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VICTORY RANCH

Newsletter

WINTER 2017-2018



From the Director's Desk: By Paul Cayot

Or Current Resident

On November 6, some of our staff were able to travel to Ventura, Iowa, for the annual meeting of the National Association of Regular Baptist Camps. Phil Betz and his staff did a wonderful job putting together the program and letting us see the inner workings of the Iowa Regular Baptist Camp (IRBC). We were challenged in our walk with the Lord by Pastor Jon Jenks, who has pastored Calvary Baptist Church in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, for two decades. Currently, Pastor Jenks is working with Baptist Church Planters (BCP) to strengthen local churches. If you feel your church needs new vision and encouragement to reach your community, contact BCP and schedule Pastor Jenks to offer a workshop here on the West Coast for the pastor and four leaders from your church.

As a camp director, I enjoy seeing other camps and learning from them as we seek to always improve what we are doing here. On the way back to the airport, we were privileged to get a tour of the Minnesota Regular Baptist Camp outside of Winnebago, MN. Each camp is different and each camp has been blessed in different ways. However, we all have one major thing in common: We are all trying to reach people for Jesus Christ and rejoice in the transformed lives in which He has allowed us to have a small part.

God has blessed us with a tremendous staff here at the Ranch. Although it would have been nice to take everyone to Iowa, it was of great reassurance to me that Kristi Carter was "holding down the fort" in the office, Austin De Husson was taking care of the grounds, and Amber Wagner was caring for the animals. Volunteers Larry and Janiece Ramseyer and Kevin and Kathy Gott were also instrumental in the operations while we were away.

Please join me in prayer as I seek the Lord's direction in some "campus improvements." Prior to my late wife Deb's battle with cancer, we were looking at building some new cabins. Then everything was placed on hold. Following her "home-going," it was all I could do to get the children to school, lessons, etc., while overseeing the operation of the Ranch. Several months ago, I was encouraged by some dear supporters of this ministry to start the process of seeing what that project will entail. Regulations are always changing, costs have sky-rocketed, and building standards have changed. Our infrastructure is outdated and our water supply is not as consistent as it has been in the past. Former City of Vista and City of Pico Rivera building inspector Eric Dennis was able to point out some things that will need to be done in order to set this dream back into motion. I am blessed with a tremendous staff, but there are some days I am still overwhelmed with raising the children and the ministry needs here at the Ranch without starting something new. I covet your prayers.

As we look at the fast approaching new year, I am looking forward to seeing God continue to use this ministry in the lives of the children and adults who attend our retreats and camps. The churches that use our facilities when we are not running a camp or retreat love our property and our staff and tell us so regularly. However, our desire for 2018 is to be a blessing to more of our member churches here in Southern California. To that end, I trust we will see more of you here this next year.

Rear: Josh & Laraine Grohs; Kathy & Kevin Gott; John Paul (seated), Jasmine, & Paul Cayot; Kathy & Bill Goehring
Front: Kirk & Amber Wagner; Nikki & Austin De Husson; Joanne Wisherd; Kristi Carter; Janiece & Larry Ramseyer



SINGSPIRATIONS



Our next Sunday evening Singspirations will be held at the following locations:

**Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Gardena
(January 13, 2018 – 7:30 pm)**

**Calvary Baptist Church, Compton
(February 11, 2018 – 7:30 pm)**

**California Heights Baptist Church, Long Beach
(March 11, 2018 – 8:00 pm)**



Our Sings typically conclude with a time of food and fellowship starting at 9:00 p.m. Invite a friend and plan to join us for a good time of singing and praising the Lord.

MAILING LIST UPDATE

Has your address changed? Would you like to receive our e-newsletter? If you wish to be added or removed from our mailing list, please email us at vbranchcamp@gmail.com. It will take a little time to update our database, so we really appreciate your patience. Our mailing list is made up of campers, retreat attendees, contributors, and other interested parties. Our mailing list is never sold or given to anyone.

