

# STRONG LEGACY

# NEW MOMENTUM



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A NOTE FROM

## PASTOR JON DECUIR

As we reflect on 2023, a season truly marked by God-spectation and new momentum, my prayer is that our hearts are filled with gratitude, hope and great expectation for this new year.





## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JON CONT.

I am incredibly grateful and humbled by this time of transition and passing the baton from our great leader, Bishop Milton M. White. All of your love and support has been so encouraging.

As we headed into 2024, I sense God calling us to be *grounded*. I believe there are a number of things that will happen this year that will require us to be grounded, secure, and unshakable in God and our faith.

# GROU

Being grounded will look like a commitment to growing in the word, engaging in worship, serving as witness and gathering for wisdom in a way we've never done it before.

Prayer and time in the presence of God will be vital for this next year. So, I want to challenge you to develop a listening ear for God's instruction and guidance. I believe this is a year where we will get to practice lowering the volume of all the noise that intends to distract from what matters most, God's voice.

This year may bring some calamity, but we have no need to fear.

We can be comforted by the words of the Psalmist David:

*"The Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." (Ps. 37:18-19)*

That said, I want to admonish you to prepare for what's coming this year by storing up, save your money, plant good seed, and have faith. I believe we will reap a harvest in due time.

*"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." (Rom. 1:17)*

# NDED



Love You All Dearly,

*Pastor Jon DeCuir*

# ELEVATION



## **BISHOP MILTON M. WHITE SR.**

faithfully served as Senior Pastor of Victory for 24 years. He has now elevated from Pastor to our resident "Bishop of The House". We are excited about his vision expanding to mentor, train, teach, disciple, and counsel pastors and churches making a global impact. We are grateful that he will continue to be present, fully supporting VBC and our Senior Pastor



# 2023

## REVIEW

We started the year with God-spectation and we could not have even imagined all of what God would do in and through us last year! Let's take a moment to reflect.



# ENGAGE MENT

**7854** PEOPLE ATTENDED  
SERVICE IN PERSON

**154** ON AVERAGE  
PER SUNDAY

**5491** TOTAL ON  
LIVE STREAM

**106** ON AVERAGE  
WATCHING LIVE



**50** PEOPLE  
ATTENDED  
VBC DNA

**20** BAPTISMS  
DURING  
THE YEAR



*Pictured: Attendees at the First VBC DNA Class*

# OUR IMPACT

**138** THANKSGIVING MEALS  
GIVEN AWAY IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH  
HARAMBEE MINISTRIES

**465** GIFTS GIVEN TO KIDS AND  
FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
HARAMBEE MINISTRIES

**100** FAMILIES RECEIVED  
PERSONAL PRAYER  
DURING OUR THIS IS US  
FAMILY DAY OF PRAYER

**936** PEOPLE ATTENDED THE  
**20TH ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE**  
AT THE AMBASSADOR  
AUDITORIUM

+

**100** VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING  
A 20 PIECE ORCHESTRA  
HELPED TO MAKE THIS  
HISTORICAL EVENT A  
SUCCESS!



Pictured: Pastor Jon with world renowned  
Conductor Melvin "Maestro" Lightford

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

## MEN OF VALOR

Hosted their second annual Men's Conference. It was an incredible opportunity from men across generations and varying backgrounds, to worship, be encouraged, and be challenged together. **Over 30 men attended.**



## BE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Formally Sisterhood, **our women's ministry relaunched with a new name**, but kept its same zeal and fire. The name change was inspired by the vision of our church and a desire to equip and empower women to BE all of who God created them to be,



## THIS IS US: HOT SUMMER DAY



This Is Us has become a bridge builder between the generations in our church, as well as an open invitation to people in our community to come, enjoy Godly fellowship and a good time. We have **over 200 people** join us for a fun packed day in the sun, with local vendors, food trucks, live music and more!



# CYM HIGHLIGHTS



## 11 CYM BAPTISMS

We witnessed 11 children and youth make a public declaration for following Jesus. Approximately half of them happened spontaneously at our This is Us Family Day of Prayer

## 32 STUDENTS TRANSFORMED

10 students from Victory Bible Church and the community joined 22 other students from around the nation to attend the LEAP Transformational training hosted by the GAP community in Idyllwild, CA. They spent four days being challenged, growing, and experiencing the transformative power of Jesus.



