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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Ladies' Retreat.....March 14-15
Spring Men's Retreat.....March 21-22
Family Fun Day.....April 12
W.E.S.T. Week.....June 16-21
Mini Camp.....June 21
Horsemanship Camp.....July 7-10
Junior Camp.....July 14-19
Senior High Camp.....July 21-26
Middle School Camp.....July 28-August 2
Bonfire Bonanza.....September 6
Fall Ladies' Retreat.....October 3-4
Fall Men's Retreat.....October 17-18
Round-up.....November 1
Winter Camp.....December 29-31

Visit www.vranch.org for additional information
about these events throughout the year.

Singspirations

- January 12 @ 7:30pm
Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Gardena
- February 16 @ 3:00pm
Faith Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles
- March 9 @ 3:00pm
California Heights Baptist Church, Long Beach
- April 6 @ 3:00pm
Bethel Baptist Church, Torrance
- May 18 @ 3:00pm
Trinity Baptist Church, Pasadena
- June 8 @ 3:00pm
Bible Baptist Church, Santa Monica
- August 17 @ 3:00pm
First Baptist Church, El Monte
- October 12 @ 3:00pm
First Baptist Church, Wilmington
- November 9 @ 3:00pm
First Baptist Church of Waleria, Torrance
- December 7 @ 3:00pm
South Vermont Ave. Baptist Church, Gardena

VICTORY RANCH
Newsletter
WINTER '24-'25



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This time of year, Thanksgiving to New Years Day, is often referred to as the "holiday season." Sandwiched in the middle is, of course, the most important holiday of all, Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Christmas elicits many responses: from extreme joy over God's gift to a feeling of extreme humility over our unworthiness as sinners. Praise the Lord, He loved us so much that He made provision for our salvation through repentance and placing our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. As I hear the testimonies of those whose lives have been impacted for Christ through this ministry, I am grateful He gives me the opportunity to serve Him here. I thank Him for the privilege to have worked with, and learned from, so many knowledgeable people through the years, who gave, and continue to give, of their time, talents, and abilities to further the work of God's kingdom as we have sought, and continue to seek, to reach the unsaved and encourage the believer in their walk with the Lord.

Following the shutdown and travel restrictions in 2020, it has been good to be back in our churches the past few years, as my schedule at the Ranch permits, meeting and greeting the many people who keep this ministry in their prayers. It is always encouraging to hear the words and personal testimonies of what God has done in

the lives of former campers. Keep those testimonies coming this way as it is an encouragement to our staff to hear of the transformed lives of people who have been campers and retreat attendees at Victory Ranch.

As we wrap up 2024, we will be offering one last camp for junior and senior high students. Details can be found inside this newsletter or on our website (www.vranch.org). Our 2025 calendar may also be found on our website with the dates of our camps and retreats. In 2026, Lord willing, we will celebrate the Ranch's 70th anniversary. Watch for more details next year.

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14b)



MERRY CHRISTMAS from the VICTORY RANCH STAFF

Glenna Bowlin; Kristi Carter; Jasmine Cayot (not pictured); Paul Cayot; Tim & Tiffany Farr;
Bryan & Joni Gott; Kevin & Kathy Gott; Seth, Holly, Zach, Hannah, Gideon, Titus, Havilah, & Hachilah Gott

NEW CABIN PROJECT

On Friday, December 13, our contractor, two of their employees, our architect, our grading contractor, and the county inspector met at the fire circle for a pre-construction meeting. We should have our grading permit in hand next week; however, this doesn't mean we will break ground immediately. We still have much to do. The septic system for Maverick and, unless God intervenes, the Bunkhouse will have to be redesigned. Tumbleweed, the cabin across from the shop, will need to be removed along with some trees. Please keep this project in your prayers.

FREE AND ALMOST-FREE FIREWOOD

"What's the difference?" you may ask. Free firewood is in a pile behind the hill and can be immediately loaded into your vehicle. Some pieces are bigger than others. The "small stuff" usually disappears first. Almost-free firewood you may have to do a little work to get. We have some giant Eucalyptus rounds that are too big to lift and will need to be split in place. We also have a few dead trees on the property that need to be dropped and cut up. The limbs will need to be piled for chipping, and you take home the pieces you cut. Call the Ranch to schedule a time to pick up your firewood.

