

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

**VICTORY WILL NOT REST UNTIL EVERYONE** KNOWS GOD IS FOR THEM AND HE HAS A **PURPOSE FOR** THEIR LIFE.





### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JON

What a year it has been.

As I look back on my first year as your lead pastor, I can only describe it as **a season of exponential growth**—not just for me, but for all of us. It was a year where we felt the weight of something new. For me, the difference between watching Bishop White pastor for years and me stepping into the role has been transformative, to say the least, and is still shaping me.

At times, it may have felt like things were moving fast, maybe even impossible. But what we didn't fully realize then—we see so clearly now. **God was pushing us, stretching us, preparing us.** What we once saw as a warning, we now understand as direction. He never just tells us what's coming—He equips us for what to do.

And church, we are moving with Him.

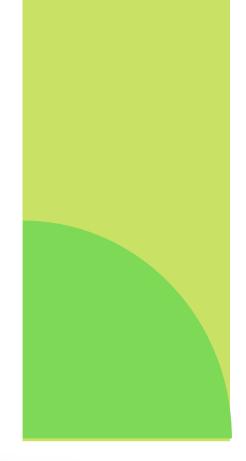
We're not just standing still in our faith; we are growing, spiritually and as a family. **We are stepping into the momentum of what God is doing**—not resisting it, but flowing with it. These last couple of months, we have seen doors open we never expected, challenges that are turning into testimonies, and our church come together like never before.

As we move forward, let's hold on to this truth: **God is with us,** and we are with Him.

This next season isn't just about witnessing God move—it's about being part of it. So let's step forward with faith, with boldness, and with a devotion that reflects who we are: **a church devoted to God, to His house, to legacy, and to each other.** 

I love you all more than words and I'm privileged to be your Pastor.

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A Year of Legacy and Devotion

# STRONG EGACY NEW MOMENTUM

Can you believe it's been a year since the sacred passing of the baton between Bishop White and Pastor Jon? On March 8th, 2024, we gathered for a powerful, spirit-filled installation service—a moment of divine transition that reflected the grace and wisdom of God's perfect timing. Since that day, we have witnessed not only a new season of leadership but also a seamless and honorable shift, as Bishop White stepped back with trust and Pastor Jon stepped forward with humility and strength. This transition has been widely recognized as a model of wisdom, unity, and grace—an inspiration to many. Under Pastor Jon's leadership, guided by the legacy of our beloved founder, Bishop James E. Henry and the wisdom of Bishop White, we journeyed 2024 with renewed momentum, fresh vision, and an unwavering devotion to the mission of Victory Bible Church. The foundation has been laid, and we move forward in faith, believing that the best is yet to come.

# WE ARE VICTORY!

#### HERE'S SOME OF OUR 2024 STATS

On average, **230 people attended service** every Sunday

**51,922 views** on Youtube

**Over 100 people** attended VBC Academy classes

**220 Visitors** filled out connect cards

#### 40 people got baptized

**Over 50 people** participated in VBC DNA

**Over 100 people attended our first VIP EXPO -** where we hosted local business owners and visionaries

Over **\$50,000 given away** in benevolence, scholarships, and outreach support to our partners through Palm Leaf Help.



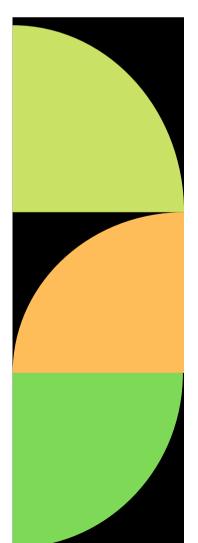












**Our Children & Youth Ministries are thriving!** We are witnessing incredible growth—both in numbers and in spiritual depth—as the next generation encounters God in a powerful way.

We've made discipleship accessible for every age group, ensuring that children and teens have a strong foundation of faith through engaging lessons, intentional mentorship, and meaningful connections. Our teaching and volunteer staff have teams expanded, creating even more opportunities for young people to grow, serve, and develop their gifts.

**This is more than just a ministry**—it's a movement. The future is bright, and we are committed to raising up bold, Spirit-filled Christ-followers who will impact their world for generations to come!

Want to be part of what God is doing? We're always looking for passionate and dedicated volunteers to help shape the next generation. Whether you love teaching, mentoring, or simply creating a welcoming environment, there's a place for you here! Join us in making a difference—because investing in our children and youth is investing in the future.



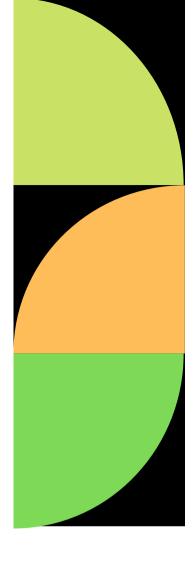
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#### CROSSROADS 2.0: It's more than a bible study

In 2024, Crossroads made a powerful return under the leadership of Pastor Brandon Lamar, creating a space where young adults could grow in faith and community. More than just a Bible study, Crossroads became a place for young adults and young professionals to navigate real-life challenges, build meaningful relationships, and be strengthened in their faith. What began as bimonthly gatherings with engaging, relevant quickly gained momentum, series consistently drawing 20-30 young adults hungry for truth and connection. Now, as we step into 2025, Crossroads has expanded to weekly gatherings, reflecting the deep desire for both spiritual and personal growth.

A defining moment of the year was **Restoration Night**, a transformative live podcast and panel featuring our own Pastor Jon and Grammy-winning artist Andra Day. This unforgettable night of raw, honest conversation and powerful testimonies ignited a renewed passion for faith, healing, and purpose. With a strong foundation in place, Crossroads is poised to impact even more lives, **equipping young adults to thrive** in every area of their lives.

