



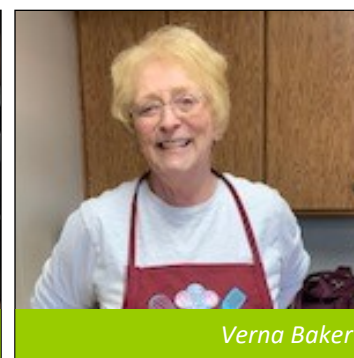
Spring 2019

WINGS: Women in God's Service

Under the supervision of Verna Baker, several ladies met at church in February to prepare delicious homemade soup to share with the members of Clint Harper's and Verna Baker's Sunday School classes. As an added special touch, Valentine sacks filled with goodies were also presented. Recipients were surprised and excited to receive these gifts of love!



Making soup



Verna Baker

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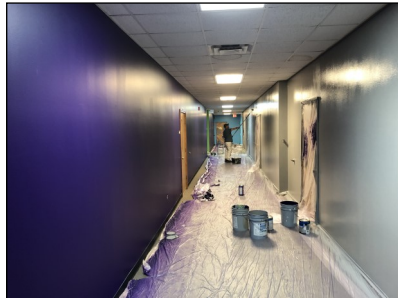
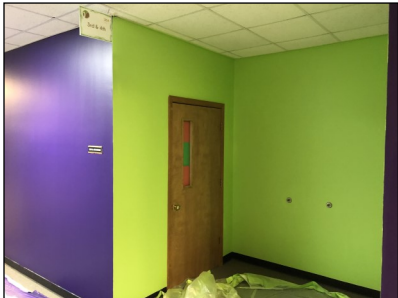
In case you missed it, WINGS is selling t-shirts with the church's new logo for \$10 each! To place your order, see Debbie Pennington in the church foyer; they will be sold through the first of May.

WINGS ladies are dedicated to serving others. Why don't you join us? Your heart will be blessed beyond measure! We meet the second Sunday of each month at 4:15 pm in Room 105.



Children's Ministry

Welcome to the Family: We are so excited for one of our young men, Lyric Foreman. Lyric has accepted Jesus as his Lord and savior, but after prayer and some counseling from his family and Brother Josh, he decided it was time to take his faith to the next step. He followed the example of his Savior and was baptized in water, publicly announcing he was a follower of Christ. He is now a full member of Victory! It's always a big deal to see kids who are excited to deepen their faith! Please join us in praying for this wonderful, smart, and funny young man. We love you Lyric! Welcome to the church family!



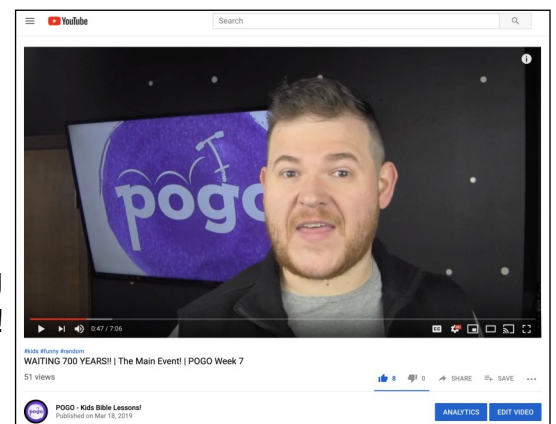
Pardon Our Dust: An effective ministry is more than just a building, but it's important in children's ministry to create an environment that expresses two truths: we love you, and we want you to be here! So, big changes are happening in our upstairs children's area! Our hallways are filled with bright colors and will soon be adorned with

pictures of our AWESOME kids! We'd like to give a big shout-out to Persson Painting for doing such a great job and our congregation for supporting the children's ministry. This is only Phase One of our upgrades. More exciting additions will be coming in the near future!

