

VICTORY RANCH

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Author JUANITA PURCELL at Victory Ranch!

We are pleased to have Juanita Purcell with us for our Fall Ladies Retreat October 9-10, 2009. Juanita's theme is "When Life Hands You A Lemon Make Lemonade." The retreat will be hosted by First Baptist of El Monte. The ladies have been busy planning activities, music, crafts, etc. If you have an item(s) you wish to donate for the Silent Auction, please bring it/them with you to the retreat. The money raised will be used for a project here at the Ranch.

Registration will open at 9 a.m. Friday morning. Ladies wishing to come out Thursday afternoon or evening may do so for no additional charge. The first meal served will be lunch on Friday. The first session with Juanita will be Friday morning at 10:45 a.m. This session will be repeated Saturday afternoon for those who missed it. The schedule is available online at www.vranch.org. See enclosed flyer for more details and a registration form.

J. O. Purcell will speak at the Men's Retreat

We are pleased to have J.O. Purcell with us for our Fall Men's Retreat. The theme is "Our God Rules and Reigns." The Men's Retreat registration will open at 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2009. You can come out early to fellowship and enjoy the Ranch. Lord willing, the Skeet Shooting Range will be open Friday morning as well as the Archery Range. Sports equipment will be available for check out in the office. For those wishing to play in the golf tournament, the names and phone numbers of some local and semi-local golf courses are listed on the enclosed flyer along with the sports competition details.

The Ranch's famous Steak Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening. Our first session with J.O. Purcell will start at 7:30 p.m. Santa Clarita Baptist Church will be providing the music. For the complete schedule, visit our website, www.vranch.org. The retreat officially concludes at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, but you are welcome to stay longer if you wish. The cost is only \$60 per person when you register and pay in full by October 8, 2009.

RANCH NEEDS

If you have any of the following items, or something else you think the Ranch may be able to use, please contact the Ranch. We are still seeking:

- Refrigerator Dolly
- Electrical wire (0 - 12 gauges)
- Demolition/Concrete Saw
- Horseback riding helmets
- Jack hammer
- Wall/alarm clocks
- King sized sheet sets
- 20' or 40' Cargo Container
- Multimedia projector
- Golf Cart with at least 2-3 bench seats
- Bobcat or similar tractor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Those who enjoy participating in the monthly Sings need to note that we are not scheduled for a Sing in September. Please note the scheduled activities for the rest of 2009 are as follows.

September 12th Bonfire Bonanza

October 9th – 10th Ladies Fall Retreat
11th Sing - First Baptist, Wilmington
16th – 17th Men's Fall Retreat

November 7th Round-Up
15th Sing -First Fundamental Baptist, Torrance
20-21 Ranch Work Day

December 6th Christmas Sing - S. Vermont Avenue, Gardena

For information about any of these activities please contact the Ranch. Sings start around 8 p.m. on Sunday evening and conclude around 9 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship follow.

GOODSEARCH/GOODSHOP

"Back to school" means "back to homework." While searching for online information for your child's next research project or getting ahead on purchasing gifts for Christmas, remember to use GoodSearch & GoodShop. Each time you search an item on the web you can help us earn a penny. When you use GoodShop you can earn a larger percent depending on the amount of your purchase. Just go to www.goodsearch.com, select Victory Ranch as your "charitable organization" and begin searching! We have already earned \$15.49 since December 2008. Keep on GoodSearching!

FIRE

With the wildfire devastation in Yorba Linda and Sun Valley last year, we made an extra effort to clear brush this year during our Staff Training Week. We also increased our fire break an additional 30 feet parallel to and east of our fence by the barn. On July 2nd, a contractor hired by the Wolfskill Corporation started a fire while mowing weeds adjacent to our barn. Stan Scott saw the fire start and called his son Brad to bring a 2nd Caterpillar loader across the street from their dairy farm and blocked the fire from heading into our brush pile. Praise the Lord for their quick actions. With its path blocked, the fire burned east across our horse trails and all the way to Highway 79. The fire was put out in about 4 hours.

BONFIRE BONANZA

Our annual Bonfire Bonanza will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Huntington State Beach. We will have the Ranch truck and signs in the 2nd parking lot north of the Brookhurst entrance. We will try to have a number of campfire pits reserved with firewood, so bring your beach gear and claim your spot. This will give us a buffer from the adjacent beach goers when it comes time for the singing and message. Come early and enjoy the day. At 3:30 p.m. we will have a volleyball tournament followed by a time of worship led by Bible Baptist Church of Huntington Park. Pastor Jeshar Lubaton will be bringing the devotional which will tie into our summer camp theme of "Be Ready for Action." Bring your own food for a BBQ dinner, we will provide the marshmallows. The State Beach closes at 10:00 p.m.



