SING SCHEDULE

There will be no Sing in January. We will resume with our February 13 Sing at California Heights Baptist Church in Long Beach at 8:00 p.m. On March 13, we will join Calvary Baptist Church of Compton for their 80th anniversary celebration at 6:00 p.m. Following the dinner and short message, the Sing will start at 7:30 p.m. On April 10, we will be at Bethel Baptist Church in Torrance for their 7:30 p.m. Sing. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for singing, food, and fellowship.

Singspirations

• February 13 @ 8:00pm  
California Heights Baptist Church, Long Beach  
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• May 15 @ 3:00pm  
Trinity Baptist Church, Pasadena

A number of years ago, I read an article by Dennis Prager titled “How I Found God at Columbia University.” In the article, he shared how the radical teaching by his professors basically defied any logic or common sense. As a young boy, he had memorized some scriptures, and one of those Psalms came to mind. In summary, Psalm 111:10 says that without God, there is no wisdom. His conclusion was that every time one of these professors or politicians opens their mouth with their nonsense, exposing their lack of wisdom, it reinforces the fact that there is a God.

I’m sure these thoughts come to your mind as well. When I was a child, I memorized Psalm 2: “Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and His anointed ...” I thought of the “heathen” as people in far off, untamed lands. As I look around the world today, and hear the nonsense spewing out of the mouths of leaders of supposedly civilized states and countries, we see the heathen are anyone without wisdom/God. We see them plotting against Jesus, God, and Christianity. However, we can rest assured that ultimately He will triumph.

We praise the Lord that we are able to proclaim the truth and share the message of salvation with today’s youth. It is only as they come to a saving knowledge of Him that they will be able to see through the deception and lies they are hearing from every side. We are thankful for being able to hold overnight camps and retreats again! Our staff are here because we see the value in Christian camping and how God has used it over the years to reach people for His kingdom. It has been frustrating to want to minister to guests while the state was refusing to let us open our doors.

We have had campers and guest groups from June through mid-November and a few guest groups in December. We are thankful for the campers we had this past summer and look forward to additional opportunities for ministry to them and their families. One such opportunity is a fast approaching winter camp for middle school and high school students on December 27-29, 2021. Information can be found on our website at www.vranch.org.

From the Director’s Desk:

By Paul Cayot

2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Family Fun Day.......................................April 2
W.E.S.T. Week........................................June 20-25
Horsemanship Camp................................July 5-8
Junior Camp..........................................July 11-16
Senior High Camp.................................July 18-23
Middle School Camp..............................July 25-30
Bonfire Bonanza...................................September 10
Fall Ladies’ Retreat.................................October 7-8
Fall Men’s Retreat................................October 21-22
Round-up..............................................November 5

Please watch our website at www.vranch.org for any changes to upcoming events.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE VR STAFF!

Laraine Camping  John Paul Cayot  Paul Cayot  Jasmine Cayot
Kristi Carter  Kevin & Kathy Gott
NEW CABIN PROJECT

What a challenge this project has been. These new air-conditioned cabins with private toilet and shower facilities will be a tremendous asset to the continued ministry of the Ranch, once the plans are approved. With room dividers, these rooms could give us an additional 12 special housing rooms for couples or family retreats. The county apparently lost our plans and was planning to say our window to apply for a permit was gone. Fortunately, our builder had a screen shot of the county’s website acknowledging receipt of the corrected plans months before. Once they saw that, the county asked us to resubmit all 110 pages.

Please make this project a matter of prayer. Construction materials continue to skyrocket in price. I met with the builder on December 14, 2021. The cost for the concrete and framing work is almost $100,000 higher than estimated 2 years ago. On September 13, I received a call from a generous individual that offered to match any funds given toward the project between now and the end of the year, up to $300,000. As of December 15, almost $50,000 has come in. We have not asked for funds for a project like this in many years. Would you consider having a part in this project? Please designate any gifts to the “New Cabin Project.”

Following the announcement last newsletter about the existence of our Amazon wish list and the need for new curtains, we have been blessed by many individuals purchasing those items. Thanks to these donations, and the sewing skills of a wonderful RVICS volunteer, we have been able to replace the curtains in Trail Master, Wagon Wheel, Parson’s Perch, Stetson, all six Las Flores cabins, and all eight Bunkhouse cabins.

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