Summer of Fun: As the weather takes a turn for the better, kids are itching with excitement in anticipation of SUMMER! Last year we started what Brother Josh called the "Summer of Fun", and this year's activities look to be bigger than ever! Our Vacation Bible School, "Alien Kids!" is free and for all ages! It will take place June 24th-28th from 6pm-8:30 pm. We'll be taking kids on an intergalactic journey and give them the tools to live a life that's out of this world! There will be team competitions, insane games, high energy music, and mind blowing surprises in store! We're also gearing up for KIDS CAMP! This year we will be headed to "Creek Week" at Budd Creek Baptist Camp, July 8th-11th. In addition to these major two events, each Wednesday we'll be hosting a different themed night, with Nerf wars, kickball, arcades, and more! At the end of the summer we'll go out with a bang at Third Realm trampoline park! Do you have or know a kid who needs to get plugged in to a fun, positive, Christ-centered environment? Then come hang out with the Victory Kids this summer!



YouTube!: Our Sunday kids worship service, POGO, now has its own YouTube channel! Join Brother Josh each week as he tries to lead us through a review of Sunday's lesson while being constantly interrupted by a cast of bizarre and goofy characters! You never know what's going to pop up next! Just go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "POGO Kids Bible Lessons!"





Earlier this month a group of 16 of our teens and sponsors attended AYC (Arkansas Youth Conference) at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. The purpose of AYC is to point our youth to Jesus Christ as Savior so they will commit to make a difference in God's kingdom. Our teens have been going to AYC for many years; they learn biblical truth, and they have a chance to fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. AYC accomplishes its goal; through the years, many of our youth have made a profession of faith while at or after attending AYC, and this year was no different!

Exciting news—Bro. Matthew Fleming accepted our call as Youth Pastor! More on this next time!

CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall has been blessed by so many in the church and by our community. Every Friday and two Saturdays a month, we receive donations of items (clothing, shoes, strollers, many baby items, and so on). People in Sherwood and surrounding areas have definitely heard of The CALL and have discovered the Mall!! The Mall has a supportive Sunday School class, the Followers of Christ, from North View Baptist Church. They have donated many diapers and just recently donated gift cards to different places for the foster parents!! God has worked miracles!!

The two children in the pictures below needed a forever home a few years ago. Their mother's cousin took them as foster children and eventually adopted them both!! They are sweet children and give their mom hugs for the things she finds for them. We encourage families who have adopted to



continue using the CALL Mall.

Many children and foster families have been blessed by fostering and adopting. Many times they have thanked us for the Mall, but I like to thank them for taking care of these children who are in need of love and guidance! I know all of us who help in the Mall feel blessed when we

can help!! The CALL Mall was changed in early March from fall and winter clothes to spring and summer items. Thank you to all who came and helped that day!!!

Defender's Conference

On March 2, many of our students and adults attended an apologetics conference at Faith Baptist Church in Cabot. Bro. Larry Campbell and several other Missionary Baptist pastors in this part of the state organized the event. They were originally focused on teens, but as they made plans, they realized this was a subject matter that we all need to know.

Dr. Richard Hamlin, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Cabot, preached the two main sessions. He eloquently presented the truth of the gospel and emphasized the authority of God's Word very clearly. In addition to the main sessions, there were 11 breakout classes offered:

- Bro. Daniel Conditt taught a class about the identity of God
- Bro. Dennis Ingle presented an in-depth look at the Gospel
- Jeff Cagle taught on the clash of worldviews in our culture
- Bro. Tim Ward taught on gender identity as defined in the Bible
- Bro. Matthew Fleming taught a class about the sanctity of all human life
- Bro. Gary Williams discussed the problems found in Ecumenism
- Bro. Christian VanHouten taught a class on Marriage
- Bro. Larry Campbell taught students to defend their faith in Genesis 1-11
- Bro. Tyler Campbell exposed the dangers of the Word-Faith Movement
- Tim Ward taught a class on the problem of Calvinism in today's churches
- Dr. Hamlin taught preachers about the importance of teaching Doctrine



The conference was very successful and of the hundreds of attendees, about half were adults. The music, the preaching, and the teaching were all very well done, and the only complaint was that the conference wasn't long enough. Bro. Larry was excited to hear that! The entire group is excited to see what the Lord is going to do as the conference returns next March.

