



"But let it be the
hidden man of the
heart, in that which
is not corruptible,
even the ornament
of a meek and quiet
spirit, which is in
the sight of God of
great price."

1 Peter 3:4

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

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January 7, 2026

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY HELPS
The Velasquez Family, Spain & The Stover Family, Peru

WHOSE ADORNING LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD
ADORNING OF PLAITING THE HAIR, AND OF WEARING
OF GOLD, OR OF PUTTING ON OF APPAREL;
-1 PETER 3:3 KJV

FOR AFTER THIS MANNER IN THE OLD TIME THE HOLY
WOMEN ALSO, WHO TRUSTED IN GOD, ADORNED
THEMSELVES, BEING IN SUBJECTION UNTO THEIR OWN
HUSBANDS:
-1 PETER 3:5 KJV

meekness

|mik-nuhs| noun

*a submissive and teachable
spirit toward God that
reveals itself in general
consideration toward others*

**Meekness is not weakness,
but spiritual strength
harnessed for service.**



Sunday School @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM

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PHYSICAL NEEDS/CANCER

Bates, Jensen (Toddler with Leukemia.)
 Baxter, Georgia (friend of Chambers)
 Browning, Tex (Intestinal Cancer Stage 3- Now on Hospice)
 Buchanan, Gary (Prostate Cancer)
 Cook, Donna (D. Nation's cousin-Bone Cancer.)
 Cratty, Dale (Ms. Nora's friend-Uterine Cancer.)
 Deitz, Beverly (Friend of June Fox-Cancer)
 Driggers, Bill (Prostate Cancer-Radiation)
 Duvall, Kathy (Friend of Jane W.-Stomach Cancer)
 Duvall, Larry (Debbie L. Brother-Melanoma cancer.)
 Fitzgerald, Michelle (Mike F. sister-Breast Cancer.)
 French, Jan (Friend of Carol E. -Lung Cancer & caregiver, Marcie)
 Godfrey, Paul (P. Mills brother-in-law-Stage 4 Bone Cancer)
 Henry, Larry (Prostate Cancer)
 Holden, Jerry (Uncle of Shaye, Cheryl & Tammy- Tumor in abdomen area.)
 Holland, Glenda (Friend of Steve & Harriett Angel-Leukemia)
 Houck, Amy (G. Bowles' Niece-Breast Cancer-50 years old)
 Howard, Pam (Friend of A. Jones-Lung Cancer.)
 Jones, Brian (Brain Tumor)
 Jones, Jeffrey (Brian's brother-Surgery & Chemo.)
 Loftis, Katie (Skin cancer-lymph nodes.)
 Mabrey, Robin (D. Lambert's friend)
 McCoy, Wanda (D. Lambert's friend)
 Nations, Debbie (Melanoma on her ear. Pray for healing.)
 Pollard, Wanda (D. Green's friend-Bone Cancer.)
 Pritchett, Marie (Cousin of the LaVigne family-Aggressive form of cancer.)
 Ray, Mike (L. Henry's Brother-in-law-Brain aneurysm & Cancer.)
 Riva (H. Parris' 1st cousin-Cancer.)
 Juanita (Friend of L. George.- Pancreatic Cancer)

SERVICEMEN Prayer List

Schweinsaupt, Jonathan (Deployed for 6 months.)

McGaha, Jay (Pastor's nephew- Marines-Graduated bootcamp and on to the next step of service. He is now in Pensacola, FL)

Bryson, Kevin (Debbie N. nephew-Army Reserves deployed to the border in Del Rio, TX for one year.)

PRAYER LIST OF MISSIONARIES

McKinney, Ron & Kay (Physical needs)

The Vance Family (Physical needs)

Hawke, Robert & Jean (Physical needs)

Dehart, Ted & Dawn (Recovery from recent surgeries.)

Suttle, Brooks (Torn ACL, MCL & Meniscus in left knee.)

Bell, Todd (Platelet count and health issue.)

PRAYER LIST OF PREACHERS

Bagwell, Benny & Beth

Winch, Don (Back Pain and declining health.)

Matthews, Scott (Cancer has returned in his lymph nodes and a spot in his stomach.)

Moore, Gary (Recovering from heart by-pass surgery.)