VICTORY RANCH NEWSLETTER

September 2009

SUMMER CAMP REPORT

We are praising the Lord for three great weeks of camp! Pastor Mark Smith did an excellent job challenging our Juniors while Pat Odle did a great job with our Teens. Despite the economy, our numbers were slightly lower but not much lower than last year. We had 82 campers for Junior I, 120 for Teen Camp and 49 for Junior II. There were 21 salvation decisions, 18 rededications and 12 other decisions made with counselors and staff during our three weeks of camp. The last night of Teen Camp it was encouraging to see over 80 teens come forward and dedicate their lives to Christ around the campfire.

Were they truly sincere? Only time will tell. During Teen Camp, two gentlemen stopped by who had been campers here 35 years ago at our Teen Camp. They had come to camp from two different churches in our association, met and became friends. After 35 years they stopped by to see the "old camp" they remembered. One shared he still remembers each point "Doc" Scholes gave them each day from Philippians. The other showed me where he was sitting in our chapel when he gave his heart to Christ. What a blessing to hear those testimonies and look forward to hearing similar ones someday from the campers who were here this year.

The idea of inviting 3rd graders to participate in Junior Camp seemed to work well. Originally we thought we would need to give them a "handicap" in the scoring. However, our 3rd grade boys beat all the other cabins without it. We ended up with five 3rd grade girls and nine 3rd grade boys for our Junior I Camp. We look forward to having all of our campers come back next summer!

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Rentals are down from a year ago and we missed having some of our "regulars" here this year. The Ranch made \$35,000 less in income than we budgeted for in the 2nd quarter of 2009. Camper registrations weren't where they should have been. I even made the mistake of listening to the morning news. As I fed the horses one morning, I was dwelling on the negative instead of the positive. As I looked at the small stack of hay bales I wondered if we would still be able to get more hay in this economy. Less than an hour later my phone rang. It was a farmer from one of our churches. He asked if we were out of hay yet, and wanted to know if he and his family could donate some more.

Another area of concern was the Marshal for Teen Camp. Only a few weeks before camp we still did not have one. I shared this prayer request with Pastor Ron Schrock who was in Northern California. The next day he told me he had that very week open and could drive down to Southern California to fill the vacancy. Once again, God took care of the situation. What a lesson in keeping our focus where it needs to be. God knew our needs and already had the situations worked out without me needing to worry about them.

UPDATE ON DEB

Thank you for upholding Deb Cayot in your prayers. For anyone not aware of her situation, Deb Cayot was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer in 2007. After surgery and chemo therapy her "cancer count" fell below 35 in early 2008. Since then her numbers have been climbing. June's test results soared to 1146 then fell back to 968 in early July. The CT Scan revealed a 5 cm tumor and two smaller ones. A recent test in August shows that her numbers have soared to 1446. We are continuing her homeopathic treatment and will have a consultation with City of Hope in the weeks ahead.

WE NEED RIDING HELMETS

The Ranch has a new insurance carrier who is requiring helmets for horseback riders. We have been slowly acquiring helmets, but need more. Before we go out and buy any new helmets, we wanted to see if there were any readers who might have a helmet they no longer use. If you have one you wish to donate, please send it to the Ranch. Thank you to those who brought some out ahead of summer camp!

RANCH WORK DAY

Inspired by our sister camp, Camp Fairwood in Wisconsin, we decided to try a fall work day, November 20-21, 2009. Participants will be asked to register so we will know how to plan for food and accommodations. This is an opportunity for you to serve individually or as a family. No child care will be provided. If you are bringing a child or children, the idea will be for you to work as a family on a project. DO NOT BRING BICYCLES, SKATE BOARDS ETC., for the children. They should be working with you or in your general area. This is a teaching opportunity for you to work with your children and do something for the Lord.

Participants may check in any time on Friday, November 20th. You may start on a project when you arrive if it is still light outside. Due to Friday traffic we will not be serving a meal on Friday night. The game room will be open and the dining hall will stay open into the evening for games and fellowship. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. We will start work around 8:15 a.m. Lunch is at noon. Following lunch we will have another work session. We will wrap up between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. to get tools put away and give those staying on the property the opportunity to clean their room before heading home. Plan to join us. Feel free to bring your tools.

Projects may include: cleaning interior walls of cabins, windows, etc., painting, grounds clean up and tree trimming, plumbing, electrical, welding, digging trenches etc. Please indicate on the registration form of any special talent you have you think we might be able to utilize.

RANCH WORK DAY
Friday & Saturday
November 20-21, 2009

Name: _____
Names of family members attending:
(Please include ages of minors) _____

Specialty Skills:
(Please CIRCLE your specific skills below)

- Carpentry
- Concrete
- Cooking/Kitchen Help
- Electrical
- Landscape
- Mechanic
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Sewing
- Tree Trimming
- Upholstery
- Welder
- Equipment Operator: (please specify) _____

Other Skills: (please specify) _____

- Bringing your own camper/RV
- Bringing your own tent
- Staying in Ranch Housing

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