

Victory newsletter



Spring 2024

VBCH Co-op



This was our biggest year ever at Victory Homeschool Co-op! We had more students than ever, as well as more parents working with those students than ever before. As always, Mrs. June's Art Class was a favorite of all the 5th Grade and younger classes. They also had Music Class and P.E. every week and a special treat of Legos Class once a month.

The older students were once again treated to Bro. Matthew's Grab Bag of lessons and activities, as well as Bro. Larry's World History Class, and their favorite—P.E! There were more 6th - 8th Graders than any other group, but the 9th - 12th Grades have also added some amazing young men and women.

This year's group of homeschool families enjoyed several field trips and other activities in addition to our Tuesday morning gatherings. We had a Book Fair in the fall and had special days spread out through the school year when we hung out after classes and ate Chick-fil-A and pizza, sometimes both... don't judge us. It's been a great year and we can't wait to see how much better next year will be. Please continue to pray for this group!



MDO: Mother's Day Out



We have had another great year with the MDO program. Spots are already filling up for the 2024/2025 school year! We had four students graduate that have been with us from the very beginning of our MDO program. We are excited for growth and what God has planned for MDO. We are in need of a few workers starting in September, and we need people who would be willing

to sub. Please continue to pray for us as we look ahead to our fourth year!!





Summer is approaching fast, and we're excited about all of the fun to come! We had a fun-filled spring as well—just take a look and see!!





Springtime brings beautiful weather and beautiful memories! In the past few months,

the Reflect Student Ministry has welcomed newcomers as well as said goodbye to a good friend. We have spent time hanging out and building relationships, playing games and enjoying various activities, and most importantly, studying the Bible. As always, the teens were a vital part of putting on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We celebrated four of our seniors as they graduated and moved on to a new stage of life. Congratulations Josh, Hannah, Jamie, and Lily!!!



Joshua Trueman



Jamie Bearden



Hannah Burke



Lily Thomas

CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall is a ministry of Victory Baptist Church to serve the needs of foster children and families. All the items in the Mall are for the use of raising children who have been in danger of being removed from their family due to abuse/neglect or have been removed and placed with a foster family. Most donated items have been "gently used" that can be used again, and sometimes there have been new items with tags still on them.



With many monetary donations to the CALL Mall, we have been able to buy new socks, new underclothing, and hygiene products for the foster children. These donations have come from individuals in our Church, other partner churches, companies like Riggs Cat, and even from The CALL Mall garage sale, which was held on Saturday, April 27. We were able to raise \$1,500.00 through the sale of items donated by members and friends of the church. Thank you to all who donated items!! I want to really thank those people who came and helped sort and/or were there the morning of April 27 to help with the sale. Thank you all!



On May 16, Victory Baptist Church hosted The Educational Achievement Ceremony for foster children who were graduating from High School. This is sponsored by The Department of Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services. This was our second year to be of service to DCFS! Their keynote speaker, Jessica Holmes, had once been in foster care and encouraged the graduates to do all they can to have their best life by telling of her experience and the end result of a bachelors degree and two masters degrees. She commented that when she finally ended up in her grandmother's care, the first thing her grandmother said they would do is go to church!!

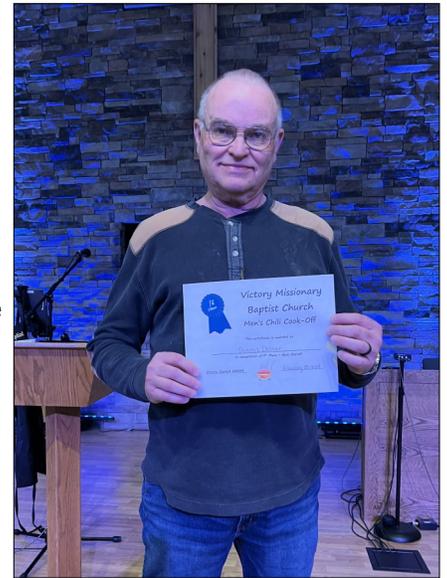


The Mall has had many donations of clothing, shoes, and other items to help with babies and small children. We so appreciate those who donate. May is National Foster Care Awareness Month! Bob and I sooooo appreciate all the volunteers, past and present, who have worked in the Mall and have kept it going!!! We have 21 people who work either once a month or once every other month! Thank you also to Victory church, for all of your support in this ministry!!

WINGS: Women IN God's Service

WINGS would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make the Men's Chili Cook-Off such a success on Sunday, February 25! Our winners were: 1st place, Dennis Dollar; 2nd Place, Larry Campbell; and 3rd place, Rory Odom and Jeremy Swilley. Our judges were Colton Morgan, Hunter Lawson, and Bailey Morgan. Special shout out to June Owen for the festive table decorations and to Joe Owen for doing another superb job cooking the hot dogs; he received Patty Davis' seal of approval for the burnt hot dogs! You can still make a donation for the inner-city kids in Houston for their Christmas party by giving a money or check to Jennifer Key or adding a line on your offering check to "WINGS Houston Christmas." Some of our other helpers were Bob and Carolyn Hanks, Alice Austin, Beverly Skarda, Cathryn Bradley, Cynthia Phillips, Dena Wenzler, Dennis Grimes, Jennifer Key, Linda Driggers, Mary Dollar, Miranda Raines, Patty Davis, and Rory Odom. Special thanks to all the guys who helped carry out the crockpots!

In February, because of your donations, Wings sent \$200.00 to Texarkana Baptist Childrens' Home for a special catered meal for the caretakers. They were so appreciative and wanted to let Victory folk know how much this act of kindness meant to them!



New Members!

Be sure to welcome our new members!



At Easter, we delivered a plate cozy, candy, and a straw hat with spring flowers (to hang on their doors) and little solar chicks or rabbits to our Special Senior citizens. The kids from Tara and Jason's Sunday School class made Easter cards and they were a big hit because they were so cute!

WINGS gave a gift to Courtney and Jeremy Swilley to welcome baby Anna to the family. We also gave a gift to each of the four graduating seniors: Jamie Bearden, Hannah Burke, Lily Thomas, and Josh Trueman. Congratulations to these graduates!!



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RIM: Remote Island Ministries



The RIM crew is staying busy in the Indian Ocean! They are learning more about the culture and customs in that part of the world.

In March, a sudden, very strong storm hit the area where they were anchored. It caused two nearby ships to break free from their moorings and crash into each other. They were able to regain control just before colliding with the *Nativa*. What made this an even more interesting event is that it happened on “Silent Day,” a 24-hour period when everyone is to remain at home, lights are not allowed, and there is no electricity. Those who don’t follow the rules can be arrested. RIM is continually learning to live with the rules of the different cultures they encounter.

The windows on the *Nativa* are old and foggy, and they caused distorted views from inside the ship. Recently, new windows were installed, and they have made such

a difference!

Please continue to pray for RIM as they encounter severe weather, different cultural norms, and God’s people who have not heard the Good News. To learn more about RIM, you can follow Glen Knight on Facebook. You can also find their Newsletters on our website, victory1st.com, under the Missions tab.