## 80 YOUTH AT GLOW NIGHT

Glow Night was an overnight worship experience for Middle and High School students. We had 80 students, many unchurched, who gathered to worship, have fun, and grow together.



*Pictured: VBC students at Lynching Memorial in Montgomery, AL*

## LEGACY CAME ALIVE

### YOUTH CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR

9 students from Victory along with Minister Quanesha attended a 7 day Civil Rights Tour. The tour was hosted by Fellowship's Center for racial reconciliation.

They joined other students and staff from Fellowship Monrovia and the Pasadena Stars program, where they visited a number of historical sights and museums in Louisiana, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Many students shared about how eye opening and emotional each experience was for them. One student shared, "I'm really grateful to have learned about my history in a real way, not just through a book."

## RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES

One of the highlights of the trip was being able to visit the John Perkins center and have lunch with Dr. John Perkins, founder of Harambee Ministries. Who, left an incredible legacy in our own community.

# CHURCH SUPPORT

Through God's provision and your faithful generosity we have been able to sustain in ministry while also sharing our resources with both the local and global community. We praise God for every single giver and their gift!

## 756 UNIQUE GIVERS

## 1.33 MILLION IN REVENUE



**32% SPECIALITY  
PROGRAMS**

Dedicated funds are set aside for specific purposes, such as building maintenance, missions and outreach,







# PREVIEW

As we head into 2024, we will enter grounded, eager to grow and deepen our spiritual lives, and excited to share our gifts and resources.

# 2024

# OUR VISION

Victory exists to equip all people to be disciples of Jesus Christ,

**TO DISCOVER THEIR PURPOSE**  
and conquer the challenges of life.

This new addition to mission statement reflects the vision given to our Pastor by God. He believes that every person has purpose that is meant be a solution to a problem in the world. A portion of our purpose is to equip people to discover theirs.



**CENTRAL TO THIS ARE THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES:**



**VBC  
ACADEMY**



**TECHNOLOGY  
IMPROVEMENTS**



**THE NEXT  
GENERATION**



# KEY INITIATIVES



## VBC ACADEMY

will provide biblical and practical classes both online and in- person to support the spiritual development of our congregation and anyone willing to go deeper in their faith. It's imperative that we are equipped with the knowledge and resources needed for biblical literacy, a strong faith, and discipleship. A full course schedule can be found on online.

## TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

As we seek to equip ALL people and inspire them to discover their purpose, upgrades to our stage, lighting, cameras and sound are crucial. They will be primary to how we expand our reach and impact people around the world.

## MINISTRY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



For the last 2 decades or so our Children and Youth Ministry has been committed to leading and serving children in our church and outside the four walls. **While, we are changing the name to Next Gen Ministries, our committment will remain the same!** Next Gen will equip Victory Kids ages 2-11, Victory Youth, 12-17, and Crossroads ages 18-35. Each will provide intentional discipleship opportunities and resources to serve the needs across the generations. Keep an eye out for ways to participate and support.



## **SPARK GENEROSITY. SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY.**

We have partnered with Palm Leaf Management to provide a platform for people to join us in giving to the good work happening both locally and globally. The 5 organizations that will be impacted by the generosity of those who give are near and dear to us. All of which we are personally connected to.

- The Jonah Inheritance
- The VBC Scholarship Fund
- Hearts Alive Zambia
- A Kid Like Aundon
- The Clergy Community Coalition

Learn more about each organization, how you can participate. and the benefits you receive because of your support.

**Visit [palmleafhelp.org](http://palmleafhelp.org)**

# A MOMENTOUS OCCASION

We are so excited about the official installation service for Pastor Jon DeCuir. This will indeed be a momentous occasion and we want to encourage all of our Victory family to be present for this historical moment in the life of our church.

## PASTORAL INSTALLATION SERVICE



**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 8, 2024  
7:00PM**

 **PASADENA CHURCH  
OF THE NAZARENE**

This is not a ticketed event, but keepsake tickets will be made available for those who would like them. Please continue to pray for our Pastor, our Bishop, and everyone connected in this time of great transition.

As you pray, allow God to reveal to how you can sow into this new momentum.





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