WITH THE LORD

As many of you know, Bob Wisherd, one of our volunteers, is with his Lord and Savior. Last year, Bob was diagnosed with MDS, a form of blood cancer. Thanks to the prayers of many of you, Bob was accepted into a clinical trial program at the City of Hope; however, the daily transfusions were beginning to take their toll. After carefully studying the prognosis, Bob decided to go onto hospice care. On Tuesday, August 22, he slipped into the presence of his Lord. Services were held in Escondido on September 21, 2017. Please keep Joanne in your prayers as she presses on without her mate of 27 years.



RANCH NEEDS

If you have any of the following items, or something else you think the Ranch may be able to use, please contact the camp office at (951) 654-7766. We are seeking:

- Electrical wire (Assorted rolls of #10 and #12)
- Jack hammer
- Oreck, Eureka Bravo Boss, or Kenmore Progressive Vacuums

FALL LADIES RETREAT



We had 70 ladies join us for our Fall Ladies' Retreat with Sue Miller. Sue spoke on "Growing a Tree of Trust from a Seed of Faith." A big thank you goes out to the ladies from Thousand Oaks Baptist Church who helped host the retreat. Our Spring Ladies' Retreat will be held on March 9-10, 2018. Hannah Henline has offered to give a workshop on selecting curriculum for prospective homeschool moms. Tracey Bartholome has also offered to help with the retreat, but we need a church to step forward and serve as host. Please contact the Ranch if you or your church want to be involved in this way.



SAVE THE DATE ✓
Spring Ladies Retreat
 MARCH 9-10, 2018
Fall Ladies Retreat
 October 5-6, 2018



R.V.I.C.S.

We were blessed to be joined by a couple from the Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service (RVICS) organization for a November project. Jim and Denise Estel are from Pocatello, Idaho, where they ran an excavation business. During the first week and a half of their stay, Jim and volunteer Larry Ramseyer installed a drain in the rifle range parking lot and installed some donated 18" concrete pipe for us. Denise made curtains and did some painting. We are looking forward to getting to know them better as we work side-by-side in the days ahead. In January, Jim and Denise should be joined by three more couples.



ROUND-UP



On November 4, we held our open house in conjunction with the annual meetings of our association of churches, the Regular Baptist Round-up. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather for all the activities.

There were 145 people in attendance with 20 of our Southern California churches represented. Following a time of singing, our three organizations each had a brief report, and then Steve Butler (BMM) brought a message from God's Word.

Following a wonderful lunch prepared by Laraine Grohs and her staff, participants enjoyed horse rides, archery, tours of the Ranch, the petting zoo, rides on a 4X4 firetruck, and fellowship around ice cream sundaes.

If you missed it, join us on November 3, 2018, for next year's Round-up.



FALL MENS RETREAT



There were 75 men who joined us for our Fall Men's Retreat on October 20-21. Pastor Herb Rogers, Pastor Jeshur Lubaton, and Pastor Russ Boone spoke on "Living as a Christian in an Immoral World." The sessions were recorded, so contact the Ranch if you are interested in receiving the messages. Pastor Mark Smith from Bible Tracts Incorporated will speak at our next retreat on March 23-24, 2018. Mark your calendar now!



SAVE THE DATES ✓
Spring Men's Retreat **March 23-24, 2018**
Fall Men's Retreat **October 19-20, 2018**

SUMMER CAMP 2018

MISSION: POSSIBLE

It is an increasing challenge to schedule our weeks of camp so they do not conflict with the always changing school district calendars here in Southern California. Each time one school district tries a new calendar, another will switch back to a more traditional one. Consequently, we have opted to leave our schedule alone for one more summer. If something changes in the next few months, we will let you know. The following is our current schedule:

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| W.E.S.T. Week | June 18-23, 2018 |
| Horsemanship Camp | June 24-27, 2018 |
| Junior I Camp | July 22-28, 2018 |
| Teen Camp | July 29-August 4, 2018 |
| Junior II Camp | August 6-11, 2018 |

Please keep our summer camp program in your prayers. This past summer there were 38 salvation decisions, 7 rededications, and 22 other decisions made for Christ.

