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2022 March 11-12

Spring Ladies' Retreat

Cost: \$75
(\$70 if registered & paid by March 4)
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- **March 13 @ 6:00pm**
Calvary Baptist Church, Compton
- **April 10 @ 7:30pm**
Bethel Baptist Church, Torrance
- **May 15 @ 3:00pm**
Trinity Baptist Church, Pasadena
- **June 12 @ 7:30pm**
Faith Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles



PREPARING TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH

Spring Men's Retreat

March 18-19, 2022

Cost: \$80 (\$75 if registered and paid by March 11)

STRONG FEARLESS

For the LORD your God goes with you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

W.E.S.T. Week	June 20-25	\$95
Horsemanship Camp	July 5-8	\$315
Junior Camp	July 11-16	\$345
Senior High Camp	July 18-23	\$355
Middle School Camp	July 25-30	\$345

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Newsletter

SPRING 2022



From the Director's Desk:
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We often tend to put God in a box. I know I did for many years. I'm not talking about limiting God's power but thinking that He will respond in the way I think He will respond by doing something the same way He did last time. Have you noticed the different ways Jesus healed the blind? In Matthew 9 and 20, Jesus healed the blind man by touching his eyes. Then in Mark 8, Jesus spit on a blind man's eyes and laid hands on him, and in John 9, Jesus spit on the ground and made clay to put on the blind man's eyes. Each person was healed, but in a slightly different way.

Somewhere in the late 1980s, a concrete truck overturned on the highway in front of our horse barn. The Ranch staff responded to the accident site, where fresh concrete was flowing out of the drum of the overturned truck onto the highway. Gordon Nicholson, hating to see it go to waste, oversaw the staff shovel the concrete off the highway and into the back of the Ranch truck. The concrete was then used to form a concrete pad outside of Hacienda. When the distraught representatives of the company arrived, they were overjoyed that the mess was cleaned up and that they didn't have to pay the county or someone else to clear the highway. They told Gordon that if we set up forms and could handle the "over-run" from local pours, they would be willing to donate that concrete to the Ranch.

Over the next 9 years, the Ranch received almost 1,900 yards of donated concrete from Standard Concrete. During those nine years, we poured three-fourths of the road around camp. When the company decided to close the batch plant on Jack Rabbit Trail, which was considered a satellite plant, and move the trucks back to Corona, the only sections of road that were still dirt were between the Bunkhouse and the pool and an area in front of the First Aide cabin outside the office. I reached out to Superior Concrete in Hemet, who were willing to donate a few truckloads; however, they said it was not economically viable to send a truck all the way out to the Ranch, pay the driver to unload the truck, and then drive it back when he could be on another delivery. Why wasn't God supplying free concrete to finish the road?



A few years went by and a couple who support the Ranch stopped in and asked why we had never finished the road. I told them the story, and they asked what it would cost to finish it. I got them an estimate, and a few days later, they sent a check for the full amount. God did supply concrete by laying the project on someone's heart. The Ranch received the concrete free, but by a different means.

Several years ago, I was encouraged to build the new Las Flores cabins that have been on our Master Plan since the 1970s. I was dubious as to how we would raise the funds. Our churches are small, and most members are not overly wealthy. However, the individual who was encouraging me to build said she was willing to contribute one million dollars toward the project. Once I started working with the architect/builder, we discovered the county was not going to make the project easy. In fact, we had to do aerial surveys, engineering, percolation tests, etc., etc., all before we got the Planning Department to let us move forward. The dear lady who prompted me to build slipped into the presence of her Lord and Savior while the project was still tied up in the county's building department. I saw God using this dear lady to see that the buildings were built, and now it wasn't working out that way. Due to circumstances beyond his

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DIRECTOR'S DESK CONTINUED & NEW CABIN PROJECT UPDATE

control, her husband told me that not all the funds were going to be available. Once again, I had God in a box, expecting Him to use one person to supply the funds. We were so far into the project that I told the builder to keep working with the county, but we were not going to go into debt in order to fund the new cabins.

The Building Department wanted giant retaining walls built, adding another \$65,000 to the job. Our builder looked at re-engineering the project, but the alternatives were going to be costly as well and leave the building accessible by a bridge. I told him to proceed with the original plan, and we would proceed as God allowed us to move forward. Meanwhile, building materials continued to sky-rocket in price. The project was going over the one million dollar estimate. Our original donor's husband approached me in September of 2021 with a matching grant offer of \$300,000. I know a number of ministries have raised funds this way, but we have never had anyone offer a matching grant since I have been at the Ranch. By December 31, you, our generous supporters, had helped us to raise around \$60,000. Our original donor's husband was disappointed and offered to extend the offer, and even raise it to \$400,000. Through the sale of some property and interest income, another donor(s) stepped up and gave us \$370,000 from a trust. When our original donor's husband heard that, he offered to add another \$200,000 to his offer. What seemed like an impossibility last year is now almost a reality as God orchestrated these gifts, the timetable, and the project approval.

