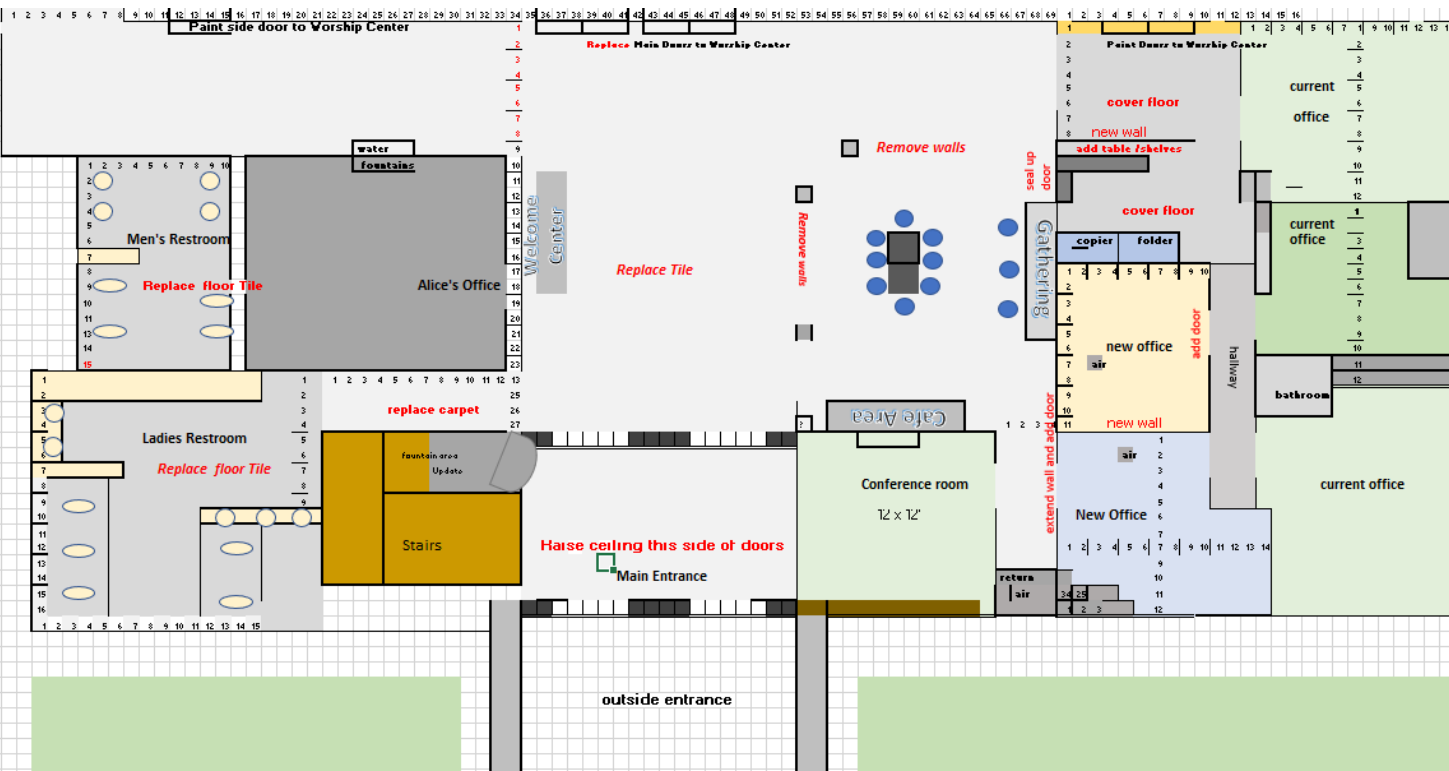




Renovation

Excitement is in the air—Victory renovation efforts are underway! The Renovation plans and budget proposal were presented to the church family on Wednesday October 2 and approved at our October 16 business meeting. The Renovation Team met with Mary, an Interior Designer, on October 29. Results were positive and decisions were made on most items. Major renovations will be made to the front foyer, entrance area, front restrooms, gathering area, offices and Worship Room. Look forward to a new café area in the entrance; new flooring in entrance areas, bathrooms, offices, and Worship Room; a stone wall around and above the baptistery to the ceiling with projection screens on each side and a large cross above the baptistery; lighting; and much more. As decisions are finalized, progress will be shared. If you have special talents in carpentry, wood refinishing, electrical, or plumbing, if you know someone who does, or if you just want to help, there can be a job for you—just let Michael Driggers or Judy Whitaker know!



Children's Ministry

Fall is finally upon us! As the leaves and temperatures drop, the kids of Victory have been such a wonderful blessing. Here are some of the things we've been up to in our Children's Ministry!

