunday School classes got together with plans to spread Christmas cheer to some of our church members. They stayed after church and had pizza for lunch, then filled Christmas gift bags with sweet treats and other goodies. It took a good part of the afternoon to deliver these gifts to some of the senior members of our church. The students said the recipients were pleasantly surprised by the gifts, many enjoyed an impromptu visit, and they were touched by the sweet words of encouragement the seniors had for them. This was a wonderful way for our younger members to honor those who have gone before and set examples for us. Thanks to Jason and Tara Burke and Jeremy and Courtney Swiley for planning this outing for our students!



CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

Happy New Year to all! 2018 was a very good year for the CALL Mall! Actually, the Mall has received many donations through the year from the church and from the community. Some donations have been new items with the price tag still attached! We received one donation of new socks and tights for girls, and with another donation, we were given new underwear items and socks for both boys and girls. There was a donation that was brought to the CALL containing two boxes of brand new baby sleepers for winter. People in the Pulaski County area are becoming more and more aware of needs that foster children have. God has been so great! To Him be the glory!

A Sunday school class from North View Missionary Baptist Church in North Little Rock collected and donated student backpacks with school supplies and Bibles and a variety of new blankets for the foster children before Christmas. It's always nice to have new backpacks for children who may move from one place to another or are removed from homes halfway through the school year; they don't always get to bring their things with them when they are put into foster care.



Please continue to pray for the foster children and the parents who have followed God's will to take care of them. Pray that many more families will be trained by the CALL to care for the many more children who end up in foster care. Some statistics: in Pulaski County, as of August 2018, there were 394 foster children and only 262 foster families. In some counties like Sebastian County, there were 604 foster children but only 128 foster families. Foster children can be placed anywhere in Arkansas if needed.

Thank you, Victory Church family, for all you do to support these foster families and children!!

Outreach

We understand that a healthy church is OUTWARDLY focused, finding ways to reach out to their community around them. Over the past couple of months we held two special events to show the city of Sherwood just how much we love them!

Fall Fest: This year we expanded our Trunk or Treat into a full-blown fall festival! This totally free event included carnival games, a dunking booth, s'mores, a bonfire, hayrides, the Sherwood Fire Department, and laser tag! The music and fun lasted well into the night. We eventually lost count of how many visitors attended, but we went through over 500 hotdogs and roughly 400 s'mores with still an hour left to go! It was by far the most exciting event we have hosted in recent memory, and we're already planning how to make next year's even BETTER—so stay tuned!



The Great Pumpkin



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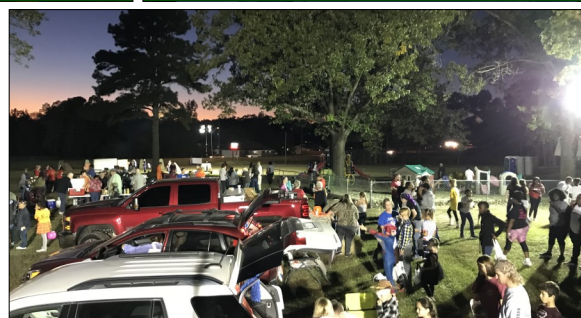
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The s'mores were a big hit . . .



. . . and so was the popcorn!



There was a big crowd!

VicTurkey Day: Those who attended Fall Fest were invited to return for VicTurkey Day. This was Victory's way of offering families some respite from the stress of planning Thanksgiving. We chowed down on delicious BBQ, then broke up into teams for some friendly competition! Our emcees Brother Josh and Brother Jason led ten teams through some brain twisting trivia (did you know that swans were on the menu at the first Thanksgiving?). Finally, a winning team was crowned—receiving "The Golden Gobbler" trophy and bragging rights for next year. And afterwards, two lucky winners received gift cards to Kroger and the Honey Baked Ham company!



Checkers



"Do you know the answer?!" "No, do you?!"



Thanksgiving Trivia winners!

