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### 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Ladies' Retreat.....	March 10-11
Spring Men's Retreat.....	March 17-18
Family Fun Day.....	April 1
Horsemanship Camp.....	June 12-15
W.E.S.T. Week.....	June 19-24
Junior Camp.....	July 10-15
Senior High Camp.....	July 17-22
Middle School Camp.....	July 24-29
Bonfire Bonanza.....	September 9
Fall Ladies' Retreat.....	October 6-7
Fall Men's Retreat.....	October 20-21
Round-up.....	November 4

Watch our website at [www.vranch.org](http://www.vranch.org) throughout the year for additional information on these events.

### Singspirations

- **January 15 @ 7:30pm**  
*Bible Baptist Church, Huntington Park*
- **February 12 @ 8:00pm**  
*California Heights Baptist Church, Long Beach*
- **March 12 @ 7:00pm (5:30pm fellowship)**  
*Calvary Baptist Church, Compton*
- **April 16 @ 7:30pm**  
*Bethel Baptist Church, Torrance*
- **May 21 @ 3:00pm**  
*Trinity Baptist Church, Pasadena*
- **June 11 @ 7:30pm**  
*Faith Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles*
- **July 2 @ 3:00pm**  
*Bible Baptist Church, Santa Monica*
- **August 20 @ 7:00pm**  
*First Baptist Church, El Monte*
- **September 17 @ 7:30pm**  
*Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Gardena*



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## Newsletter

### WINTER '22-'23



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A few days ago, I attended the Christian Workers Christmas Dinner held at First Baptist Church of Waleria in Torrance. Following the meal, Pastor Montgomery asked each attendee to share their greatest challenge and greatest blessing they had in ministry in 2022. As I reflected on the campers with whom we were able to share the gospel, the campers we'd been able to challenge in their spiritual walk, and the Lord's provisions and blessings that He sent our way, I realized much of what we were able to do would have been extremely difficult to accomplish without the volunteers and staff, and especially the full-time staff, He has assembled here at the Ranch. Although God has brought many talented people here through the years, I think the Ranch is blessed with one of the finest teams that I've had the privilege to work alongside.

Speaking of provisions, I'll highlight just a few. Our backhoe was running on 40+ year old "rubber." When one of the tires gave out a couple years ago, the local tire shop only had one used rear tire. Although not ideal to have different tread depth, it gets us around. (New tires cost \$600-\$1000 each.) Mid-year, I spotted a pallet with the used rear tire we needed, along with two front tires, at the auction. Bill was bidding on them when the internet froze, keeping him from placing a bid. The pallet sold for \$200 to someone else. I was disappointed that God had helped me find the exact tire we needed, only to watch it slip away. Two months later, we went back to the auction, and there was the same pallet. This time, Bill was able to purchase the pallet for \$25. God gave us a better deal than I could have imagined and showed me I needed to wait on Him to provide, in His time.

At the auction earlier this year, Bill purchased a used "Hot Walker" for our horses. These typically sell new for \$3000-\$5000. He was able to purchase it for \$125. At the last auction, Bill spotted two well weathered boxes of brand new synthetic cooler pads. Underneath the boxes were dozens of brass fittings, two boxes of cooler floats, and many more supplies for our coolers, all brand new. We were able to purchase the entire pallet for \$10, probably easily a \$300-\$400 value. We were also able to purchase 32, 60 lb. sacks of redi-mix concrete mix for \$40. The same sacks would have easily sold at the local hardware store for at least \$135.

Laraine's husband, Josh, works for a business that is moving from Banning to San Jacinto. In order to downsize, they donated thousands of dollars' worth of hardware and tools. A member of one of our churches recently donated \$20,000 worth of new LED lighting. I could go on and on.

While we are thankful for the monetary and physical donations,

these are merely tools that allow us to do our real job in an economical fashion. Our mission is to provide Christ-centered camping in a Christian environment where the gospel is shared, believers are challenged in their spiritual walk, and all are sent home, hopefully excited about serving the Lord in their local church and continuing to grow in their walk with the Lord. We have one last chance to do this in 2022. Our **Winter Camp** for middle and high school students will be held on **December 27-29**. Please keep us, and our campers, in prayer as we seek to glorify Him in our 2022 Winter Camp.

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel (which means, God with us)."

Matthew 1:23



**Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year,  
from the staff  
at Victory Ranch**





NEW CABIN PROJECT

What a challenge this project has been! These new air-conditioned cabins with private toilet and shower facilities will be a tremendous asset to the continued ministry of the Ranch once the plans are approved. With room dividers, these rooms could give us an additional 12 special housing rooms for couples or family retreats.