CPR Training: We take the safety of our kids very seriously. That's why it is required for all of our Children's Ministry volunteers to go through CPR and First Aid training. Thank you to all of our volunteers who recently gave up a Saturday to help ensure that each child who comes to Victory is in good hands!



CPR class

See You at the Pole: Every year, students across the country come together around the flagpoles of their schools to pray for their campuses, teachers, and peers. I had the pleasure of joining the students of Oakbrooke Elementary this year. Over 150 excited K-5th grade kids scarfed down donuts and joined hands in prayer!



See You At The Pole

Taking the Plunge: Two of our young men, Jonathan Starks and Brody Phillips, have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Recently they both decided that the time was right to take the next step in obedience by being baptized! These are both boys we have been praying over for years, and we could not be more excited for them! Please join us in praying for these guys. God has a perfect plan for their lives!



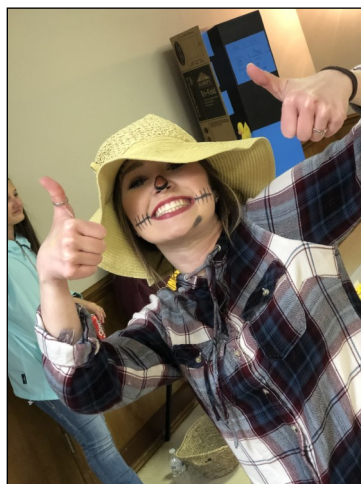
Moving on Up: The start of the school year is always bittersweet for me. We had an incredible crew of 7th graders move out of Children's Ministry and into the Youth Group. We had a special moment of prayer for them at the start of the school year. Every worker who had been a part of their lives, from Sunday school teachers to VBS volunteers, joined them on stage in a showing of love and support. It was a beautiful moment to remind them that in their new stage of life they are NEVER alone! As they moved out, a whole crew of sweet Kindergartners came in their place - including my own son! The energy and enthusiasm they bring is infectious, and

every week they are such a wonderful reminder of why we do children's ministry in the first place!

Fall Fest: The highlight of the past few months has DEFINITELY been Fall Fest! We had to scramble at the last moment due to rain and freezing temperatures, but it was still an absolute success! Despite the weather, we had over 400 guests walk through our doors and into a worship room transformed into a total play land! There



were bounce houses, a shooting gallery, carnival games, axe throwing, hot dogs, a cake walk, and TONS of free candy! It was by far the most fun church event we've had in recent memory, and we are so thankful for the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it happen!



We have some very exciting events we are planning for the holidays. To stay on top of everything, please join the Victory Baptist - Sherwood Facebook page or check out victory1st.com!

Teens

They say time flies when you're having fun, and I believe it because that is definitely the case for our teen ministry here at Victory!

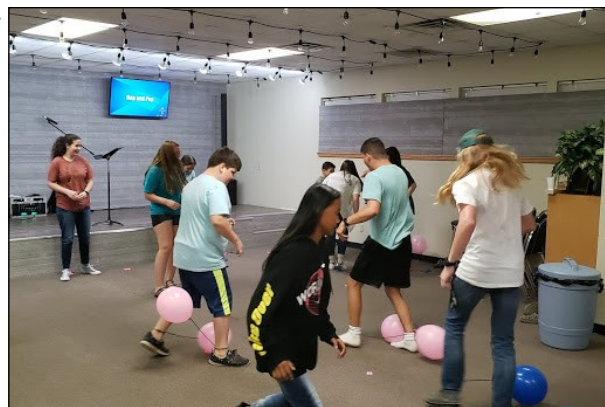
The biggest news is that we have decided on the name "Reflect" to represent our group. The idea behind the name is that we want to strive to live for the Lord in such a way that the image of Christ is reflected off us and to the world. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 outlines this idea when it says, "But whenever



someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and **reflect** the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." To encourage this idea in our students, we have begun a sermon series titled *Who Is This Man?* in which

we are taking a look at the life of Jesus, moment by moment, as it is recorded in the Gospels.

Of course, in youth ministry, there is an aspect of activities and fun, and we embrace it fully. Most recently we held a game night here at the church in which students gathered to eat, fellowship, and have fun. Ultimately, it all amounted to our students strengthening their relationships with one another, which is something I strive for.



My time here at Victory has been incredible so far, and that is all thanks to a loving God and a loving Church. On behalf of me and my family, I would like to say thank you so much for the love and appreciation that was shown us for Pastor Appreciation, and every moment apart from that. We are blessed to be with you and are looking forward to the incredible things that God can do here at Victory! - Bro. Matthew

CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall has been quite busy this fall! There was a big donation of diapers, pull-ups, and wipes given by the Arkansas Dream Center. The Dream Center reaches out to those in need in communities across the state of Arkansas, serves their needs, and restores their dreams. The Mall had a change of seasonal clothing in September, and thanks to Bob Hanks for doing that!

