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From the Director's Desk: By Paul Cayot

So often God is watching over us, even when we are unaware we need watching over. Three days before Christmas, I gave Austin my "Ranch Visa Card" to run an errand. He returned a short time later and handed me back the card. I seldom carry a wallet around the Ranch, so I put it in my shirt pocket and went on working. That afternoon, I had to stop at Walmart to pick up something for myself and grabbed my glasses out of my pocket to read a label. I left the store, and as I was walking to the car, I remembered I hadn't returned the "Ranch Visa Card" back to my wallet. When I reached in my pocket, it was gone. A sinking feeling came over me as I realized it must have slipped out of my pocket as I pulled the glasses out. It was probably on the floor of Walmart for a few seconds before someone picked it up and took it to the register to start charging merchandise. I got in the car and asked God for help. Maybe it was at home. I decided to go home and look before calling the credit card company. As I ran my hand down the outside of my jacket, I felt something. It wasn't on my shirt, and it wasn't on my jacket. It was inside my jacket. Unknown to me, there was a pocket inside my jacket. The card had fallen out of my shirt, and God had let it slip into the jacket pocket where I retrieved it. Thank you, Lord!

Singspirations

Our next few Sunday evening Singspirations will be held at:

Faith Calvary Baptist, Los Angeles (June 10 – 7:30 p.m.)

Bible Baptist, Santa Monica (July 8 – 8:00 p.m.)

First Baptist, El Monte (August 19 – 7:30 p.m.)

We have added a Sing to the calendar in September. It will be held at:

Bible Baptist, Huntington Park (September 16 - 8:00 p.m.)

Our Sings typically conclude with a time of food and fellowship starting at 9:00 p.m. Invite a friend and plan to join us for a good time of singing and praising the Lord.

Summer Camp

"Mission Possible" will be the theme for this year's summer camp program. It is an increasing challenge to schedule our weeks of camp so they don't conflict with the always changing school district calendars here in Southern California. Each time a school district tries a new calendar, a previous one will switch back to a more traditional one. Consequently, we have opted to leave our schedule alone for one more summer.

- Junior I - July 22-28
- Teen Camp - July 29-August 4
- Junior II - August 6-11

Please keep our summer camp program in your prayers. This past summer, there were 38 salvation decisions, 7 rededications, and 22 other decisions made for Christ.



March 31 we hosted a Family Fun Day with activities geared to families and games in which

all ages could participate. Francine Morales, our summer camp Program Director, dreamed up 20 games/activities for families. Bill Goehring began building life-sized versions of smaller games. Everyone pitched in to help. A few days before the event, registrations reached 181, so we scrambled and added 5 additional games.



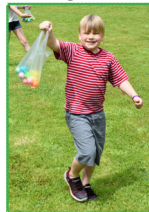
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Family Fun Day (continued)



Laraine Grohs, our cook, did a wonderful job with the food, as usual, and 4 egg hunts followed the noon meal. Before heading home, some participants rode horses, went to the archery range, or took rides on the firetruck before making their own ice cream sundae.



A big "thank you" goes out to the volunteers from Cornerstone Church who filled around 1000 plastic eggs with candy and to the other volunteers who offered instructions and guidance to participants arriving at various games.

Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service (RVICS)

We were blessed to be joined by four couples from the RVICS organization for a January project. These volunteer couples came from Idaho, Montana, Pennsylvania, and British Columbia. Before their arrival, Bill found a piece of roofing material on the ground outside the pool restroom. Upon further examination, we discovered the roof was compromised, so the roof of the restroom became the first order of business. The volunteers also painted the pool patio furniture, painted lumber, and cleaned some of our special housing units, as well as



helped Bill install new shower control valves and FRP (Fiber Reinforced Plastic) on the walls of the Bunkhouse restroom showers. To complete the project, solid dividers were installed between stalls, replacing the shower curtains.

Ladies' Retreat

We had 85 ladies join us for our Fall Ladies' Retreat with Tammy Boone, Kelly Robinson, and Doris Smith sharing on how, by God's Grace, He carried them through the tough times. Christin Hunt did an excellent job leading the worship and providing the special music. Hannah Henline gave a workshop on selecting curriculum for prospective home-school moms, and Steve Jackson shared on the biblical ties our founding fathers integrated into the United States Constitution. Our Fall Ladies' Retreat will be held October 5-6, 2018, and will be co-hosted by Trinity Baptist in Pasadena. Former missionary and camp director's wife Eileen Wood, who served 16 years in Taiwan and Japan, will be our speaker.



Men's Retreat

There were 80 men who joined us for our Spring Men's Retreat on March 23-24, 2018. Pastor Mark Smith from Bible Tracts Incorporated spoke from John 21 on

Christ unexpectedly showing up in one's life . . . those "aha" moments when we grasp something in His Word that

was there all along. Pastor Russ Boone from Bible Baptist Church of Santa Monica and his sons led the worship. The sessions were recorded, so contact the Ranch if you are interested



in the messages. Our next retreat will be October 18-19, 2018, with special music from "Solid Ground." Mark your calendar now!



Visits from Friends

We have had several of our own churches at the Ranch recently. Cornerstone, Hemet, had an old fashioned hymn sing and luncheon on April 12. A group from that church also came out on March 31 and stuffed eggs for our pre-Easter Family Fun Day. Faith Baptist, Visalia, hosted a family camp here at the Ranch on March 24-28.



Horses and Hay

We have acquired several new horses in the past couple months. Amber has been introducing the new horses and assigning them corrals with horses they get along with best and ones having similar eating habits. Currently, our new horses consist of Dunder, Joy, and Mocha. We were blessed with the donation of a truckload of hay last month. We praise the Lord for His provision for this ministry.