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Work Teams

Since our last newsletter, we were blessed to work alongside, and get to know, teams from Orchard Avenue Baptist Church in Vacaville and Westwood Baptist Church in Fresno. The teens and adults from these churches took on the dismantling of a 35 foot 5th wheel RV trailer that was of no future use to the Ranch. One team stripped off the aluminum, removed the wiring, copper pipe, etc., then took it apart piece by piece until there was nothing but the steel chassis left. The other team took apart the hay wagon and rebuilt it with treated wood, poured a concrete footing, sorted screws and bolts at the shop, and painted a couple cabins. We thank the Lord for these volunteers who used their talents for the Lord here at the Ranch.

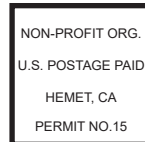


- First Baptist Church, Wilmington (October 13 – 8:00 p.m.)
- First Baptist Church, Waleria (November 10 – 8:00 p.m.)
- South Vermont Avenue Baptist, Gardena (December 8 – 8:00 p.m.)

Invite a friend to come join you for a good time of singing and praising the Lord.

New (Safer) Road

This spring the Riverside County Road Department contracted with Granite Construction to repair and resurface Gilman Springs Road. The road was closed midweeks from the end of May until mid-July at 8 p.m. and would open at 5 a.m. Ranch families and staff were given passes to get through the CHP roadblocks. New guardrails with steel posts were installed, and channelizers were glued down the center of the road separated by dual sets of yellow lines and rumble strips. In addition to repairing the potholes and crumbling asphalt, the goal was to curb illegal passing and make the road safer for users. In the days ahead, all eastbound traffic on the 60 Freeway will be routed down Gilman Springs Road at select times as the Skanska Corporation widens the 60 Freeway between Gilman Springs Road and Beaumont, a project that is expected to take a couple years to complete.



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Testimony time around the campfire circle can be one of the most encouraging times at camp as young people share what God has done, and is doing, in their lives. However, it can be heart wrenching as well. Listening to several small children sharing testimonies of abandonment by parents or the testimony of a child whose mother and family pet were killed recently by a drunk driver can bring tears to one's eyes. No child should have to go through the pain and suffering that some of these children have gone through.

To those from less than ideal home situations, the Ranch is a place of safety where they are with people that love and care for them. To some, the Ranch is the only place they get to see friends they met previous years at camp. For others, it is a place where they see God through a different perspective. Some campers have seen people that should have been their role models fail, leading them to question their own trust in people and faith in God. For the unsaved, Victory Ranch presents them with a decision to accept God for who He says He is in His Word and accept His gift of eternal life or turn their back on Him. Believers are challenged to use their lives for God's honor and glory.

For the Ranch staff, many of whom work tirelessly



behind the scenes, the campfire times and our summer program are an encouragement as they realize how God is working visibly and invisibly in the lives of the campers. It is a challenge to keep pressing on because God is using them directly or indirectly to impact lives for Him. As a supporter of Victory Ranch, through your prayers and/or finances, please know you are making a difference in lives for eternity. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to change our world for God by impacting the lives of the campers He sends our way.





Margaret Casteneda

Our Fall Ladies' Retreat , October 4-5, will feature Margaret Casteneda from Faith Baptist Church of Visalia. Margaret is a pastor's wife and has spoken at retreats and conferences. Her theme is **"A Wise Woman Builds"** from **Proverbs 14:1**.

The ladies will enjoy music, crafts, horseback riding, archery, the shooting range, a silent auction, and much more. Attendees may arrive Thursday evening for no additional charge.



Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4 with the first meal being lunch that day. The retreat will conclude Saturday afternoon. To register, use the enclosed registration form or register online.