IF YOU'RE A YOUNG ADULT LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO GROW, CONNECT, AND BE INSPIRED, CROSSROADS IS FOR YOU! JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 PM AND BE PART OF A MOVEMENT THAT'S CHANGING LIVES. YOU BELONG HERE.





### **RHYTHMS & FLOW** A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



TO REMEMBER

Through world-class breakout sessions, engaging activities, and powerful small group discussions, we explored how aligning with God's flow leads to greater effectiveness, fulfillment, and impact. **It wasn't just a conference; it was a divine reset,** equipping leaders to serve with renewed purpose and passion.

VICTORY GRUNCH MCTORY GRUNCH Our 2024 Leadership Conference was truly one for the books! Designed for everyone serving in our church—and even opened to the community—this unforgettable experience was all about **stepping into God's rhythm** for our lives and the way we serve in ministry.



At our church, **service is more than just volunteering**—it's a pathway for discipleship. If you're ready to grow in your faith and make a difference, there's a place for you on one of our teams! Step into the rhythm of what God is doing and discover how He can use you in ways beyond what you ever imagined. **Join a VTeam today!** 





This year was especially significant as we gathered in our newly renovated sanctuary with upgraded sound and technology that allowed us to host the experience at home in a way we've never been able to before. It was a moment of gratitude celebrating not just a beautiful space, but the faithfulness of God that has carried us into a new season.



For the first time, we hosted two unique experience nights! From the From the soulful vibes of Jazz & R&B Night to the spirit-filled sounds of Gospel Night, every moment was an experience of excellence, worship, and the undeniable presence of God, every moment was filled with excellence, worship, and the presence of God. And to top it off, our pastor and choir debuted their **newly** released song, Just a Moment, making this night truly historic.

# DEVOTED

In 2024, we launched the Devoted Campaign, a bold, 18-month journey rooted in Acts 2:42-47, calling us to be a church wholly committed to prayer, generosity, and transformation. With a vision to honor our legacy while preparing for the future, **this campaign set out to raise funds for critical upgrades** that would strengthen our ability to serve, gather, and impact our community for generations to come.

Since launching, Phase 1: Devoted to This House has brought **incredible progress.** Through the generosity and faithfulness of our church family, we have completely transformed our worship experience with major stage upgrades, new sound and camera systems, fresh paint and window shades, and vital interior repairs.

Beyond the sanctuary, we've made exterior improvements to Henry Hall, completed electrical rewiring, installed a new handicap ramp, and enhanced office spaces. And because of continued giving, **we've already begun additional renovations,** including much-needed kitchen upgrades—ensuring we can better serve our congregation and community.

### TO LEGACY TO EACH OTHER

### TO GOD To his house

These upgrades also **allowed us to bring the Christmas Experience to life like never before**—executing it at a level we've never been able to in our own building. It was a powerful moment that showcased what's possible when we invest in the house God has given us.

The impact of this campaign became even more evident as Victory Bible Church stood at the forefront of serving and hosting those in need during the fires. **These upgrades positioned us to show up well**, offer refuge, and be a beacon of hope when our city needed it most.

As we continue this journey, we remain devoted—not just to a building, but to the mission God has given us. We encourage everyone to continue giving toward their pledges, trusting that God will multiply every seed sown. Together, we are building something lasting, stewarding well, and ensuring that Victory Bible Church remains a place of transformation for generations to come.

### JUST Getting Started



appx 3%funded

#### PHASE 1

#### \$550,120 of 2.5 Million Pledged

We are grateful for every pledge and offering sown towards the campaign, **it's not too late to participate!** 





PHASE 2



























### THE GET BACK YEAR

#### "CAST YOUR BREAD UPON THE WATERS, FOR AFTER MANY DAYS YOU WILL FIND IT AGAIN. DIVIDE YOUR PORTION AMONG SEVEN, OR EVEN EIGHT, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT DISASTER MAY BEFALL THE LAND." ECC.11:1-2

Even in the face of calamity and uncertainty, we will heed the word of the Lord. New Year's Eve God gave us clear instruction and direction for 2025. We will choose to be wise, be generous, and full of faith this year.

### UNITY IS OUR Secret Weapon

From the very beginning of this crisis, we knew that the only way forward was together. Through generosity, resilience, and an unshakable commitment to one another, we have come together and provided more than we could imagine over the last 60 days.

- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- LODGING
- GRANTS
- GIFT CARD
- TRANSPORTATION

### 23 CARS 5,005 BOOKED HOTEL ROOM NIGHTS \$1,079,286,32



### FROM THE LA FIRE RELIEF FUND TO HOLD DENA

Victory Bible Church has transitioned its fire relief initiatives from the LA Fire Relief Fund to HOLD Dena, a consortium dedicated to providing immediate relief and long-term support to families and businesses affected by the Eaton Fire.

HOLD Dena, which stands for **Healing**, **Opportunity**, **Land**, **Development**, aims to restore dignity and rebuild futures by offering urgent relief, restoration with dignity, and lasting support to rebuild homes, restore hope, and revive our community.

Through HOLD Dena, we will mobilize capital and deploy resources to residents and families who need it most, pioneering a vision for revitalization that includes the multi-generational family ecosystem at the heart of our city.

#### HOLDDENA.ORG

### THE LEGACY LAND PROJECT

is part of HOLD Dena's broader efforts and aligns with our comittment to restore and rebuild after the fires. Not just restoring and rebuilding structures, but people. This project is dedeciated to offering **full wrap-around support and services** to those impacted by the fire.



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