



Spring 2021

Dessert Auction

After going without for two years, the Dessert Auction returned this year! This is a fundraiser we have held for several years, and the proceeds benefit our POGO and Reflect groups. Church members bring delicious desserts, and each one is auctioned to the highest bidder. The one who “wins” the dessert can keep it for themselves, or they can share it with everyone else there. Adults and kids made



their best baked creations. This year we had many popular dessert items return; we also had several visitors contribute new dishes. We even had a batch of genuine, bona fide, first place-winning sugar cookies! (Which were delicious!!) Thanks, Abigail!

The teens were a big help! They presented each dessert that was sold and served coffee and water.

Those who were there said the bidding was fierce, as usual. Someone who had never been to a dessert auction before

said he was surprised at how quickly the bids escalated and had to rethink his strategy! He did manage to leave with a couple of items. In the end, all the desserts were sold, and the proceeds were over \$3,000! Thanks again, Victory, for supporting our students!



POGO: Praying hearts, Open eyes, Giving hands, Obedient feet

Easter: After a tumultuous 2020, it was such a blessing to celebrate Easter together again as a church family. This year our Easter Egg Hunt was coupled with a HUGE pancake breakfast! Our building was filled with laughter and love once again. Families wolfed down fresh hot pancakes and sausages cooked by Brother Larry, then an army of kids covered our church grounds for a massive egg hunt. The pancakes were such a hit that the kids all agreed we HAVE to do it again next year!



POGO Day: On March 14 we wanted to give all of the grown-ups a taste of what it's like to be a kid at Victory. So we brought kids church to them! Our kids ministry, POGO (Praying Hearts, Open Eyes, Giving Hands, Obedient Feet) took over the main sanctuary and Brother Josh gave all of the adults a chance to be a kid again. We had a little hiccup that morning when our live streaming equipment just decided it wasn't going to even turn on! But our amazing tech team rallied together and POGO Day was a success enjoyed by all. Thank you Victory tech team, thank you to everyone who gave in a special offering where all of the proceeds will go to finishing our upstairs children's areas!



Summer of Fun returns! We are so excited to announce that Summer of 2021 means the return of the Summer of Fun! Throughout the summer we will be doing different fun activities during the week specifically for our K-5th graders.



There will be Giant Kickball, Nerf Wars,

Water Wars, Slime Night, pool parties, and much more. It also means the triumphant return of Vacation Bible School (June 6- 9) and Kids Camp (July 12-15)! Our summer is going to be absolutely packed, and we can't wait to report on all the things that are to come in the next few months. Be sure to join our "POGO - Victory Baptist Kids" Facebook page to stay on top of all the excitement!

- Bro. Josh

Reflect



Reflect Study Groups



"Fight" Spring Retreat

Spring is here, and the Reflect Student Ministry has enjoyed every minute of it! In our midweek services we have just finished an in-depth study over Creation that did a great job of equipping our students with the tools they need to stand against the many popular false ideas about the origins of the world. We had a blast at the Spring Retreat "Fight" that was hosted at Budd Creek Baptist Camp. Our students were challenged to fight for the lost souls around them, fight against hell, and fight for the Gospel. Spring Break brought the opportunity to take a trip to the lake where we were able to hike, eat, swim (not me!), and fellowship! Our quick games on Wednesdays always bring laughter, competition, and growth in the relationships between the students and the leaders as well. A big thank you to the students who came

and helped work at the CALL Mall yard sale! It was a huge success! (See CALL Mall, page 4.)

Summer is approaching, and it is always an exciting time for youth ministries! Unfortunately, last summer we missed some of the things we regularly look forward to, but things look to be on track for a summer packed with activities! Church camp, VBS, bowling, hiking, camping, Branson, skating, eating, and service projects are just some of the things we are looking forward to very soon!



Kaden, Evie, and Jack at the lake

Congratulations to our graduating seniors, Alyssa McEuen and Elijah Keen! We are thankful for the time you spent as part of our ministry and are praying for you as you move forward in life.