JOY: Just Older Youth

Join us at Cracker Barrel in North Little Rock for breakfast and great fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am. We are in the very last area with plenty of room for Victory family and friends! We also meet on the fourth Tuesday at noon for a potluck at the church.



CARE: Caring Actions, Real Experiences

CARE is now back on its regular schedule: the Coolest Team meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, and the Awesome Team meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Come join us!

WINGS: Women IN God's Service

2018 was a full and exciting year for WINGS. We sponsored several events during the year! Our annual Chili Cook-Off was held in February. It was a lot of fun and very tasty with lots of good chili and desserts. Just for fun, a van full of ladies ventured off to Keo, Arkansas, to enjoy some famous desserts at Charlotte's Eats and Sweets—we were not disappointed! In June, a potluck was held in honor of Bro. Larry and Sister Cindy and for Glen Knight and his family, and another in April for Easter. June Owen shared her creative gift and instructed about 20 ladies on wreath-making for fall. The seminary was in need of trash bags and Victory came through with a van full. We were able to give money to The CALL and to our Children's Department. WINGS supports missionary wives Janice Williams, Summer Knight, and Angellah Lambert each month.

Each year, we look forward to our church-wide Ladies Christmas party. It is always full of good friends, great food, and gorgeous, decorated tables. This year we were entertained with beautiful Christmas music provided by Cynthia Phillips, Chris Davis, and Bob and Annette Pennington. Our guest speakers were our very own Bro. Larry and Sis. Cindy. Due to the generosity of those attending, over \$800.00 was donated that night to send to our missionary wives.



WINGS is looking forward to serving in 2019. WINGS is for ALL the ladies at Victory. Please, come and join us if you are not a part of this group of ladies. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 4:15 pm, and we would love to see you there!

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're looking better and better around the grounds here at Victory. Thank you to all who come up looking for a place to help make us look better. You are really showing interest in our facilities, and it helps us present a great look to the community. Keep looking for opportunities to serve and they will present themselves.
2. Leaves are everywhere. I still need those to come up and give a few hours to get leaves raked and moved to areas along our paved surfaces. The City said they would come on our property to suck the leaves up, but can't get off the pavement. Areas of main concern are: Large and small playground areas, the east side of the Barn (if you don't know your directions, just walk out there and you'll quickly see which direction I am referring), and the lowest priority is the area of the low grove (where you drive into the church).
3. We are still looking for suggestions on signage placement. Anything from placing lettering on the building itself to increasing the size of the front sign. Your input is requested.
4. We are looking into cost-effective ways to get our pavement worked on around the facilities. We have some problem areas that require cutting out and replacing old pavement, resurfacing some other areas, and resealing the whole project. I am in the process of getting pricing on accomplishing this and will report back as I get information. Meanwhile, dodge that pothole!
5. I am looking into giving our entry area a facelift. I'm getting input from designers and will come to the church when I have a better feel for funds needed to make this area more inviting for our members and guests. Stay tuned...

