

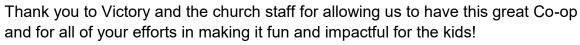
Winter 2025

## VMBC Co-op

The Victory Homeschool Co-op resumed meeting on February 4 and has had several new families join us, as well as some old friends who were able to come back. The Art and National Parks 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 History and will have the opportunity to participate in a Pinewood Derby with Bro Matthew. Homeschooling is really a fun experience! The older groups probably prefer P.E. and car building to the other subjects, but they are having a great time in all the classes!





# **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!**

Jake and Cassidy Sparrenberger joined our church family in January. Please be sure to welcome this new family!





This winter has been long and cold, but that didn't stop the Victory Kids from having a blast! Tis the season for parties, lights, games, fun, and best of all worshiping God through studying His Word!





The holidays have been a busy time for the Reflect Student Ministry! We've enjoyed parties and games, our annual New Year's Lock-in, and our second year at Winter Haven (a winter youth retreat!) When you add all of that on top of our weekly gathering to study God's Word, you end



## CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The Sherwood CALL Mall had a busy fall going into winter! Getting into December is always busy with preparing for the CALL Mall's "Santa Shop!" The Mall collects and purchases toys with donations given to the mall. The foster parents then have an opportunity to come and pick out two "large" and one "small" gift for each foster or adoptive child they have in their home. If it weren't for the help of members in the church, this event would not be possible. There have been ladies and my husband who come the day before and set up the displays of toys. With several people working at one time, it makes the work shorter. This year the Shop was later in December than previous years. The "Santa Shop" was held on Friday evening, December 13th. There were 51 parents shopping for 194 children. On the following weekend, we had 14 more parents come to the Mall and pick out toys. On Friday, we had 23 Victory Family members who worked hard as personal shoppers working alongside each foster parent to find the perfect gifts for their children. Without our Victory Family the whole shopping experience would not go as smoothly as it does!! The evening is always fun and filled with smiles and laughter, even when there is a strong discussion as to how the chairs are to be placed back in the big room for church! Thank you, Victory Family!! I love you all! So many foster parents tell us how appreciative they are of all the things we have been able to provide through out the year!

The beginning of the New Year 2025 started off with a bang with our first snow of the winter! The Mall closed for a few days!. Since then we have stayed busy. The donations of used clothing and items

have been slow at times and then several come in at the same time! No matter when, we are happy to take them. If you have children/teen items you would like to donate, let Carolyn Hanks know. If you know of families looking for a place to donate, let Carolyn know. If you are cleaning out your house/garage of unneeded items this spring, The CALL Mall is having their annual yard sale on May 3rd. Things are being stored in the bus barn on the left side when you walk in.

Thank you, Victory, for all that you do!!





#### WINGS: Women IN God's Service

The Ladies Christmas Party was on Saturday, December 7th. We had approximately 55 ladies who attended. Courtney Swilley was our speaker and she really opened her heart and shared her story. WINGS appreciates all the people who donated door prizes and decorated tables. All the tables were beautiful and so unique. The winning table was decorated by Judy Ramer, Carol Johnson and Sandi Russell. It was a wintry snowman table. You all graciously donated over \$1,100.00 to be divided between our Missionary wives: Summer Knight, Angellah Lambert and Janice Williams.

The Christmas mailbox was a great success. Thanks to everyone who sent out cards and used the mailbox to reach out to church members. If you are attending Victory and you are not receiving a birthday card from our CARE group please fill out the form in the café area and put it in the offering place. This form will get to Crystal Hadley, our church secretary, and to Beverly Skarda in CARE.



For Christmas, WINGS delivered our special Super Seniors a beautiful Christmas ornament made by June Owen, a 2025 calendar, banana or spice bread made by Jennifer Key, homemade Christmas cards from Jason and Tara Burke's kids class, and a beautiful poinsettia.

In January, WINGS gave a love offering of \$200 to a family in need and we gave a \$25 gift certificate to Sami and DJ Tyous. In February, WINGS gave \$200 to the CALL and \$200 to the Wednesday night meal program.

On Saturday, February 8, Jennifer Key and her helpers made delicious vegetable soup for our Super Seniors. It

was a wonderful day and so many hearts were blessed with the delicious soups and cookies. WINGS really appreciates everyone that helped make this happen.

If you would like to participate in one of our WINGS projects, just contact Annette or Jennifer! We can always use more!







#### **RIM:** Remote Island Ministries

Stability, strength, maneuverability, and endurance are the four qualities that determine a ship's "seakeeping." These are factory both of engineering and construction. Basically, they determine whether a vessel is seaworthy or not. We have put NATIVA through enough sea conditions over these eleven years of our sailing to know she is an able ship. And by God's grace, we will carry on. In a very real sense, our seakeeping ability is equal to that of the ship. Thank you all for your help through the years. These simple words seem far too little to express our appreciation. Without our Dear Lord and you, our dear friends, we could not go on. We hope to see some of you this summer!