Our Fall Men's Retreat will be held on **October 18-19, 2019**. Our speaker **Pastor R. J. Cabugwas** from First Baptist Church of Spring Valley will be speaking on the theme **"Becoming a Spiritual Champion."**

This year our worship and music will be led by Dave Regier from FBC San Jacinto. Those wishing to drive out Thursday evening may stay overnight at no additional charge; however, the first meal served will be Friday evening's steak dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will be holding competitions in a number of sports activities (check our webpage at www.vranch.org for details) that may be of interest to you and your friends, so invite someone to join you. Use the enclosed registration or register online @ www.vranch.org.



This was the year for inspections.

So. Cal. Edison regularly looks at trees on our property and sends out trimmers; however, this year they also inspected every pole, distances between poles, size wire, etc. Although Cal-Fire has inspected our facilities through the years for brush clearance, this was the first time we were inspected by the State Fire Marshal. Overall, they were pleased with our facility and operation. While we have lots of fire extinguishers, we have kept them out of reach from campers who might be tempted to empty them in non-emergency situations. Sean from Elite Fire Protection in Hemet donated fire extinguishers and boxes to install them in four locations around camp.

Our next inspection was from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. They wanted to see records, MSDS sheets on herbicides and chemicals used in our operation, as well as where we store these items, protective equipment, location for decontamination, etc. Our county's Environmental Health Department did their annual inspection of the entire facility on July 9. We had a mixed reading on one of our commercial refrigerators, leading them to threaten to "impound" the refrigerator. I called Oscar at Mr. Appliance in Winchester, and he dispatched a technician immediately. The refrigerator was working properly before the inspection of the pool and grounds was completed, which made the inspectors happy since it kept them from having to return and re-inspect the refrigerator at a later date. I am trusting we are nearing the end of the inspections for this year.



Round-up

November 2, 2019, the Ranch will once again host the annual meetings of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.



Mike Hess, the newly elected National Representative of the GARBC, will be our guest speaker. There will be programs during the general session for the children followed by a free lunch.



There will be numerous activities and events throughout the afternoon for all ages. For all the details, please visit our website, www.vranch.org.



Check Presentation

Early last year, Paul, the Executive Director at Victory Ranch, saw a flyer about a program at Provident Bank to benefit non-profit organizations. If the Ranch were to sign up, the camp would receive a donation based on a percentage earned from its accounts and any other accounts that have elected to support us. On July 13, Provident Bank sent a representative over to present the Board Chairman Jay Lossing, with our first check in the amount of \$369.48.



SUMMER CAMP UPDATE!

"The Incredible He" was this year's summer camp theme. Evangelist Monte Leavell challenged the young people to really examine the basis of their salvation.



There were 99 campers present for our Junior week of camp. It was a bit of a challenge lining up enough male counselors. For the girls, we had almost enough counselors to put two counselors in every room. Senior High week we were also challenged in looking for male counselors and, at the last minute, female counselors as well. However, God

provided as we hosted 79 campers. We finished up with our Middle school week with 61 campers. It has been encouraging having faces from the past come back to help us put on our program. Some of our former campers returning as adult staff were Andrew Boone, Phillip Boone, Samantha (Connely) Carothers, John Paul Cayot, Amanda D'Hoedt, Berta Espinoza, Antonio Estrada, Anna (Howe) Goetz, David & Jean (Gehring) Gott, Kevin & Kathy (Boyd) Gott, Seth Gott, Geoff Parish, Kara (Montgomery) Sarnicula, Alesa (Ramseyer) Shifflett, Jonathan Sibayan, Lief Wagner, Autumn (Bisi) Westbrook, and Sarah Yoder. We had campers at the Ranch this summer from as far away as China, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington. Our speaker was from Idaho, and one counselor flew in from Mississippi. Grace Anderson from First Baptist of Waleria, Torrance, who is fluent in Mandarin, served as a counselor and helped explain the gospel to the Chinese students in their native tongue and led four of them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Each of these Chinese students were given a Bible in their native tongue. Total, we hosted 239 campers during our 3 weeks of camp. There were 19 salvation decisions, 1 for rededication, 2 for assurance of salvation, and 2 other decisions made for the Lord. Thank you for your financial and prayer support which makes all of this ministry possible.