Masitto, Marty & Pam

PHYSICAL NEEDS/OTHER

Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)
 Allison, Noeline (Friend of E. Johnson-Stomach Surgery.)
 Anders, Wayne (Friend of Howard P./Heart issues.)
 Antes, Aretta (Cousin of D. LaVigne-Unknown Physical issues.)
 Arceneau, Willow (Carol E. granddaughter-Encephalitis)
 Barnes, Mary (Carol E. sister-Salvation)
 Bennett, Kay (Friend of The Parris' - Health issues.)
 Blankenship, Janie (Physical needs.)
 Chambers, Shannon (Ron C. DILaw-Physical needs.)
 Chambers, Reggie & Edith (Ron Chamber's uncle & aunt-Physical needs)
 Chandler, Sheila (Friend of E. Johnson-Dialysis.)
 Clark, Melena & Edward-Mother & Son (Salvation and freed from drug usage.)
 Clayton, Jerry & Marian (Physical needs.)
 Cottongim, Phyllis (Health & Daily care)
 Cunningham, Willa Mae (R. Parris' sister - Physical needs.)
 Douglas, Loretta (Longtime friend of Arlene D.-Possible Leg amputation.)
 Freeman, Randall (Jane's friend-Health Issues)
 Green, Bud (Macrodeg. Eye disease and salvation.)
 Greene, Grayson (G. Greene's Granddaughter-Health Issues)
 Hamilton, Beth (Jane W.- Beth's husband, age 36, passed away)
 Hatcher, Mike (The Einstein's Son Health issues.)
 Henry, Jimmy (General health after a liver transplant.)
 Hohenstein, Gisela (Friend of Jane W.-Severe health issues.)
 Hunter, Kent & Elaine (Friends of H. Parris-Health issues.)
 Johnson, Teresa (VCS Lunchroom Lady-Health issues)
 Jones, Arlene (Recent Eye Surgeries)
 Jones, Lynne (Friend of Carol E.-health problems and selling her cabin. Also, Carrie Keith-Heart problems.)
 Lance, Tom (Tracy McGaha's Father- Rehab Center in Asheville.)
 Lawson, Sandra (Friend of E. Johnson-Back Surgery)
 Lee, Bill (D. Greene's Brother-Health issues)
 Matthews, Brian (Friend of Jane W.- Health issues)
 McMahan, Bob (Health issues.)
 McMahan, Mag (Please pray for her and her caregivers.)
 Mills, Barbara (Friend of M. Fitzgerald-Dementia and her daughter has she cares for her.)
 Montgomery Family (Friends of the Hughes' -Physical, emotional & spiritual needs.)
 Owen, Mike (Cousin of D. LaVigne) Problems after back surgery.)
 Payne, Judy (Jane W. neighbor-Broken hip)
 Pinsonbarger, Jo (Friend of J. Weaver-Heart Trouble)
 Polacek, Sarah (The Hughes' niece-25 yrs old, diagnosed with Lupus.)
 Reed, Jennifer (Health issue)
 Ridley, Noah (Megan's son. Duke for further testing.)
 Rish, Bruce (Health Issue)
 Rivera, Rafael (Bitterness toward God & father's salvation)
 Schweinsaupt, Samuel, Laura, Gavin & Lincoln (Please pray that the court will do the right thing for Lincoln.) Samuel has been in the hospital with heart issues. Doing better, but needs prayer.
 Schweinsaupt, Timothy (Upcoming court case.)
 Smith, Wayne (Salvation)
 Stin, Jenifer (Jewish lady who needs salvation)
 Sumner, Mark (Health Issues-Not doing well.)
 Tacia, Jerry (Friend of D. Greene-Hospital & Rehab)
 Ward, Paul (Valerie Dillard's father- Stage 5 Kidney Disease.)
 Wood, Shaye (Knee problem and pain.)
 The Gray Family (Special request)
 Mickey & Elaine (Lord we lift them up to you!)
 Stephens, Kevin (VCS Car accident- Complete healing.)
 Debbie Coffey's Mother (Physical needs.)
 Darren & Maureen (Continued healing for Darren)
 John Santjer's Family (His mother died in a car accident in Florida on 12/30/25. Prayers for them.)
 Stewart, William (Barry) (Lost wife of 60+ years. Alone and depressed.)
 Church Family that are sick.
 Family of Rolla Daringer-Funeral service will be Thursday @ 2:00 PM here at VBC. Receiving of Friends from 1 -2 PM.

Please pray for our Pastor & Family.
 Please pray for VCS & our Youth.



Mark Your Calendar

**Sign Up for Bible Study Class,
beginning 1/12/26 @ 6:00 PM.**

“Cults & False Religions”

Books \$6.00

Saturday, 01/17/26 @ 8:00 AM

Men's Prayer Breakfast in the VCS Cafeteria

Sunday, 01/25/26 AM Service

“TEEN TAKEOVER”

Sunday, 01/25/26 @ 5:30 PM

ANNUAL MEETING

Faith Promise 2025-2026

\$105,000.00 Budget

January Monthly Faith Promise

Offerings: \$3,213.00

**Missions: The Investment you can
Bank on for Eternity!**

Monthly Payout: \$8,315.00

Thank you for giving to Missions!

