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Manager's Thoughts

In the story about Peter walking on the water, Peter saw the wind after he left the boat and cried, "Lord, save me!" After everyone was in the boat, the disciples worshipped Jesus saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Mt 14:28-33, NIV). The Rio Grande Valley Baptist Association including Valley Baptist Retreat is processing changes. Let us rejoice in Jesus Christ and not fear the waves. Sometimes, God disturbs us to improve the future. By faith we are able to see challenges turn into opportunities and praise.

Many accomplishments have exceeded our expectations this year. There have been 25 baptisms in our remodeled pool. Over \$9,000 worth of roofing has been donated for our deteriorating metal roof, the grove experienced increased sales and income by almost 25% this past season and the Christmas Stocking Ministry experienced a 1500 stocking increase over last year.

Romans 8:28

Shining for Christ,

Jon P Orcutt

Reaching the Rio Grande Valley and Northern Mexico for Christ

Winter Texan Prayer Group



When one of our ladies felt an urging from the Lord to begin a ladies' prayer time, the Wednesday Women Prayer Group was born at Valley Baptist Retreat. Each Wednesday at 1:30pm, the sewing machines were silenced and the women gathered in the quilting room. They come to share burdens and pray for one another's needs. We prayed for our children, grandchildren, relatives in the military, and a granddaughter's sick cat. Each request is important and is lifted to the Lord. The prayer focus differs week to week. As we have continued to pray for our burdens, we have also prayed for friends, lost people in our lives, and our camp leaders. Each session closes with singing, "We are One in the Bond of Love". This time has truly bonded us together, and as the song lyrics state, "We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God."

By: Donna Sumpter

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.' Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

1 Peter 4:8-10 NKJV

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A quiet place to have a conversation with God.

Did you know?

Valley Baptist Retreat Facilities include:

- Dorm space available for 232 people
- 8 Family units—4 people per room
- Conference Rooms—seating for 75 and 200
- Dining Hall—250 seating capacity (can be divided)
- Swimming pool, basketball court and volleyball court

Come & Enjoy!

A Renovated Pool



Great Oaks Community Church from Mission, Texas baptized five new believers in Christ in the camp's pool and afterwards had a great fellowship in the Lord. Here you see Pastor Israel Rodriguez baptizing a young man. Come and baptize and enjoy the beautiful camp God has provided here in Mission at VBR.



Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel from McAllen, Texas had their Easter church fellowship at our camp and had a pool party with over 100 people enjoying the camp grounds.

Pastor Alex Serrano said, "We have wonderful facilities."

Make God's camp your camp!!