After almost two years, we have one permit and are waiting for the other. We apparently can't get the fire department to even weigh in on this project until we get the permits. Please make that a matter of prayer too, that the fire department would be reasonable with their requirements. There is still \$162,070.35 that our original donor's husband will match. If you feel the Lord leading you to be involved in this matching grand offer, please designate your gift to the New Cabin Project.

SING SCHEDULE

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. On **May 15**, we will be at **Trinity Baptist Church in Pasadena** for a 3:00 p.m. Sing. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for singing, food, and fellowship.

WINTER CAMP RECAP

As we looked at the calendar for the end of the year, we noticed that the dates had not filled between Christmas and New Year's Day. I spoke with Francine, our Program Director, and asked if she had any time free during that week. She had December 27 and 28 available. I spoke to the Hackleys and the Espinozas, who both committed to Winter Camp. Kristi worked on publicity, and I began to reach out to counselors. Praise the Lord for assembling the team in a matter of three weeks! We had 22 middle and high school students attend as Pastor Russ Boone led the worship and Pastor John Gehring brought the messages from God's Word. The young people all seemed to have a wonderful time, and we were able to share the gospel with a few young people who hadn't been to Victory Ranch before.



WHY THE PRICE INCREASE?

Almost 50 years ago, I remember my mom leaving a gas station without making a purchase. She said \$0.54 was too much for a gallon of gasoline. Today, it's hard to find gasoline for less than \$4.50 per gallon. I was paid \$200 a week, or roughly \$5 an hour, in 1986 and often worked 40-60 hours. Today, labor laws are pushing us toward the \$15/hour mark with required overtime pay for anything over 40 hours. Food and energy prices are also soaring. In order to stay open and share the gospel, the Ranch needs to raise our prices as well.

A day at many amusement parks can cost over \$100 for admission and parking, not including meals. We don't charge for parking; the longest line you will encounter is at meal times; and even then, the lines never last more than a few minutes and we allow second and third helpings. Most importantly, our retreats and camps offer messages from God's Word designed to share the gospel with the lost and encourage spiritual growth in believers. All things considered, although we don't enjoy raising the price of camp, doing so ensures that will be financially able to continue sharing the gospel with young people in the years to come.



The speakers are **Valerie Gauthier** (English service) and **Yadira Reynoso** (Spanish service). Their theme is "Gloriously Restored." Please check our website in the days ahead for the latest details.

SPRING MEN'S RETREAT



Our Spring Men's Retreat is scheduled for **March 18-19, 2022**, with **Carl Kerby**. For many years, Carl was the second most requested Christian speaker in the United States, behind Ken Hamm. Carl left Answers in Genesis and started his own apologetics ministry called Reasons for Hope. Carl has spoken to our summer campers and done an excellent job of challenging our youth to be bold in their witness for the Lord and arming them with answers to questions skeptics may ask. Men, don't miss out on this opportunity to hear Carl speak at Victory Ranch.



On February 23, the Ranch experienced snow and freezing weather. (A stark contrast to 90 degrees we had the week before.) Perhaps you've experience these cool temperatures too and need some firewood. If so, we can help. We have wood cut into 12"-18" lengths, while supplies last. Currently, there is a huge mountain of firewood . . . waiting for you. Call our office to arrange a time to pick some up.

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Our 2022 Family Fun Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 2**. This day is designed for families to come out to the Ranch and enjoy spending time with one another. The games are designed so that a preschooler and a grandfather could both do the activities together. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. The cost is only \$6 per person and includes a lunch. Mark your calendar. Additional details may be found on our website at www.vranch.org.



SUMMER CAMP

Our theme for summer camp this year is *Fearless* from Deuteronomy 31:6. There is a lot of fear and uncertainty in the world today, and many of our children are caught up in hopelessness and despair. Child suicide rates climb, and children are involved in school shootings and drugs and alcohol to mask the pain or hide from reality. There is an answer, and that answer is Jesus Christ. This summer we will look at who our God really is: His power, His love, and His concern for His children. Despite what is happening around us, we can have faith that He is in control, and the fact that we do not have to be consumed by fear. See our website (www.vranch.org) for more details.



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