

Victory newsletter

Winter 2020

Renovation

The renovation progress continues! The wall behind the stage in the Worship Center is finished and looks great! The new video screens and projection equipment have been installed and have been used for our Sunday services. The result is a much better video when we stream our Sunday service live on Facebook, where hundreds of people see the worship service.

The new doors for the Worship Center have been delivered and will soon be stained and in place. Then the new flooring will be installed in the Worship Room and the office area. The front bathrooms are almost finished. The new cabinets for the coffee area and the Welcome Center are ready and will be installed after the flooring is finished.

Many church members have used their time and talents to do some of the labor involved in order to save on the cost of the renovation. Thank you to all of them, and to Judy and the Renovation Team for the time and effort they put into the research and planning of these changes!



Community Groups

In February, we started our Community Groups again! We have four right now: Jason Burke's meets at the church, and the others meet at the houses of Bro. Larry and Cindy Campbell, Clint and Julie Harper, and Josh and Amanda Thomas. They have just been meeting a few weeks, and everyone is already enjoying them! They usually share a meal and then dig a little deeper into the sermon from that morning. If you're not part of one already, choose one and join in!



Thomas Community Group



Campbell Community Group



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Teens

Wow, the holidays sure are busy! But as busy as they are, we managed to slip in a few opportunities to fellowship and have some fun! I am very proud of our students and their willingness to serve. Over Christmas break they committed to come clean the church as a blessing to our faithful custodian Diane. Because of their persistent requests, and against my better judgement, we had a lock-in during their time off of school. We had a blast eating and playing games all night long! I am also happy to report that we all survived, which is really surprising seeing as Alex decided



to wake a few sleeping girls by playing his trumpet!! Our Wednesday night services have mostly been a continuation of our study on Jesus through the gospels. Although the winter was a little slow on activities, we are



looking forward to the spring and summer, which is packed full.

Pray for our students as we attend Defenders Conference and Arkansas Youth Conference in the next couple of months. As always, thank you for your prayers and support for our teens and ministry!!!

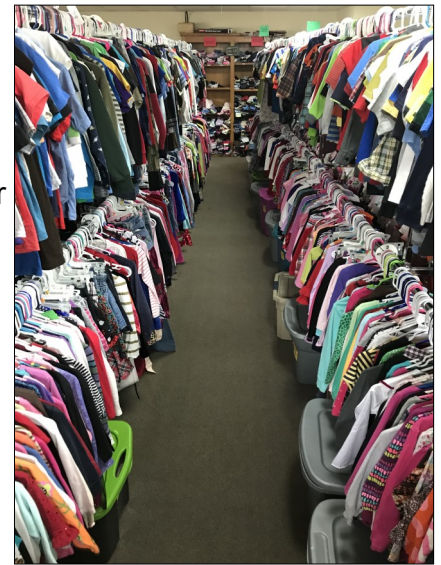
Upcoming Events and Dates

March 8	WINGS (Daylight Saving Time begins)	April 15	Team Meeting
March 10	JOY Breakfast	April 17	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
March 11	Team Meeting	April 18	CALL Mall
March 13	CALL Mall	April 21	Awesome CARE Team
March 17	Awesome CARE Team	April 24	CALL Mall
March 20	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	April 25	WINGS Retreat
March 21	CALL Mall	April 28	JOY Potluck
March 23-27	Spring Break	May 1	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
March 24	JOY Potluck	May 2	CALL; Iron Men Golf Tournament
March 27	CALL Mall	May 5	Cooler CARE Team
March 28	The Connection	May 8	CALL Mall
March 29	Fifth Sunday	May 10	Mother's Day
April 3-4	AYC	May 12	JOY Breakfast
April 3	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall	May 13	Team Meeting
April 4	CALL Mall	May 15	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall
April 5	Lord's Supper	May 16	CALL Mall
April 7	Cooler CARE Team	May 19	Awesome CARE Team
April 10	CALL Mall	May 22	CALL Mall
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt	May 25	Memorial Day
April 12	Easter	May 26	JOY Potluck
April 14	JOY Breakfast	May 29	Men's Breakfast; CALL Mall

CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall has been busy over the last several months. The weekend before Christmas, the Mall was open on Saturday, offering foster parents a chance to pick out new toys for their foster children. Marabeth, from the Maumelle CALL Mall, brought over new toys from their Mall. We sponsored a joint effort to get new toys in foster parent's hands before Christmas! However, there was a need to open our doors again on Monday before Christmas. We feel blessed to be able to accommodate parents when they have a special need for something, even two days before Christmas!