Faith Promise Slips for 2025/2026

\$62,476.00



Missionary Prayer Bookmarks

@ The Welcome Center

Choose yours and remember to pray!



SNOW TUBING

TEEN EVENT

**Please sign up @ the
Welcome Center.**



Food Drive

**Please visit the
Welcome Center to
take note of the items needed for
Food Bags.**

VBC Food Bags

**Please Sign up @ The Welcome Center to
Volunteer on Saturday to
hand out food bags.**

Thank you.

For more Info: Please Contact Jason L.



Teen Extreme Camp 2026

**Please sign up at the Welcome Center, if
you would be interested in attending.
Teen Extreme Camp in 2026.**



Charles Spurgeon

**You may fear that the Lord has passed
you by, but it is not so: he who counts the
stars, and calls them by their names, is in
no danger of forgetting his own children.
He knows your case as thoroughly as if
you were the only creature he ever made,
or the only saint he ever loved. Approach
him and be at peace.**

AZ QUOTES

Financial Reports for Annual Meeting will be available Sunday.

The Velasquez Family

Missionaries to Spain



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December 10, 2025

Dear Pastor, Congregation and Friends,

It has taken me a little longer than usual to send this letter out, but I'm so excited to let you know what God has been doing since our last update. Before anything else, **I want to share the wonderful news that Antonia, an elderly Spanish lady that our whole church has been evangelizing, has come to faith in Christ!** She started attending church services earlier this year. At first she was hard-hearted and resistant to the gospel, but little by little the Holy Spirit started breaking down her resistance, until on September 29 she gave a clear profession of faith. Well, she is being discipled by one of the ladies in the church and will be baptised soon. Praise the Lord!

Now for the remainder of the letter, I want to inform you of what we've been so busy doing since September, and why I've delayed a little bit in sending out our Fall prayer letter. The work of God is advancing in unexpected ways here in Colmenar Viejo, Madrid. But before I give you the exciting news, let me give you some background. In 2023 our family befriended an American family that we met through the American Christian school that our three youngest kids attend. Well, after some months of developing our friendship with them, they started attending the church in Colmenar. While we were thrilled to have them attending our church, we were also burdened by the fact that the language was a barrier to them fully understanding the sermons and being able to fellowship with the Spanish-speaking congregation. So one day, we approached them with the idea of starting an English Bible study in our home, and that we did.

Then we met another family at the Christian school, who had come to Spain to serve in the school. One of the first things the husband asked me was, "Is your church in Spanish?" The reason he asked was because he was looking for an English-speaking church for his family, as they settled into their new life in Spain. So we invited them to our English Bible study and together with the other family we began to pray about the possibility of starting a more fully developed English ministry through our church in Colmenar. At this point we were only thinking of using technology to allow the English speakers to understand what was going on in the service.

Well, then I got a call from Scot and Carol Musser, the missionary couple that started the Christian school, and they shared with me that there were more people that were interested in an English-speaking church in the Colmenar/Tres Cantos area. One of the main reasons for the interest from the Mussers and others was the growing number of American families that are moving close to where we live, because of Life International School (the American Christian school). **At that point we started seriously considering starting an English church, using the same building as the Spanish church.** So we met with the people that were interested and the response was very positive. And just like that we began to move forward with plans to start an English church. Now we explained to those interested that the English church would be a church plant of the Spanish church and that it would have the same doctrine and practice as the Spanish church. So for the past 11 weeks we have been meeting with a core group of about 27 people and we've been discussing important subjects such as the nature of the church, the meaning of church membership, the mission of the church, etc... We've also been going through our statement of faith to make sure that we are all on the same page doctrinally. **The official constituting service will be January 11!**

Please know that this does not mean that we are changing our ministry focus. We are still very much here to reach the Spanish people. The English ministry will be an addition to the ministry we already have. But what we're really excited about is the possibility of reaching Spaniards through the English church. We are praying that many will visit to practice their English or experience American culture, and will come to faith in Christ as a result. God is so good! In our next letter, I will let you know how the constituting service went. Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support!

