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

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

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

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 Goohring
Front: Kirk & Amber Wagner; Nikki & Austin De Husson; Joanne Wisherd; Kristi Carter; Janiece & Larry Ramseyer

The Ranch is a Christian Camp and Conference Association member.

Or Current Resident
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.

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.

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:

**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.

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**FALL MENS RETREAT**

There were 75 men who joined us for our Fall Men’s Retreat on October 20-21. Pastor Herb Rogers, Pastor Jesher 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!

**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 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.

**ROUND-UP**

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**R.V.I.C.S.**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Spring Ladies Retreat**
March 9-10, 2018

**Fall Ladies Retreat**
October 5-6, 2018

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**SUMMER CAMP 2018**

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**MISSION: POSSIBLE**

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**Spring Men’s Retreat**
March 23-24, 2018

**Fall Men’s Retreat**
October 19-20, 2018