The same group of pastors is currently planning True Love Worship, a conference to be held in the Fall which focuses on the biblical truth that our relationships are meant to honor God. This conference will be held at Victory Baptist Church in October. Please be in prayer that God will continue to use these two conferences for His glory!



Dr. Richard Hamlin



In today's culture, there is a desperate need for mentorship and wisdom. Our Men's Ministry, "Iron Men," has committed to stepping up and out, not just in leadership in

the church, but also in having fellowship together. They have set out to create opportunities for men of all generations to gather together in love and support. So far they've hit the lanes at All-Fam bowling and taken aim at the Jacksonville Shooting Sports Complex! Both events were huge hits, with men of all ages joining together in brotherhood. On April 23rd they'll be going to Dickey-Stephens stadium to watch the Arkansas Travelers, and in May they'll host Victory's 1st annual Golf Tournament. If you'd like to join a great group of men living for the kingdom, they'd love to have you!



Upcoming Events and Dates

April 19	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	June 8	Ladies Retreat
April 20	CALL Mall; Easter Egg Hunt	June 11	JOY Breakfast
April 21	Easter, Potluck	June 12	Team Meeting
April 23	Iron Men Travelers Game	June 14	Men's Breakfast; Call Mall
April 26	Call Mall	June 15	CALL Mall
April 28	WINGS	June 16	Father's Day; Small Groups
May 3	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	June 18	Awesome CARE Team
May 4	CALL Mall; Walk for the Waiting	June 21	CALL Mall
May 5	Small Groups	June 24-28	VBS: Alien Kids!
May 7	Coolest CARE Team	June 28	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
May 10	CALL Mall	July 4	Independence Day
May 12	Mother's Day	July 5	CALL Mall
May 14	JOY Breakfast	July 6	CALL Mall
May 17	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	July 7	Small Groups
May 18	Iron Men	July 8-11	Creek Week, (8-12 years old)
May 19	Small Groups	July 9	JOY Breakfast
May 21	Awesome CARE Team	July 12	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
May 24	CALL Mall	July 15-19	National Camp (7 th -12 th grades)
May 27	Memorial Day	July 16	C and A CARE Teams
May 28	JOY Potluck	July 17	Team Meeting
May 31	CALL Mall	July 19	CALL Mall
June 1	CALL Mall	July 20	CALL Mall
June 2	Small Groups	July 21	Small Groups
June 4	Coolest CARE Team	July 23	JOY Potluck
June 7	CALL Mall	July 26	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall

Facilities

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

Wow! There are a lot of things going on around our campus that will benefit us all. Some of these things are very visible, and some are behind the scenes. Keep in mind as we go through this report that there is a place for you to get involved in the workings of the church.

1. Have you noticed the grounds lately? The leaves are gone and we are ready to get into our spring and summer around here. Don't forget we have a fire pit to accommodate any gathering of your class or group! With that in mind, I am looking for help in relocating the picnic tables (yes, the ones set in concrete over beside the large playground) to a location around the fire pit. This will involve some sawzall work, some heavy lifting, and some careful placement of concrete deck pads. If anyone wants to lead out in getting this done, let me know.
2. Are you a carpentry guy? We are looking into replacing the solid doors in Rooms 106, 107 and 108 with Dutch doors (where you can open the top half to talk to parents without the young'uns escaping). In looking at these doors, I see a possibility of converting these doors into Dutch doors without replacing them. I have even found some video on YouTube that shows this being done. This would save us some money and would give you handy guys an opportunity to take on a project here at the church. Are you my guy...or girl? Let me know.
3. We have formed a Renovation Group (Bro. Larry, Bro. Eric Farmer, Bro. Josh Thomas, Sis. Tasha Harper, Sis. Judy Whitaker, and myself) to work on some changes around the Worship building. We are looking at lighting improvements, backdrop changes on the stage, visiting area improvements in the entry area, office space improvements, as well as changes in our signs around the campus. Be watching for suggestions that we will be bringing to the church body for consideration.
4. Although our MOW Team duties have changed somewhat this year, we still need some folks to help out in keeping the large area mowed. If you have experience in zero turn mowers and want to donate a few hours on occasion to help us keep the place looking good, check with Joe Owen or myself and we'll get you up to speed.

