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Spring Ladies' Retreat
Walking Together in Sisterhood
March 8-9 @ VICTORY RANCH
Cost: \$85 (\$75 if registered & paid in full by March 10)
More information at www.vranch.org

Singspirations

- March 10 @ 3:30pm
California Heights Baptist Church, Long Beach
- April 14 @ 7:30pm
Bethel Baptist Church, Torrance
- May 19 @ 3:00pm
Trinity Baptist Church, Pasadena
- June 9 @ 3:00pm
Bible Baptist Church, Santa Monica

ISRAEL'S GLORY RESTORED
Spring Men's Retreat
March 22-23, 2024
Cost: \$90 (\$80 if registered & paid in full by March 15)
More information at www.vranch.org

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Mini Camp June 15
W.E.S.T. Week June 17-22
Horsemanship Camp June 30-July 3
Junior Camp July 8-13
Senior High Camp July 15-20
Middle School Camp July 22-27

VICTORY RANCH Newsletter SPRING 2024



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Probably due to organizations selling their mailing lists (something we have never done nor ever will do) and my having been at Victory Ranch for close to 40 years, I tend to get abundance of mail from profits, non-profits, and political organizations alike, all boldly asking for money. We've probably all cringed as we heard the television evangelists compelling listeners to send in their support with promises of God "opening the windows of heaven and pouring out His blessings on you" when you send your gift their way.

Occasionally, I'm asked if the Ranch has any needs. Of course, we do. The price of everything is skyrocketing. From food to fuel to the wages we pay our counselors and staff, everything is higher priced than just four years ago. However, years ago, our board took a stand and said that they were going to trust God to supply the needs of the Ranch. Consequently, when you read our newsletters, there is not a heavy emphasis on giving. We believe your tithing should first and foremost be to your local church. We do occasionally share some of our needs and let the Holy Spirit guide as to whether or not He wants the reader to send anything our way.

Seemingly out of the blue, I remember getting a call in 2020 from someone who was concerned about this ministry due to the shutdowns and wanted to help us with our summer camp program. Another individual felt burdened to help us with our horse program. Others send us money regularly, knowing that some campers will need assistance getting to camp due to finances. I could go on and on, giving examples of God's

provisions through people just like you. On behalf of our staff, we thank each person who prays for this ministry, who invests time helping, and who donates materials, as well as those who send monetary gifts to the Ranch. Our endeavor will always be to work as an extension of the local church to reach people for Christ and to encourage believers in their spiritual walk with Him.



WINTER CAMP UPDATE

On December 27, 44 young people gathered at Victory Ranch for our teen Winter Camp. Many camps hold their winter camp in January or February; however, we have found that the best way to involve students who are attending college out-of-state is to offer our camp while they are home on break. We are thankful for each one who spent two and a half days at the Ranch during their Christmas vacation.

We did not have any snow or rain this year, but due to the earlier rain this season some of our campers experienced something that they had never seen before: Victory Ranch surrounded by beautiful green hills. Dr. Linn Carothers brought the messages from God's Word, and Andrew Boone led the worship. The fast-moving, high-quality recreation program was directed by Francine Morales, assisted by Andy and Ben Hackley. Our Food Services Director, Tiffany Farr, even made cupcakes to celebrate a camper's birthday. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to minister to the young people He sent to Victory Ranch for Winter Camp.





REC ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

In November, I received a phone call from Bob and Debbie Lohnes. For the last few years, they had been working at a camp in Pennsylvania. Due to health issues, they have retired and are now serving with Campers on Mission. They asked if they could volunteer for a month. Bob is a retired



general contractor, and he and Debbie took on the water damage at the Recreation Room. They removed and replaced the factory edge on the roof and removed the compromised plastic rain gutter. They replaced the damaged siding and 2x4s in the walls and put two coats of paint on the exterior of the building. Realizing the building would continue to have issues without a rain gutter, I contacted the contractor we have used for years. His bid seemed high, so I looked for another local contractor. I came across Sure Flow Rain Gutters in Hemet. It turns out Mark attended Baptist Christian School years ago and lives next door to my optometrist. To make a long story short, he was hundreds of dollars less than the competition. His crew did a great job installing the gutter, and the building is now ready for rain.



SING SCHEDULE

On **March 10**, we will be at **California Heights Baptist Church in Long Beach** for a **3:30 p.m.** Singspiration. This was originally scheduled to be an 8:00 p.m. Sing, so please change the time on your calendar. On **April 14**, we will be gathering at **Bethel Baptist Church in Torrance** for a **7:30 p.m.** Sing. On **May 19**, we will be at **Trinity Baptist Church in Pasadena** for a **3:00 p.m.** Sing. On **June 9**, we will be at **Bible Baptist Church of Santa Monica** for a **3:00 p.m.** Sing. There will be a time of refreshments after each Sing. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.