Home Extension Clubs in Pulaski County adopted the CALL Malls as a special project for Christmas! The Sylvan Hills Club provided diapers of every size, and wipes! The Malls in Pulaski also received gift cards for teens from the Pioneer Club! Such a special blessing!! The Mall continues to receive donations of clothing and children's items thanks to people in the Church and community!!



Bro. Josh Clinton wanted to give some areas in the Children's Department a new coat of paint. When this need was heard, the Iron Men decided to step up and help. A Saturday in February was chosen, the paint was purchased, and several men showed up to work. Three classrooms were painted. The teachers and students love the new look, and Bro. Josh was happy to have the help!



WINGS: Women IN God's Service

Over 40 ladies attended our annual Christmas party on December 2, 2019. It was a great time of fellowship, fun, door prizes, and great food!! Susie Fleming was our guest speaker. Through the generous support of our ladies, we raised approximately \$950.00 to be divided between Susie Fleming and our three missionary wives, Angellah Lambert, Summer Knight, and Janice Williams.



Susie Fleming



Christmas poinsettias were available for purchase at Christmas for \$10.00 each in honor or memory of loved ones. They were used to decorate our church, then taken home after the Christmas Eve service. Thank you to June Owen and Beverly Skarda for reimplementing this program! WINGS also gave our shut-ins a poinsettia, a hand painted gift, and snacks for Christmas.

Under the leadership of our Super Chefs Verna Baker and Jennifer Keys, 64 pints of homemade vegetable soup were prepared for our Super Seniors in Bro. Clint's and Sis. Verna's Sunday School classes. Thanks to all who participated! In addition to Verna and Jennifer, helpers included Odell Freeman, Deanna Grimes, Carolyn Hanks and her granddaughters Destiny and Katlyn Lilly, Elsie Morgan, Jeannette Morgan, Annette Pennington, Beverly Skarda, and Judy Whitaker. A very special thank you to June Owen for making beautiful tags for the goodie bags that were also given. We all had a great time and hope our Seniors enjoyed the soup and goodies that were lovingly prepared for them! (NOTE: Please return the jars and screw on lids so we can re-use them.)



Jeff Starks, Bob Pennington



Steve George, Bro. Larry Campbell, Michael Driggers

The Men's Chili Cook-Off was another great success this year! We raised approximately \$650.00 in donations for the POGO Christmas Store and for Janice Williams to be used for Christmas gifts for 35 inner city kids. There were 21 entrants this year for the

cook-off. Our winners were: 1st place, Bob Pennington (who revealed his secret ingredient was bacon) 2nd place, Jeff Starks; 3rd place was a three-way tie among Bro. Larry Campbell, Michael Driggers, and Steve George. Thanks to all the men for participating and to all the ladies for the wonderful desserts and other items. Thanks to Joe Owen and Bob Pennington for masterfully cooking the hot dogs, to June Owen and Beverly Skarda for making the fellowship hall look so festive, and to the

numerous helpers in the kitchen. Victory people are just the best! A special thank you goes to our judges Steve Davidson, Mike Whalen, and Danny Henderson!

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help us with the two projects listed above, please put WINGS on your check and drop in the offering plate, or give your check or cash to

Jennifer Key.



Our judges!



Janice Williams with flowers and flower pot from WINGS

SAVE THE DATE! Our

Second Annual Mini Retreat is set for Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our special guest speaker will be Julie Mayberry, former television personality and current member of the Arkansas House of Representatives.

WINGS meets the second Sunday of each month at 4:15 pm in Room 105. All ladies are invited to join us. We would love to have you be a part of this group of women who love the Lord, love to serve, and love one another!

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VicTurkey Day



Turkey Calling contest

VicTurkey Day was another big success this year! The original idea behind VicTurkey Day was to give everyone a break from the cooking and frantic busyness that IS the holiday season nowadays by providing



a meal and an opportunity to have fun with our family and friends. And that's what we did again this year! We enjoyed a catered meal (NOT turkey and dressing) and some fun games. The Thanksgiving Trivia game consisted of questions about Thanksgiving that most of us are familiar with, but we don't know the details and/or history. This fun event has become one that members and guests look forward to with anticipation! Bro. Josh Clinton and Bro. Jason Burke did a great job crafting the questions and fueling competition among the teams.