Thank you for all that you do around our church. We know there are many of you involved in many aspects of work here at Victory Baptist Church. If you are looking to get plugged in to one of our teams, I can point you in the right direction. I love you all. - Michael Driggers

New Members!

We are so excited to welcome Lyric Foreman, who was baptized in February! More details are on Page 2 under Children's Ministry.

We are also happy to welcome back into our church family Sherri, Sophie, and Sydney Harris!



RIM: Remote Island Ministries

Bro. Glen continues to hold services on the island of Koror and on other Palauan islands. Sometimes the service is well attended, and sometimes not. They plan to visit the island of Tobi soon, and they want to take a new bicycle to each of the 13 children there. As soon as this plan was mentioned on Facebook, the donations started coming in!

The EAGLE ATVC arrived in January! As soon as she arrived, the motor, controls, and electronic equipment were installed. By the end of January, the EAGLE's setup was complete and she was registered with Koror State. In January, Pastors Joseph Stacks and Jerry Grimes, and Brothers Doug Clements and Mike Whitehead came to help with different projects, including the construction of a floating dock. The EAGLE proved to be quite an asset in delivering supplies for the job; Bro. Glen was very pleased with her load capacity, handling, and speed. With all the extra helping hands, the dock was finished quickly. While testing the EAGLE's sonar, they got some pictures of some sunken Japanese WWII vessels near their anchorage that had been bombed in 1944.



EAGLE ATVC



The 16' x 18' floating dock



As a result of the recent work done on the ship and its boats, RIM is now almost ready to begin sailing a circuit throughout the western Carolines and into Micronesia. An answer to prayer and patience is the relationship they are building with master celestial navigators in that area.

More exciting news for RIM is that students for the Maritime School of Missions are beginning to arrive! The first one, Malachi Davis, from Oklahoma, arrived in March. Four more from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma are expected in May. These students will

travel with RIM among the outlying islands of Palau.

Bro. Glen was very happy to have his mom and stepdad, Betty and Bill Stofel, visit for a few weeks in February!

Follow Bro. Glen or Summer on Facebook ("Glen Knight" and "Summer Knight") for more details on their work and opportunities to help. You can also find a copy of their Newsletter on our website; go to victory1st.com and click on the "Missions" tab. Please continue to pray for Glen, Summer, Justin, Juli, and RIM!



Sonar of sunken WWII Japanese vessel



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JOY: Just Older Youth

Everyone is invited to join us for the JOY breakfast and potluck! Breakfast is at Cracker Barrel the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 am, and the potluck is the fourth Tuesday of the month at the church at noon. (The potluck will not be held in April due to the Easter potluck just before, or in June due to Vacation Bible School.)

CARE: Caring Actions, Real Experiences

CARE needs you!!

CARE is a Victory outreach program for men and women members of all ages to actively stay in touch with fellow members and visitors.

The typical schedule for CARE is the first Tuesday (Coolest Team) and the third Tuesday (Awesome Team) from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 105. Both teams have a lot of fun, delicious food, and sweet fellowship. CARE activities include visits, calls, and contacts via cards, Facebook, text, etc. to members, visitors, and others.

Just one hour a month *check it out!*

In July, both CARE teams will meet on July 16 following VBS and Kids Camp; there will not be a meeting on July 2.