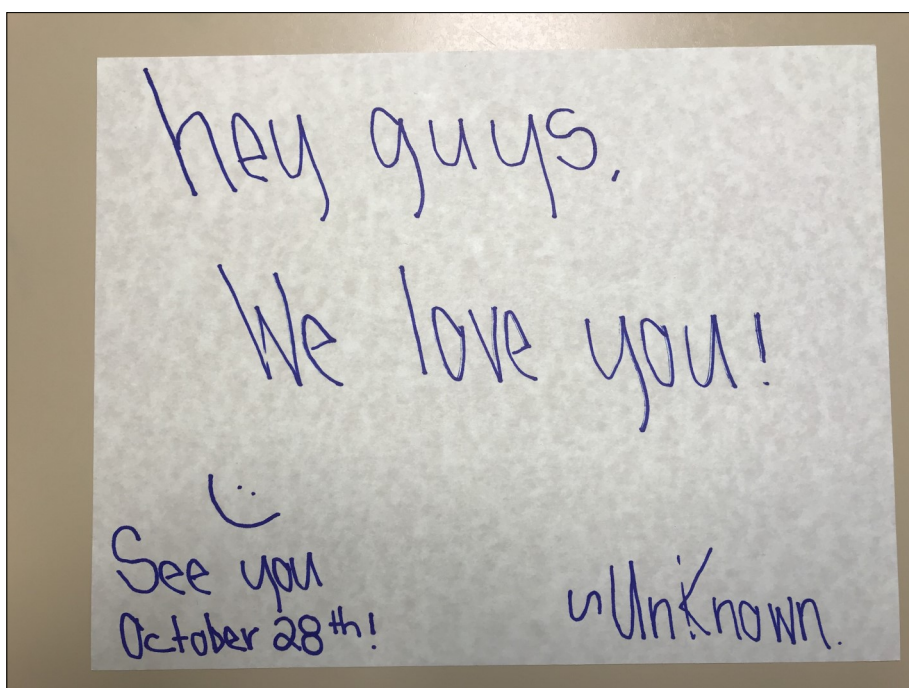
I am excited to see how God is going to work through us in 2019. I hope you are also excited and are praying for Victory Baptist Church, Bro. Campbell, Sis. Cindy and family. Let's charge into 2019 on fire for God!

Love Note

This note was found on the counter in the Welcome Center one day shortly before our Fall Fest was held on October 28. It could have been written by a church member, or by someone who was visiting.

Whomever it was, it sounds like they were looking forward to Fall Fest!

Here at Victory, it is our goal to show God's love to everyone who comes, whether they come for a Worship service, a Bible study, or one of our outreach activities. This note is evidence that we are! Let's keep up the good work, Victory!



New Members!

Meet our newest members! Betty Davidson and the Broadways moved to Sherwood in the past year. Betty got involved with our church through her family, who are also members. Ken and Terry Arnold have lived in the Sherwood/Jacksonville area for many years and joined about a year ago. (Apologies to them for taking so long to get their picture!) Mandy and her daughter, Katelyn, became acquainted with the church through our school before it closed. Katelyn was a student there and began visiting our youth group with friends. They soon decided to join!



Terry and Ken Arnold



Betty Davidson



Katelyn McKeehan, Mandy Eckelkamp



Eula and Bob Broadway

Upcoming Events and Dates

January 20	Small Groups	March 13	Team Meeting
January 22	JOY Potluck	March 15	CALL Mall
January 25	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	March 16	CALL Mall
January 28	Iron Men, bowling	March 17	Small Groups
February 1	CALL Mall	March 18-22	Spring Break
February 2	CALL Mall	March 19	Awesome CARE Team
February 3	Small Groups	March 22	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
February 5	Coolest CARE Team	March 26	Joy Potluck
February 8	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	March 29	CALL Mall
February 10	WINGS	March 30	Iron Men, fishing
February 12	JOY Breakfast	April 2	Coolest CARE Team
February 13	Team Meeting	April 5	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
February 15	CALL Mall	April 6	CALL Mall
February 16	CALL Mall	April 7	Small Groups
February 17	Small Groups	April 9	JOY Breakfast
February 19	Awesome CARE Team	April 12	CALL Mall
February 22	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	April 14	WINGS
February 24	Iron Men, skeet shooting	April 16	Awesome CARE Team
February 26	JOY Potluck	April 17	Team Meeting
March 1	CALL Mall	April 19	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
March 2	CALL Mall	April 20	CALL Mall, Easter Egg Hunt
March 3	Small Groups	April 21	Easter, Potluck lunch
March 5	Coolest CARE Team	April 23	JOY Potluck
March 8	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	April 26	CALL Mall
March 10	WINGS; Daylight Saving begins	April 29	Iron Men, Arkansas Travelers
March 12	JOY Breakfast		

RIM: Remote Island Ministries



God's work continues in Palau for Remote Island Ministries!