Feather contest



Winners of the Trivia contest

Family Game Night

The end of December brought another Fifth Sunday, and so another Family Sunday! It fell between Christmas and the New Year, a very busy time, but several people made it



to the Family Game Night Sunday evening and

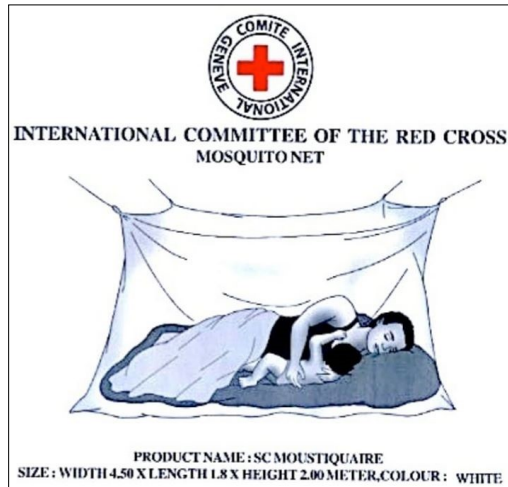


were ready for friendly competitions! Those who came brought their board games and snacks to share. There were lots of games to choose from, and plenty of food to fuel the game-playing. Our Next Family Game Night will be March 29—we'll see you there!

RIM: Remote Island Ministries

Bro. Glen Knight, his family, and his crew have stayed busy the past several months! During a storm in November, the wind broke the *Nativa's* mooring line. They managed to save her from the rocks; the Eagle ATVC was a big help with this! Several days later when the weather was better, they were able to replace the line and put the ship and floating dock back in place. And Bro. Glen said, "It's life at sea . . ."

Around Thanksgiving, RIM announced plans for a new project. Cases of dengue fever (a virus spread by



mosquitos) have been on the rise in the area since July, and there is no particular medical treatment. Bro. Glen's plan to help was to purchase mosquito nets

to give to the islanders they visit. The nets he bought are treated to repel mosquitos, and they are the same ones the Red Cross uses. Many people responded to his request for funds to purchase at least 1,000 nets at \$6.75 each, and by the end of January, the funds were received and just over 1,000 nets had been purchased and received! Each net RIM gives out will include a message from RIM and a Bible. They are excited to set sail again to share the message of God's love, and also provide some of the necessities of daily life!

RIM just announced its long-range goal to establish a permanent remote mission station in Micronesia or Western Papua, or possibly both. The plans include a chapel, warehouse, school, clinic, guest houses, and dock for the *Nativa*. It will be called "Bright Hope Center."

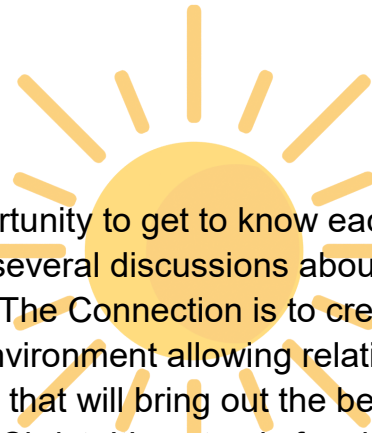
Bro. Glen will attend the American Baptist Association Messenger Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, on June 23-25, and invites everyone to visit his booth there. RIM Newsletters can be found at victory1st.com under the "Missions" tab, and you can follow Glen Knight and Summer Knight on Facebook.



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THE CONNECTION



Several of the ladies at church wanted to create an opportunity to get to know each other better and reach out to new members and guests. After several discussions about the best way to do this, The Connection was formed! The goal of The Connection is to create an



inclusive and positive environment allowing relationships to be formed between women that will bring out the best in them and point them towards Christ. It's not only for church members; ladies are encouraged to invite their friends! At the



first meetings, we played games and had discussions allowing us to get to know each other better, and everyone has had a blast! The next meeting will be Saturday, March 28, from 10 am to 12 pm! Ladies, see you then!