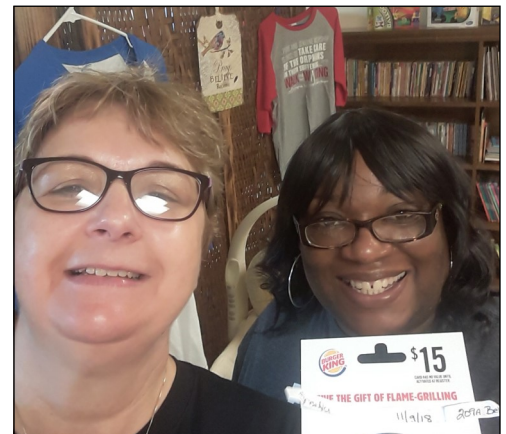


The Mall received several single and double strollers from an anonymous donor. As you can see in some of the pictures, there was a need for a lot of sorting—clothes, shoes, baby items, and even new items that still had tags on them. We are very grateful once again to the North View Church Sunday school class for their donations they bring to the Mall!! They have donated several gift cards that were given to foster parents in a drawing. The foster parents do seem to enjoy these gift cards!

On October 22, Bob and Carolyn attended a church advocate meeting for the CALL. Richard Alonzo, CALL's Church Partnership Coordinator, and Joe Snyder, CALL's Director, spoke about ways a church can become involved in and connected to the work of The CALL!!!



On the weekends of November 9th and 10th and November 23rd and 24th, Victory Church will host The CALL Pride training of foster parents.



We are so excited about the dedication, support, and work that Victory Baptist Church has given to The CALL, foster parents, and children!! Thank you!!

The JOY Connection

This group is thriving! We meet twice a month, on the second Tuesday for breakfast at Cracker Barrel in North Little Rock, and on the fourth Tuesday for a potluck lunch at the church. Everyone is invited to join us! If you can only stay for a short while because of work or other obligations, do that! The only thing on the agenda is to visit over a delicious meal!

Due to the busy-ness of the holiday seasons, the JOY lunch will not meet in November and December; it will resume on January 28, 2020.



JOY Breakfast at Cracker Barrel



Iron Men slowed down through the summer, but we've been active this fall! There were two Iron Men Activities in September, and our Iron Men were an integral part of Victory's Fall Fest.

The first event was on September 1 at the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation Shooting

Sports Complex in Jacksonville. We had a great group of young and not-so-young men come out and bust some clay targets. Jerry Hill, the Manager of the Complex, and other experts were able to coach some of the younger guys. A few of the old guys learned some things as well.



Our second event was a golf tournament on September 14 at Burns Park. It was a 4-man scramble with around 10 teams competing and everyone had a great time—even though some of us turned in some scores that were not so great...

There will be opportunities to get involved with VicTurkey Day, Christmas, and other activities before the New Year, and there will definitely be activities in January and February for all of our Iron Men to get together and build friendships that help build families. The hope is always to build relationships that lead to discipleship as we serve Jesus together.



Winners, Colton, Joe, Bailey, Garrett Morgan

Facilities

Does it Honor God? Is it making the best use of the Lord's money? Does it further the Kingdom of Christ? Changes are on the horizon. Be watching for these soon in our entrance area and worship room.

What is a good day/date for us to gather in mass quantities and clean up the grounds? The leaves are falling from the trees and we can either hire the leaf removal or get'r done ourselves. Looking for a Saturday soon. If Saturdays don't work for you, let me know a better time.

Thank you to the Morgan Men (headed up by Garrett Morgan). He has stepped up to help in the filter changing previously done by Bro. Donis. Give Garrett and Bailey an atta boy when you see them!

Our Fifth Sunday gathering and Fall Fest were a huge hit, as usual. Thanks to all who participated! When Fall Fest concluded, we had the Worship Room back in order in right at 40 minutes, thanks to all those who helped.

As always, 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. - Bro. Michael

WINGS: Women IN God's Service

Victory had 19 ladies who attended the Women's ABA retreat on September 13-14. The theme was "Blessed," from Psalms 119:2, "Blessed are they that keep His testimonies and that seek Him with the whole heart." Over 884 women from all over the state of Arkansas, and some outside of Arkansas, attended this meeting, representing over 110 churches! Janice Williams was able to join us this year, and she had a wonderful, restful, renewing, recharging, weekend! All of us were truly blessed by the retreat! It is so inspiring and uplifting to see all these Christian ladies still making a difference at their home churches. Special thanks to Verna Baker for letting Janice stay with her for the weekend. WINGS cannot thank everyone at Victory enough for all the special support that is given to make this trip possible for Janice! Next year the Women's ABA Retreat will be on September 18-19, 2020.