The container full of supplies and tools donated and purchased while Brother Knight was stateside last year reached Palau on October 23. Brother Glen, Summer, and Juli arrived back in Palau on November 5, and almost immediately the container was moved to its final location on land so it could be unloaded.

The weather is something of which the islanders are ever mindful. There have been several weather systems that passed through the seas around Palau in the past several months. The

most that was felt in Palau was strong winds, and for that Bro. Glen is thankful. While watching them, he is good to remember and request prayer for the many who are in the storms' path and see and feel the devastation firsthand.

Bro. Glen was pleased to learn in November that the production of the EAGLE ATVC was completed! It has been inspected, approved, and shipped, and it should arrive in Koror any day now. Those on the RIM NATIVA are eagerly awaiting its arrival as it will be an invaluable piece of equipment to transfer supplies from the NATIVA to the remote islands they visit.



Throughout Bro. Glen's travels in the Philippine and Palauan islands, he has seen many reminders of the impact of WWII there. The EAGLE ATVC was constructed in the city of Mariveles in the Philippines, a location of significant WWII activity. In memory of those who died in and in honor of those who survived this war, Americans and Filipinos, the EAGLE ATVC will be named "Mariveles."

RIM is now looking for a church building for a Remote Island Ministries Outreach Center in which they could hold church services and other outreach activities. Bro. Glen has his eye on a particular location on the island of Koror. Rental property there is very expensive, and Bro. Glen is asking for prayers in this endeavor.



Christmas in Palau looks very different than it does here in Arkansas, but there are festive sights to be seen! They may not have what we would consider "traditional" decorations, but they use what they have!



Earlier this month (January), due to winds and rain that kept everyone on the ship more than usual, much work on the engine room was done to prepare for the installation of the two new generators acquired last summer, and a few days later, they were installed. The crane purchased last summer in Oklahoma was also loaded and mounted on the NATIVA; this installation will be completed when they receive a part that needs to be ordered.



It is the love for God's people that brought Bro. Glen to and has kept him in this remote corner of the world. Follow Bro. Glen or Summer on Facebook ('Glen Knight' and 'Summer Knight') to read the wonderful stories Bro. Glen shares about the people he meets. To read Bro. Glen's Newsletters, visit our website, www.victory1st.com, and click on the "Missions" tab. As always, continue to pray for Bro. Glen's wisdom, guidance, strength, health, and safety, and for his family, too.



New Year's Eve

Victory had the first ever New Year's Eve Family Friendly Fun Night Together to welcome 2019! Families were invited to come and bring snacks and their favorite board games. Adults and kids took advantage and played several different games: Operation, Hedbanz, Logos, Candy Land, Utter

Nonsense, and Mustache Smash, to name a few. Other games, like Thunder Dome, were much more active!

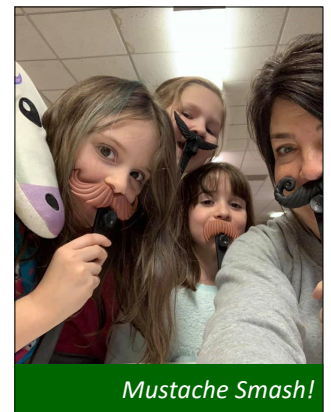


Thunder Dome!



Candy Land!

(There may have been a few sore muscles and/or bruises the next day.....) Some left early, but most families stayed until midnight to count down the end of 2018 and bring in 2019!



Mustache Smash!

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Candlelight Service

Christmas would not be the same at Victory Baptist Church without our Candlelight Service. This year, it was held on Sunday night, December 23. Some of our young ladies eagerly helped pass out the candles as guests came in. Many people came out to the service as part of their celebration of our Savior's birth so many years ago. It was a short, sweet service highlighting the Biblical story of God's people looking forward to the Messiah God promised them and His humble beginnings on earth. The Bible readings and songs directed thoughts to how much God loves us, and how Jesus' birth is a picture of His love.

