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Singspirations

Our next few Sunday evening Singspirations will be held

- at :
- Calvary Baptist Tabernacle in Gardena (January 15th)
- Calvary Baptist Church of Compton (February 12th)
- Calif.Heights Baptist Church of Long Beach (March 12th)

Although our Sings typically start at 8 pm and conclude with a time of food and fellowship starting at 9 pm,- the January Sing at CBT will start at 7:30 pm.

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.

SUMMER CAMP
Save the Dates!

The theme for summer camp this year will be the “Justified League” from Psalm 106:3.

Pastor Mark Smith will be our Junior Camp Speaker.-Junior Camps are scheduled for July 23-29 and August 7-12, 2017.

Pastor Nate Osborne will speak to our Teens. -Teen camp, for junior and senior highers, will be held July 30-August 5, 2017.

Pastor Mark Smith heads up Bible Tracts Incorporated, writing and publishing tracts all over the world. He has spoken for us several times through the years and has a tremendous ability to connect with the junior campers. Pastor Nathan Osborne III pastors at Faith Baptist Church in Winter Haven Florida and is a popular speaker with youth and at youth rallies across the United States.

Mark the dates on your calendar!

VICTORY RANCH
Newsletter
WINTER 2016



From the Director’s Desk:
By Paul Cayot



What a joy to see and hear of God transforming lives through this ministry over the years. The 60th anniversary celebration was just one of those events that brought more stories to light. A week or so later I received a call from Juan Perez Jr. wanting to hear about the celebration. Juan is 77 years old now, but is active in his community in Arizona spreading the good news of Salvation through Jesus Christ. It was good to see Dwayne Swanson, a camper from 1957 and Dr. David Nicholas, 1956, at the 60th.

In addition to the miracle of God’s saving grace, it is so encouraging to see God meet the needs of this ministry in a physical way as well. We received a donation from a dear couple to re-roof several buildings that needed roof replacement. Due to current staffing and work load, we were unable to do it ourselves as we have almost always done in the past. God knew our need and supplied the money to get the work done.

The RVICS (Roving Volunteers in Christ’s Service) volunteers that showed up in early November were able to paint the interior of Maverick, paint the pool furniture and equipment, install drywall in one of the staff houses, disassemble the donated tracks in preparation for installing them on our bulldozer, and take the power steering out of a donated truck and install it in another truck we had purchased from the auction last year.

Thank you for your part in the ministry of Victory Ranch. We appreciate your prayers throughout the year and your involvement with the Ranch. We as a staff wish you a Merry Christmas as you enjoy time with friends and family and reflect on the greatest gift of all, the gift of Jesus Christ. Happy New Year!



Rear: Amber & Kirk Wagner, Laraine & Josh Grohs, Kathy & Bill Goehring
Front: Jasmine, John Paul & Paul Cayot, Bob & Joanne Wisherd

Spring LADIES RETREAT



Our Spring Ladies Retreat is scheduled for March 10-11, 2016. Val Gauthier is looking for one of our churches to help host the Retreat. If you can help in any way or just want more info: Please Contact Val at El Monte Church-626-448-1374 or Victory Ranch office 951-654-7766

The host church ladies get together and plan the activities, design the handout’s and nametags, work with the speaker on the theme, decorate tables and sometimes the chapel; while just having a fun time working together to plan the retreat. Typically the ladies from the host church arrive Thursday night or Friday morning to put their plan into action. Contact the Ranch for details.



Janice Mitchell from Thousand Oaks Baptist Church is heading up the Fall Ladies Retreat scheduled for October 6-7, 2017.

Welcome Amber . . .



Like our last Wrangler Sam, Amber Merz attended Victory Ranch as a camper. When she was old enough she participated in our staff training program and started working with the horses, doing housekeeping and serving in the kitchen. Amber has always been a hard worker and is a pleasure to be around. It was disappointing to hear one day that she had a “real job” and wouldn’t be able to help out any more. As time went on, Amber married former camper/staff member Kirk Wagner and moved to Upland, CA. Amber asked one day if she could volunteer with the horses and help train some of the less obedient ones. She began volunteering regularly and both she and Kirk volunteered as Wranglers for Teen Camp 2016. When God called Sam away to Bible College, Amber interviewed for the position as Head Wrangler at the Ranch. We are so thankful that God brought Amber and Kirk back to the Ranch! Kirk is a senior at CalPoly Pomona studying Computer Engineering.

