**WINTER SINGSPIRATIONS**

Come join us for an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing. Our Sings typically start at 8pm and conclude with a time of food and fellowship starting at 9pm. Invite family and friends and join us for a good time of singing and praising the Lord. Our next few Sunday evening Singspirations will be held at:

- January 10, 2016 - 7:30pm at Calvary Baptist Tabernacle
  18701 S. Denker Ave., Gardena 90248
- February 14, 2016 - 8:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church
  1517 E. Alondra Blvd, Compton, 90221
- March 13, 2016 - 8:00pm at California Hts Baptist Church
  4130 Gardenia Ave, Long Beach, 90807

**From the Director’s Desk:**

By Paul Cayot

It’s hard to believe another year is behind us. This year has brought many challenges for us and many opportunities to minister. As we think of the opportunities to minister, we had a successful first attempt at a horsemanship camp this past summer. God blessed us with almost 340 campers this summer and the majority of our counselors came from our own churches (rather than me having to recruit from Bible Colleges, etc.) There were 17 salvation decisions and 12 re-dedication decisions made during our weeks of camp!

We were able to make improvements (a big one being the fiberglass shower stalls at Las Flores) as well as get a lot done maintenance-wise this past year. It is a tremendous blessing to have our Maintenance Foreman Bill Goehring and his wife Kathy here at the Ranch. Bill sees what needs to be done, and generally fixes it right the first time. We are grateful to have Sam England on staff working with the horses for just over a year now, thanks to a large donation to that program. I thank the Lord for the Team He has assembled for this time, in this ministry. Shannon Birdsall continues to keep our web page updated, design graphics and works with our guest groups. Bob & Joanne Wisherd continue to volunteer, Joanne in the office and Bob in the office and on the grounds. Laraine Camping Grohs continues to keep the buildings clean and all our guests “well fed” and her husband Josh helps out from time to time on welding projects while he wraps up his schooling.

Our Program Director, Francine Morales, plans a God honoring program each summer. We couldn’t offer the summer camping program we do without the high school aged staff and the many counselors, Pastor’s, families and other individuals who volunteer their time and service to the Lord. Thank you for your part by standing with us in prayer. The entire staff and I wish you a Merry Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Christ this season!
The two Roving Volunteers In Christ’s Service couples, who were with us for three weeks in November and the first week of December, were able to replace the dry rotten wood on the staircase on the north end of the Hotel building. They also replaced the stovetop in Wagon Wheel with a beautiful donated Stainless Steel 5 burner stove with an electric convection oven. They did a lot of painting as well as office work, sewing, and many small projects. We look forward to having another RVICS group in January. The new group will have 4 couples.

The RVICS organization has been a tremendous help to us for over 30 years. They have built buildings, remodeled, painted, done office work, concrete, helped in the kitchen, and more. Many of the early volunteers are ‘in Glory’ now. Their dedication and work for the Lord stand testimony to their desire to let God use them, even in their retirement years.

**SAVE THE DATE**

It was a blessing to see many of our faithful supporters here at the Regular Baptist Round-Up this past month. If you were not able to make it and even if you did, please mark your calendar for November 4 & 5, 2016. Next year will mark the 60th anniversary of Victory Ranch. Started in 1956 as Camp Victory, God has used this ministry to touch and impact literally thousands of people throughout the world. Our celebration is scheduled to coincide with the annual Round-Up and meeting for our churches.

At this time, we anticipate having a reunion time at the Ranch Friday afternoon and evening with dinner being served and possibly a speaker. The festivities will continue on Saturday as many of our church families will join us as we celebrate what God has done in and through this ministry. We anticipate having nursery care available during the meetings and programs for the younger children. See you at the 2016 Round-Up!

**YEAR-END GIVING**

by Paul Cayot

If you are like me, your mail is filled with letters from every charity out there asking for money, not to mention the daily phone calls. There are definitely some worthy causes and there are some scammers as well. If you are wondering what we would like to do with year-end gifts that come our way, here are a few things we would like to do. We would love to have some funds available to fix up the showers at the Bunkhouse in January, while we have volunteer help.

The scholarship fund is another option, but it doesn’t do any good to bring kids if we don’t have godly counselors. The majority of our counselors volunteer their time, but we also have a number of college students that give up a summer job to help us out. We would like to be able to pay them without dipping into reserves. The State has very strict guidelines as to how much we must pay, if a counselor wishes to be paid. If you wish to help with any of these projects, please enclose a note with your check. Do not write anything in the memo line or the IRS will not allow us to give you a tax deductible receipt. Thank you for standing with us and enabling us to reach people for Christ. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**VR TESTIMONY**

Meet one of our faithful volunteers, Mr. Don McCauley of Hemet, California. Don was born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania. As a teenager his neighbor took him to church just down the road from his home, and at the age of 17, Don accepted Christ as his Savior.

Don served in the US military in the Pacific Southwest, and in 1951 he and his wife, Donna, moved to Southern California where he worked for the Avery-Dennison labeling company. After 20 or so years, retirement brought the McCauley’s to the Hemet Valley. Don first heard about Victory Ranch through First Baptist Church, in Hemet, now Cornerstone, and in 1989 he came to the camp for the first time for the annual Round-Up of our Southern California GARBC churches.

Don was recruited to the fellowship by Paul Cayot and became a part of the team that worked with the Ranch staff. Don has a special place in the hearts of Paul and...