

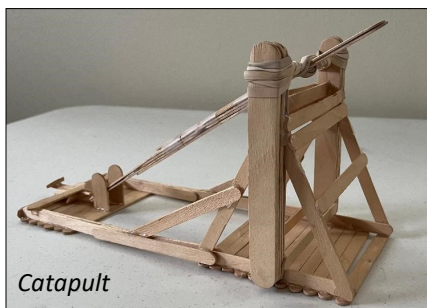


Winter 2024

VMBC Co-op

The Victory Homeschool Co-op resumed meeting on February 6 and has had several new families join us, as well as some old friends who were able to come back. The Art and Music classes for the younger grades (K-5th) have been a huge success, and both are favorites among the students. This is pretty impressive considering that the competition is P.E. or recess! Mrs. June and Mrs. Julie both do a wonderful job!

Our older students have been enjoying learning about Photography, Nutrition, Ecology, and World History, and have had the opportunity to apply their knowledge of Physics to the construction of catapults. Homeschooling is really a fun experience! The older groups probably prefer P.E. and catapult-building to the other subjects, but they are having a great time in all the classes!



Catapult

Thank you to Victory and the church staff for allowing us to have this great Co-op and for all of your efforts in making it fun and impactful for the kids!



Music class



Art class

MBSF Arkadelphia

In February, the church provided a lunch of home made soup to the MBSF in Arkadelphia, delivered by the church staff and Cathryn Bradley. Bro. Larry gave a devotional while the students were eating. The students really enjoyed the meal; thank you!



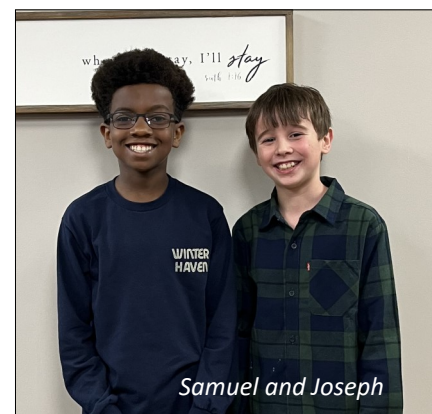
New Members!

Dusty, Lake, Abram, and Hatcher Clark joined our church in August!

Samuel Fleming and Joseph Burke joined in February!



The Clarks



Samuel and Joseph



If you ever hear a rumble upstairs, chances are you are

hearing a Victory Kid having fun!!! There is never a dull moment when you are with the Victory Kids! Our weekly services on Sunday mornings are full of laughter and fun while also learning from the Bible how to be better followers of Christ. Awana on Sunday nights is just as exciting, as kids play games, memorize verses, and learn by acting out stories from the Bible. With the end of the fall semester came Awana Store night when the kids were able to purchase some fun things with the points they earned with their hard work. Wednesday nights are never dull with the Burkes and Swilleys leading the way! This year our Christmas service took on a new twist as the teens acted out the Christmas story while the Victory Kids sat on the stage listening to Bro. Larry tell it. We witnessed a special moment as Samuel Fleming and Joseph Burke came forward together to express their desire to be baptized! It's so much fun to be a Victory Kid!!!





The winter may be cold, but it doesn't slow us down! The Pink Team at VBS finally got their reward and the Reflect teens joined them for an afternoon of roller skating and fun! We started the new year off right by staying up all night for our (mostly) annual lock-in, which is always a mixture of games, fun, food, and delirium! We attended the first ever Winter Haven at Budd Creek and had a blast! It was cold, but the students all enjoyed themselves and came home challenged by the preaching of the Word. Thanks to Logan Hadley and the others who had the heart and committed the time and energy to put this conference together! We are already looking forward to next year! And as always, we continue to enjoy the fun we have as we join together each week to study the scriptures. Come check out the Reflect Student Ministry—you are sure to laugh and be blessed!



CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall continues to spread blessings to the foster children in Pulaski and surrounding counties. It is a place where many foster parents have been able to find clothing, diapers, and other big and little items to show love to these children. So many children go into foster care without anything of their own!