As always, thank you, Church, for your love and support. You are always a blessing to us and I pray that we will be a blessing to you.

- Bro. Matthew



Wednesday games



Seniors Alyssa McEuen and Elijah Keen and their families

CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall continues to be blessed by donations, love, and assistance by many in Victory. Then the CALL Mall continues to bless many foster parents and children by providing many items needed by children removed from their home and placed in those foster homes! Examples of the support and assistance is the Yard Sale sponsored to benefit the Sherwood CALL Mall and The CALL. This was held on Saturday, May 8, after being postponed from April 24 due to rain. Friday night alone there were 27 Victory members helping to sort and organize the MANY items and furniture donated by Victory members! We want to thank Clara Smith for the donation of a house full of furniture! Saturday, we had donations of just over \$2,700.00!! This will be used to make a donation to The CALL and to buy new socks, underclothing, and other items needed by foster children. The Yard Sale was a great success!



CALL Mall Yard Sale



CALL Mall Yard Sale



Ribbon Cutting for new CALL Support Center

Before the sale, on March 18, The CALL of Pulaski County had an official ribbon cutting ceremony and Open House for the new CALL Support Center in Little Rock. The ribbon was cut by the Pulaski County Coordinator, Alicen Bennett, and Governor Hutchinson. The Support Center can be used for visitations of foster children.

Just in time for Easter, Kelly Ott did a fundraiser in honor of her daughter's third birthday and bought books of all kinds through Usborne Books for the Sherwood CALL Mall. Many were picked up as



Easter basket gifts! Parents were so excited about the books! Thank you, Kelly Ott!

There are several store-like locations in Pulaski County for foster families to shop and get items for free. The coordinators for those Malls try to get together once a month to keep in touch with



ideas and to come up with solutions to any situations that may arise. On May 5, Victory was host to several Mall coordinators, along with Alicen Bennett, the Pulaski County CALL Coordinator. We even have a text group called The CALL Mall Team so if any of us have a need for a family, we can almost immediately connect with each other to provide that need.

Again, thank You Victory family, for all your time, assistance, support, and especially your love!

MDO: Mother's Day Out

In our desire to make the best use of the resources God has given us, Victory has decided to start a new ministry in the Fall, a Mother's Day Out (MDO)!

Our building used to house a school, including preschool classes, and we have a nursery for church

New Members

We are so happy to have the Trumans join our church family! They have been visiting for several months and have been active participants in many of our events. Be sure to say hi to Ryan, Mary Ann, Josh and KK, and make them feel welcome!



WINGS: Women IN God's Service

On Saturday, April 10, a group of ladies met to prepare fun Easter sacks for our shut ins. These were filled with candy, homemade cookies, and lots of love, and were hand delivered.

WINGS is dedicated to serving the Lord and others, and we are thankful for these opportunities He gives us!



services, so we have the facilities to provide care for elementary- and preschool-aged children. After discussion about different ways we can use our facilities to reach out to our community, an MDO seemed like a good possibility. Bro. Larry asked Amanda Thomas to research the idea, and she was excited to do so.

Amanda spoke to many churches in the area who have an MDO to compare their models and determine what would work at Victory. After many hours of research and talking with Bro. Larry and others, a plan was put together. This plan was presented to the church at our April Team Meeting, and the church voted to begin the MDO in August this year and hired Amanda as MDO Director.

Victory MDO will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are looking for eight teachers for the four classes. If you or someone you know is interested, call Amanda Thomas (501-425-9121) for more information.

Please pray for Victory's new outreach program!

Facilities

We are in full summer mode here at the campus. The yard is being mowed weekly (thanks Joanna Bearden and Noah Keen for joining this elite group).

I am still looking for someone to take the lead in the playground rehab effort. If you are that person, let me know.

We are working on the exterior lighting of the facility, so be on the watch for brighter grounds.

Every 90 days or so, I change out air filters in the facility. If you would like to get involved in this effort, please let me know.