Reaching Spain for Christ,

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The Stover Family

ROBERT, SARA, JOSIAH, CALEB, JOSHUA, LYDIA, ZACHARY, ELIJAH, MELODY & TIMOTHY



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

MISSIONARIES TO PERÚ

Camp Property

We were able to raise \$1,200 towards the camp property through an activity that we had with our team of churches on November 1. God has provided close to half of the money needed to purchase the property (approximately \$5,000 is still needed). Please pray that God would continue to guide us as there are exciting opportunities that await us in the coming days.

Missions Conference

We had a great time during our 4th Missions Conference. The church almost doubled their faith promise giving, pledging to give around \$300 monthly to missions. We are thankful for the 5 missionaries we are currently able to support, and we hope to be able to give more to missions.

Discipleship

It is a blessing to be able to continue to teach people God's Word. Recently, 4 people finished the discipleship course we use. It is our desire that the Lord would continue to save people and raise up new laborers for His harvest.

Christmas Activities

December 6, we had a Christmas recital in which each team church presented special music with presentations of the Gospel spread throughout the program. Also, the youth ensemble from the churches sang several songs with beautiful harmony. They have worked hard over the past few months, and it definitely showed. Two young people from our church participated in the ensemble. We were able to rent a theater downtown which held more than 200 people. There were many visitors and we distributed

Gospel tracts to people passing by as well.

We have also had a number of Christmas activities at our church these past few days. The young people had a banquet, where they were awarded for different competitions they have had throughout the year. 16 ladies came for the Christmas dinner and secret-sister gift exchange we hosted at our home. December 20-21 we presented our Christmas cantata 2 times. God blessed with nearly 30 people singing in the adult and teen choir. The children also participated. There were 15 visitors who came over the two days. We pray God will work in hearts through the presentations of the Gospel that were given. We were able to distribute gifts to more than 40 children who attend our church. It was a great time with many people working together.

Family

We have finished the first semester of the school year, and everyone has been working hard. We have had several birthdays in recent days: Joshua (15), Robert, and Elijah (10). We are thankful for another year to serve the Lord and also would like to thank those of you who take the time to send cards, messages, and gifts for these special days.

Upcoming Activities

A busy summer season is upon us. Please pray as we prepare for:

- Family Camp (Jan. 14-17)
- Teen Camp (Feb. 24-28).
- VBS (February)

Our theme for this year is "Brave Until the Victory." Please pray for us as we work and prepare and that many will be helped and encouraged.

We are grateful for each of you for your faithful love, prayers, and support. Thank you to those who blessed us with special Christmas gifts. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our family to yours!
Rejoicing in the Newborn King,

Robert & Sara Stover and Family

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From the Heart of a Pastor - “What The New Year May Bring”



Ecclesiastes has been called by some, *The Book of Ancient Wisdom for Modern Man*. In this *book* we find that Solomon has gathered all the people of Israel together and preaches to them this sermon dealing with his backsliding. The very scope of this *book* is to expose the vanity of all worldly enjoyments; to show that man's happiness does not lie in natural wisdom and knowledge, or in worldly wealth; or in the mere externals of religion, but in God and the worship of Him.

Ecclesiastes shows us the experiences of a man who had tried everything under the sun to satisfy his heart and who had learned that it was all vanity. After years of searching, Solomon now sees that it was useless to seek for pleasure in those things that are temporal at best. In *Ecclesiastes* we learn that without Christ we cannot be satisfied even if we possess the whole world. Throughout the *book* we find Solomon, led by the Holy Spirit, penning words that are both powerful and practical. With rich poetic language he gives us insight into how it is we should live our lives in this present world.

Here we find practical living at its best. As you read these words, the world is embracing the changes that come every time we say goodbye to the old year and welcome a new one. 2026 will be a year that will indeed bring with it many challenges and opportunities. It will be a year that will undoubtedly be different than those before it. It is at this time that many people make “New Year's Resolutions.” They decide that they are going to lose weight or save more money or worry less; and the list goes on and on. But resolutions are limited.

Yet for the Christian, there are some positive aspects to making “New Year's Resolutions.” There is something to be gained from setting goals for ourselves and striving to achieve them; so long as they are pleasing to the Lord. The *Scriptures* give us numerous examples of people who did just such a thing. They vowed a vow unto the Lord and trusted in Him and His Spirit to give them the strength to bring it to pass. As we continue into this New Year, we as believers in Christ should look to the One who holds all of our tomorrows in His capable hands. As we continue to turn our eyes upon Jesus, let us be faithful to do those things that He has called us to do.

It is my prayer that 2026 will be one of the greatest years that Victory Baptist Church has ever experienced. Will you join with me as we labor together in our Master's vineyard and as we await the harvest that He will bring? It is my sincere prayer that God will continue to bless you and your family this year as together we serve a risen, living, soon returning Savior.