TESTIMONIES

During summer camp a number of years ago, two men stopped by the Ranch. They explained that they had met at Camp Victory/Victory Ranch as teens in the registration line for Senior High Camp and had become best friends. They had kept in touch through the years, and when one needed to go to Hemet for business, he called the other and invited him to join him. On the way home, they decided to stop by the old camp, not knowing if it was even still in operation. What a surprise they had when they saw the camp open and Senior High Camp in progress. I escorted them into the Chapel. One of them shared that this was the chair he was sitting in when he placed his faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. The other man shared the points from one of Dr. Harold Scholes's messages during that week of camp.

Each year, many camp attendees make decisions for Christ. For some, that one week was their only exposure to the Ranch and God, while others return year after year. Quite often, we lose track of former campers, so it is always encouraging to receive testimonies, such as a letter I received from a former lifeguard who was a missionary serving in Southeast Asia. A few months ago, a former camper visited a local church and shared with that church that the decisions she had made at Victory Ranch years ago had set her on a life's path of walking with God. Testimonies like these are of great encouragement to the staff. If you have one to share, please send it our way.

WINTER CAMP

Our Winter Camp for middle and high school students will be held on **December 29-31** at the Ranch. 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. Michael Reeves, a youth worker with a heart for teens, will be our speaker. The theme is "Legacy." Often, people think of a legacy as something they leave behind late in life; however, our spiritual legacy is something we should be building throughout our lifetime. Registration forms and more information can all be found on our website: www.vranch.org.



SING SCHEDULE

We will kick off the new year with a **7:30 p.m.** Sing on **January 12** at **Calvary Baptist Tabernacle** in Gardena. This Sing will also give us a chance to bid farewell to Pastor Jeshur Lubaton and his family, who were scheduled to move the following week. Due to his mother's health, however, that trip has been postponed. On **February 16**, we will gather at **Faith Calvary Baptist Church** in Los Angeles for a **3:00 p.m.** Sing. On **March 9**, we will be at **California Heights Baptist Church** in Long Beach for a **3:00 p.m.** Sing, and on **April 6**, we will be gathering at **Bethel Baptist Church** in Torrance for a **3:00 p.m.** Sing. On **May 18**, we will head to Pasadena for a **3:00 p.m.** Sing at **Trinity Baptist Church**. On **June 8**, 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.



SPRING RETREATS

Our Spring Retreats will be here before we know it. The ladies' retreat will be held on **March 14-15**. Terri Jenkin will be speaking in the English-speaking services, and Heidi Gott will be speaking in the Spanish-speaking services. **Terri Jenkin** and her husband, Bill, have served with Continental Baptist Missions for many years. She is greatly appreciated for her ability to teach ladies from the Scriptures. **Heidi Gott** spent the first few years of her life at Victory Ranch as her father worked here in the 1980s. She dedicated her life to the Lord at Baptist Christian School in Hemet and currently serves in Columbia with ABWE. Heidi, a brown-haired, brown-eyed lady with an incredible grasp of the Spanish language, is often mistaken for a native of Columbia. The theme for the retreat is "The Saint's Call to Arms." The archery and target ranges will be open, horseback riding will be available, and there will be a silent auction. Ladies, don't miss out. Mark your calendar today!



Over the past 12 years, we have been privileged to have **Bill Jenkin III** as a speaker several times. Bill was the president of Continental Baptist Missions for many years and is widely sought as a retreat speaker. In fact, it usually takes us three years to get him on our calendar. Bill will be speaking to the men on **March 21-22** with the theme "Equipped in Christ." We plan to hold the usual sports competitions. Details can be found on our website (www.vranch.org) along with schedules and registration forms for both retreats. Don't miss out. Sign up today!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Our almost annual Family Fun Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 12, 2025**. If you remember, our 2024 Family Fun Day was rained out. Lord willing, the April date will be after the rainy season. Family Fun Day 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 can enjoy. 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.



SUMMER CAMP

Dating back to earliest times, due to man's rebellion against a holy and just God, mankind has sought to create their own gods from wood, stone, and metal. These gods have no power. Even Rahab in Joshua 2:9-11 mentions that the people living in Jericho had heard what the one true God did for Israel 40 years before and now trembled, their hearts melting within them, knowing the *legendary* power of Jehovah God and that He was about to deliver her people into their hands. Our theme for summer camp this year is *Legendary*, focusing on the attributes of God outlined in Jeremiah 10:10-13. Come join us as we examine the assurance we can have as children of a God that is indeed "*Legendary*." All the dates, prices, registration, and other information about summer camp will be on our website soon.



MINI CAMP

In 2023, New Life Christian School brought their elementary age students to Victory Ranch 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" in 2024. We will be repeating it and offering it on **Saturday, June 21, 2025**. Our Mini Camp is a one-day event beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. If you have a child in kindergarten through 3rd grade and are interested in attending, see our website for details.