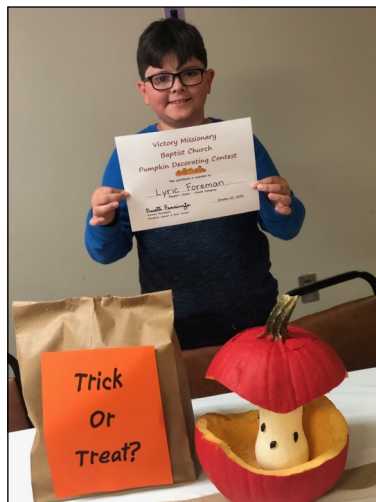
Every year we take our red container to the ABA retreat and ask the ladies to give us the tabs from their soda cans. We were just overwhelmed this year! Some of the ladies had been saving up all year and they brought us enough tabs to fill up the red container, a jumbo Ziploc bag, and half of another container! Now, that is a "blessing" indeed! We will give these to Brenda Bradley to recycle and pay towards the cost of electricity at the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital in Little Rock. It's a small thing that makes a big difference—continue to save those tabs!

The Ladies of Victory were once again the recipients of June Owen's creativity! On October 12, June instructed us on the making of some fun, fall centerpieces for us to enjoy and to share with our shut-ins.

Our Pastor Appreciation luncheon was a huge success! It was an honor to show our love and appreciation to our pastors at Victory! A special thank you to everyone who pitched in to help. A lot of planning and preparation goes into these events, and it is the many volunteers that make it go smoothly.

In conjunction with our Pastor Appreciation potluck, we had a pumpkin decorating contest. There were so many creative pumpkins! Congratulations to Lyric Foreman and Miranda Raines, who won the contest in the Youth and Adult divisions!

WINGS meets the second Sunday of each month in Room 105 at 4:15 pm, except in December, when we meet the first Monday night for our annual Christmas party. ALL ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend! We are an active group of ladies who love the Lord and love to serve. If you are not a part of WINGS, come join us and see what you are missing!



True Love Worships

On October 5, Victory had the privilege of hosting the True Love Worships Conference. 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 we all need to know. This is a conference that focuses on the biblical truth that our relationships are meant to honor God.



Bro. Larry preached the two main sessions, and he and his wife, Cindy, taught one of the breakout sessions which dealt with how sex and marriage are not to be separated from one another, along with other teachings from the Bible that define the purpose and sanctity of marriage.

Bro. Tim and Alice Ward from New Testament MBC in Lonoke taught an adult class on parenting and how strong marriages are foundational in the parenting process.

Bro. Kevin Howell, also from New Testament, taught on the importance of dealing with loss. This class was a huge help to many people dealing with incredible pain from great loss, whether it be through death, divorce, or other tragedies.



Bro. Matthew Fleming taught students about the importance of courtship, and the purpose and process through which “dating” should lead to healthy future relationships rather than regrets.

Bro. Tyler and Adrianne Campbell from Calvary MBC in Hazen taught a class on Biblical Manhood and Bro. Jason and Angie Holiman from Sweet Home MBC in Prattsville taught students on the subject of Biblical Womanhood.

The same group of pastors is currently planning the Defenders Conference, an apologetics conference to be held in March that will focus on the supremacy of God’s Word. This conference will be held at Faith MBC in Cabot and will have subject matter and classes designed for Sixth Grade Students through Senior Adults. Please be in prayer that God will continue to speak to hearts about what was proclaimed at True Love Worships, and that He will use these conferences for His glory!

New Members!

Be sure to welcome our newest members!



Cole and Jordan Turbeville (Avery)



Brody Phillips



Logan and Jonathan Touns



Jonathan Starks

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RIM: Remote Island Ministries

In August, the first summer intern program of the Maritime School of Missions ended with the graduation of James Houser, Demario Riley, and William Chesshir. They began the program as Cadets and returned home as Able Seamen. Congratulations to these young men!



Nativia was dry docked for much-needed repairs in September. The Nativia is now ready to continue RIM's mission work of reaching people on the edge with the message of God's love!

RIM has used its resources several times to assist in the retrieval of unexploded ordinances from WWII from the seabed in the area near them. If left there, these bombs could be triggered and harm innocent lives.



The months of October through December are typhoon months in Palau, and Bro. Glen keeps a close eye on the weather. Soon the Nativia will continue traveling to show God's love to islanders in Micronesia.

Follow Bro. Glen on Facebook, "Glen Knight."