NEW CABIN PROJECT

Our contractor found another company to finish the calculations that the county wants to move ahead with the new cabins. We are waiting to have the grease interceptor in the washroom documented for the county by a separate contractor. Once all this is completed, this can all be submitted to the Environmental Health Department. They will then forward it to the state. Please continue to keep this project in your prayers.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

On January 12, 2024, former camper/counselor/employee Karen Roseberry was ushered into the presence of her Lord and Savior following a tragic automobile accident. Initially from First Baptist Church of WALTERIA, Torrance, Karen grew up attending our annual summer camps. Her family relocated to Lancaster, but they continued to attend camps and retreats. Being highly competitive, as a counselor, Karen often encouraged her girls to memorize Bible verses during free time so they could win the weekly cabin competition. Karen served as Recreation Director and general assistant to the late former director, Bob Litts. She was actively involved in both Ranchview Baptist Church in Encinitas and Bible Baptist Church in Santa Monica. In recent years, Karen has been active in politics, as well as serving as Executive Director of Care Net Women's Resource Center in Lancaster.



CARBC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Each year, the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches holds a conference somewhere in the state. This year, the conference will be held in the southern part of the state, and Victory Ranch has been asked to be the host! The theme is "Maturing in Ministry" with Stan Smith, a pastor for over 50 years, serving as the speaker. The conference will start in the afternoon on **April 2** and go through the 4th. Victory Ranch will be providing meals, and housing at the camp is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For those wishing to stay off site, the Best Western Plus Diamond Valley Inn will give a group discount rate if there are enough people wishing to stay there. More information will be coming on the Victory Ranch website soon.

SPRING RETREATS

Our Spring Retreats are merely weeks away. Grace Fellowship Bible Church in Hemet will be co-hosting the ladies' retreat on **March 8-9**. Emily Streeter, a homeschool mom, military wife, and blogger from Ohio, will be encouraging the ladies from God's Word. Constantly on the move with a spouse in the military, it can be challenging to establish relationships within the body of Christ. Emily will be sharing from her experiences how women can develop meaningful relationships within an ever-changing environment. The archery and target ranges will be open, horseback riding will be available, and there will be a silent auction.



With the war and conflicts in the Middle East, we've heard increasingly vocal pro-Israel as well as pro-Palestinian and pro-Islamic points of view. We know from the Bible that Israel is near and dear to God's own heart. How do we address the hatred around us for Israel? Nathan Montgomery will be speaking to the men on **March 22-23** about "Israel's Glory Restored: a look at Israel's, past, present, and future in the plan of God." Nathan grew up at Crest Avenue Baptist Church and even attended Victory Ranch as a camper. Currently, Nathan and his wife, Laura, are ministering with Friends of Israel.

Schedules and registration for both retreats are on our website (www.vranch.org). Don't miss out. Sign up today!

FAMILY FUN DAY

With Easter coming early this year, our annual Family Fun Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 30**. This is a low-cost event (\$6 per person) designed with the whole family in mind. The morning will be spent playing larger-than-life games that a grandparent as well as someone as young as two years of age could play. Following lunch, there will be egg hunts for the young people based on their age. Those wishing to participate are asked to bring a dozen plastic eggs, which volunteers at the Ranch will be filling with candy before hiding them for the egg hunts. The remainder of the afternoon, families can continue to play games, ride horses, shoot targets at archery, ride the fire engine, and enjoy ice cream sundaes.



Psalm 139: "O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways." + More

SUMMER CAMP

Our theme for summer camp this year is *Known*, focusing on the truths from Psalm 139. People have an innate desire to be known and loved but often go about it by seeking things that end up being shallow and unfulfilling, such as a social media following. The result leads to anxiety and depression as young people struggle with their identity and purpose. In contrast, we have a creator God who fully and truly knows us – our most intimate habits, thoughts, needs, and desires – and has since before we were born. As believers, we have an identity and purpose in Christ, and we are known and loved by our Maker. Come join us as we examine the assurance we can have that we are "Known" by God. All the dates, prices, registration, and other information about summer camp can be found on our website at www.vranch.org.



MINI CAMP

Last fall, New Life Christian School brought out their elementary age students for a day. Each child brought a parent along. The children played games, listened to a message from the Bible, did a craft, and had lunch in our dining room. Many of the parents were excited after seeing Victory Ranch for the first time and asked about summer camp. In fact, the day went so well that Francine, our Program Director, asked about us offering a camp for the "minis" this summer. Our Mini Camp will be a one-day event on **Saturday, June 15** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have a child in kindergarten through 3rd grade and are interested in attending, see our website for details.