After three years, we are just waiting for approval from a couple of departments. That’s when we found out the environmental health department decided that if every bed in camp is full, the Ranch could be discharging excessive amounts of water into our leach fields, and ultimately the water table. They will not look at our current use, and the fact that during the off-season the majority of the camp is unused except on weekends and houses far fewer people than they project. The county said that they are required to turn the project over to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB). Based on the current systems approved by the county, but of which the county has lost all records, SARWQCB refuses to even look at the project to tell us what they might require. SARWQCB wants us to spend more money to expose the entire septic system and have it certified. That means it would need to be brought up to current code. At that point, they could tell us either that we could proceed or that we would need to abandon the upgraded system and put in a water treatment plant. Please continue to make this a matter of prayer.

FIREWOOD

With inflation causing the price of everything to soar, you may be looking for alternate ways of heating your home. If you are considering using a fireplace or wood stove for extra heat, we can help. We have a fair amount of wood cut into 12”-18” lengths, perfect for a fireplace, as well as some longer pieces you can cut up. Currently, there is a huge mountain of firewood . . . waiting for you. Call our office to arrange a time to pick some up.



OLD CASH

During Round-up, the camp was given an envelope of bills, all of which had dates from the 1980s. On April 22, 1992, a small offering was taken at a Wednesday night prayer meeting in Los Angeles. As the service concluded, news of the Los Angeles riots broke. Church members, fearing for their safety, headed straight home. The offering, still uncounted, was stuck in an envelope and shoved in a file folder in Pastor Geno Lubaton’s file cabinet. Recently, while going through the files, the envelope was discovered, and the decision was made to give the offering to Victory Ranch. The bills brought back memories as we looked at the older designs, before depositing them into the Ranch’s General Fund.



GOT MUSICAL TALENT?

Did you play a musical instrument in high school or college? Is it sitting in the closet or attic, collecting dust? A small group of brass instrumentalists has been getting together at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings at First Baptist Church of El Monte. They rehearse for a couple hours and then fellowship and have dinner. Each month, this group does several numbers at the monthly Singspirations. Although, we currently only have brass instruments, other orchestral instruments are welcome as well. For more details, contact Paul Cayot at Victory Ranch.

SING SCHEDULE

Bible Baptist Church of Huntington Park is planning to host our first Sing of the new year on **January 15 at 7:30 p.m.** It has been a few years since Bible Baptist has hosted a Sing, so it would be encouraging to see a good group come out and join us as we sing praises to the Lord. The following month, our Sing is scheduled for **February 12 at California Heights Baptist Church in Long Beach at 8:00 p.m.** On **March 12**, we will join **Calvary Baptist Church of Compton** for food and refreshment at **5:30 p.m.** The Sing will then start at **7:00 p.m.** On **April 16**, we will be at **Bethel Baptist Church in Torrance** for their **7:30 p.m.** Sing. With the exception of Calvary Baptist Church of Compton, food and fellowship will follow each Sing. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for singing, a report from the Ranch, food, and fellowship.



LADIES' RETREAT

Our Fall Ladies’ Retreat, hosted by Cornerstone Church in Hemet, was held on October 7-8, 2022, with Shelly Crandall and Greta Tabor speaking on “A Battle for the Heart.” There were 92 ladies in attendance over the course of the two days. Attendees, among other things, enjoyed workshops, crafts, horseback rides, and the silent auction.

If you missed out, plan to join us for our Spring Ladies’ Retreat on **March 10-11, 2023.** Our speakers will be **Terri Jenkin** (English service) and **Irene Gonzalez** (Spanish service). Their theme is “Focus, Relax, Lookout.” Terri Jenkin, wife of Bill Jenkin (Continental Baptist Mission), has been a real blessing to our ladies when she has spoken in the past. Irene Gonzalez, and her late husband Rene, served at First Fundamental Bible Church in Calexico for over 40 years. Irene spoke in our English service a year ago and was well received. Please check our website for the latest details ([www.vranch.org](http://www.vranch.org)).



FAMILY FUN DAY

Our 2023 Family Fun Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 1.** 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.



MEN'S RETREAT

We were blessed by the ministry of Missionary Glen Galbraith at our Fall Men’s Retreat on October 21-22, 2022. We patterned our retreat schedule after the 2021 spring retreat (day camp), with the addition of overnight lodging, which has been well received at the following two retreats. Glen spoke on “Coping with Change.” The musical trio Solid Ground from the Sacramento area ministered in song. We even had a guest appearance by a brass quartet featuring Pastor Kim Gaston (South Vermont Ave. Baptist, Gardena), Abe Ortiz (First Baptist, El Monte), Ryan Burris (First Baptist of Waleria, Torrance), and Paul Cayot (Cornerstone, Hemet). There were 97 men in attendance over the two days.

Our next Men’s Retreat is scheduled for **March 17-18, 2023**, with **Bill Jenkin**. For many years, Bill served as President of Continental Baptist Mission. He is in high demand as a speaker, and it has taken us three years to get him scheduled to return to the Ranch. Don’t miss out, men. Mark your calendar now.



In 2022, the Ranch had more total attendees across all events than it’s had since 2018.