The volunteers in the Mall have been so willing to help. I'm so thankful for these ladies and gentleman who are willing to spend two hours each month or two hours every other month to show God's love to all who come to the Mall.

We have had the opportunity to connect with other churches who are willing to help collect items that are provided new in the Mall (school supplies, socks, underclothing, pullups, Christmas toys and gifts, hygiene products). These churches have been so supportive: Victory Baptist Sherwood, Faith Baptist NLR, First Baptist Sylvan Hills, North Hills Baptist, and Levy Baptist!! Thank you!!

We have had many monetary donations during the year from our family members at Victory, Riggs Caterpillar in Little Rock, and Beta Sigma Phi. Thank you!!!

For the fifth year in a row, The CALL Mall has sponsored "Santa's Shop" for the foster parents to come and pick out 2-3 toys for each foster child/adopted child in their home. This is provided by donations of toys and money from our Victory family, our four partner churches, Riggs, and Beta Sigma Phi. We couldn't do any of this without all the support!! We couldn't have done this event without the volunteers from our church: THANK YOU to Anne, Michaela, Jeannette, Wilma, Jennifer, Miranda, Larry, Cindy, Jack, Matthew, Susie, Dennis, Deanna, Leslie, Lyric, Harper, Josie, Annette, Cathryn, Logan, Jonah, Kristina, Jonathan, Dena, Tony, Brenda, Bob and Carolyn. Each parent was guided through the toy shop by a member!

Thank you, Victory, for all you do!



WINGS: Women IN God's Service

On Saturday, December 2, the Ladies Annual Christmas Party was hosted by Rooted and WINGS. Over 60 ladies attended! Kay Mobley was our speaker. We took up a love offering and sent \$250 to Summer Knight, Angellah Lambert, and Janice Williams. Judy Ramer, Carol Johnson, and Sandi Russell won the prize for the best table decorations. Thanks to all the ladies for making this such a special day of wonderful food, fellowship, and showing love to each other, and special thanks to the orchestra for playing music while the ladies ate!

For Christmas, WINGS gave these items to our Shut-Ins: an adult bib, a 2024 calendar, banana or pumpkin bread, cards from Tara's Wednesday night class, and a poinsettia. PINGS (People IN God's Service) distributed these to our shut-ins. The cards were the biggest hit, and the shut-ins really enjoyed the visits!



Winner of the Christmas Table Decorating contest

On Saturday, Feb 3, Jennifer Key supervised making over 90 pints of delicious vegetable soup for our Super Seniors. Special thanks to all the PINGS with this project by baking cookies, helping get soup in jars, and delivering and visiting our sweet Super Seniors: Allen Thomas, Bob and Carolyn Hanks, Tony and Colette Green, Joe and June Owen, Alice Austin, Beverly Skarda, Carolyn Scroggins, Dena Wenzler, Emily Morgan, Eula Broadway, Jason Burke, Judy Ramer, Kay Mobley, Nora Ann Goss, and Wilma Weeks. We always have a need for cookie makers and delivery people

to visit folks. See Annette Pennington for more details for our next project and come join us! You will receive a great blessing!

Keep watching the bulletin and announcements for more ways to be involved with our WINGS ministry!



Cooking for Souper Seniors

RIM: Remote Island Ministries

Bro. Glen, Summer, and the rest of the RIM crew are staying busy in Indonesia! They have recently had a few mechanical problems to deal with; the generator needed to be rebuilt, and while they were in the middle of that repair, their second anchor broke in the middle of a very windy night (the main anchor broke several weeks ago). They rebuilt the generator and purchased a new anchor and rigged it temporarily until they can acquire a chain for it.



These mechanical issues were only temporary delays for RIM's real work, reaching people on the edge with the Gospel. They reached the Lesser Sunda Islands in January and have been meeting people and surveying places to anchor the *Nativa* closer to villages they can visit in the future.

To learn more about RIM, follow Glen Knight on Facebook, and you can find their Newsletters on our website, victory1st.com, under the Missions tab.