I appreciate you all and love worshipping and fellowshiping with each of you. I still have my comment sheets on the corner of my desk. If you see anything that needs attention, please let me know. - Bro. Michael

RIM: Remote Island Ministries

RIM has been busy as usual! In early April, Bro. Glen, Summer, Juli, and the rest of the crew made a voyage to Pulo Anna Island to deliver Bibles, aid supplies, building materials for a typhoon shelter and dispensary, and words of encouragement.



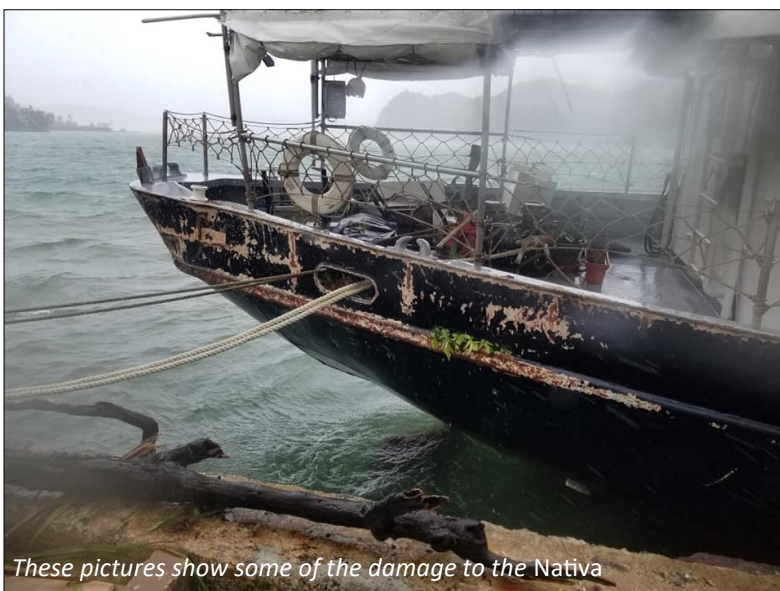
Residents of Pulo Anna Island



Building supplies for typhoon shelter and dispensary

The plan was to make a second trip to Pulo Anna Island about a week after their return from the first. However, it was not to be. As they watched the development of a tropical storm, they moved the departure date back. The storm, Surigae, reached typhoon status and raged over them and past, and Bro. Glen realized they would not make the second voyage, and even faced the possibility they wouldn't make their departure for the states as planned. It was very rough as the crew weathered the storm for hours aboard the *Nativa*; the mooring failed and she took quite a beating. Everyone aboard was safe, praise God!

When the storm was over and they were able to assess the damage, it was a discouraging sight. The rudder needed extensive repairs, the bow and stern bulwarks needed repairing, and the bowsprit needed rebuilding. The *Eagle* was separated from the ship, but was recovered and will need repairs. The mooring also



These pictures show some of the damage to the Navita

needed to be repaired. With the help of a tug boat, the *Nativa* journeyed to Babeldaob Island for repairs.

Almost five weeks after Typhoon Surigae, the most important repairs had been made and the *Nativa* was again seaworthy and able to navigate. She was able to sail back to her home port on her own power! However, just a week after they made it back home, another storm was headed their way. Because of the threat of severe weather, they postponed their departure from Palau for about a week and a half. Thanks be to God, the storm turned and did not affect them as they thought it might.



Rescuing the Eagle

*These last three pictures show work on different parts of the *Nativa**



We are disappointed the Knights won't be with us as planned at the beginning of June, and we hope they are able to reschedule their visit to Victory this summer. But, more importantly, we thank God they are all safe. Bro. Glen still plans to attend the ABA Meeting in Charleston, WV, in June and will be stateside through August. Please pray for safe travels for the Knights this summer!



To keep up with Bro. Glen Knight and RIM, you can follow him and Summer on Facebook (Glen Knight, Summer Knight). You can also find the newsletters he publishes every two months on our website, victory1st.com, under the "Missions" tab.



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