Spring MEN’S RETREAT

March 24-25, 2017



The theme for our Spring Men’s Retreat will be “Men of Valor” with Bill Jenkin of Continental Baptist Mission.

Bill has spoken for us several times over the past few years and has always been well received. The retreat will also feature the popular men’s quartet from Southern California, **Four by Grace**.

We will have the usual sports competitions which can be viewed on our website www.vranch.org. Come prepared for a wonderful time of fun and fellowship.



FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS

This ministry could not be where it is today if it wasn’t for our volunteers. Two men who faithfully served at Victory Ranch over the years have gone on to glory. **Bobby Boyd**, who sent his children to camp here and faithfully attended retreats and who served as Archery Instructor for many years is with his Lord. Bobby loved teaching children, and adults, about Archery and would drive from Encinitas to the Ranch whenever we needed an instructor. He went to classes and received an instructors certificate so he could instruct and have his students certified through NADA as instructors themselves.

Another volunteer, **Dave Farr**, who as a young person attending CBT, would drive out after school on many a Friday evening to work Saturday to help develop the Ranch, is with his Lord as well. Dave served on our Board and was awarded the title of Trustee Emeritus for the hours of time he spent working ‘above and beyond’ the call of duty. In retirement, Dave moved to Beaumont so he could come and volunteer at the Ranch with a number of projects. He was a tremendous help in giving us pictures for our 50th anniversary celebration in 2006.

Memorial funds have been set up in the name of each of these men, as well as Ranch supporter **Val Tkach**, former camper/staff member **Matt Vosper** and founder, employee and volunteer **Houston Morrison**. If you would like to give in memory of any of these men, the families will be notified and the money will be used to bring young people to camp that could not afford to come otherwise.

ROUND UP & 60th ANNIVERSARY

Victory Ranch celebrated its 60th anniversary on November 4-5, 2016. Janiece Ramseyer, Pastor Russ & Tammy Boone and Mike Henline spent a lot of time transforming the recreation room into a museum of pictures and memorabilia on the history of the Ranch. Bill, our Foreman, hung pieces of our teepees with the silk screened moniker each group of campers created after spending a week in the teepee. Former campers, staff, counselors, board members and supporters gathered for a lovely dinner as we reflected on God’s goodness to camp. After sharing some testimonies of transformed lives, we passed the microphone around and listened to more encouraging stories and testimonies as we reflected on the lives changed by God through this ministry. A memory book with colored pictures outlining the history of the Ranch was distributed to attendees. If you would like one, we can send one to you for a \$5 donation.



Sundae in the dining room.

Dr. Linn Carothers and his wife Carol spent months doing research on the history of the property and the buildings, some of which date back to the 1800’s. Carol Carothers authored a book called, “The Stones Cry Out” giving the history of this property. This book is for sale in our General Store for \$20.



2017 Counselors Fund

One of the most effective means of demonstrating God’s unfailing love is the godly lifestyle and example demonstrated by a Christian Summer Camp’s counseling staff as they allow His love to be seen by their campers. A growing number of young people come from broken homes or some sort of dysfunctional environment. Some young people have never seen an adult who responds in Christian love, even in the midst of turmoil or trial, someone who puts them first when they just want someone to listen, or they can’t sleep at night. Some of the most uplifting testimonies from former campers have shared how their counselor helped them to make decisions that have influenced the rest of their life.

Victory Ranch has been blessed with many wonderful counselors through the years. Most come from our supporting churches, some from churches that participate with us by sending their young people to our camps and some from Christian Colleges and Universities. The majority volunteer their time because they see the power of Christian camping to reach young people for God and allow Him to use them to see lives transformed for His honor and glory.

Some students however, see the need, have the desire to be a part of the ministry, but need to find a way to pay next semester’s tuition. For these young people, they need to be compensated for their week(s) of camp. Most people give to our scholarship fund because they want young people that can’t afford a week of camp, to be able to attend. There is another need . . . that is for godly, qualified counselors. If you would consider helping us to compensate some of our counselors, that would be a blessing to our counselors and our campers. Send a note along with your donation marked, “Summer Camp Counselors.”

