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VICTORY
CHURCH





**CHALLENGING
EVERYDAY
PEOPLE TO
EXPERIENCE
EVERY VICTORY
IN JESUS!**

UPDATE

FROM OUR PASTORS

DEAR VICTORY CHURCH FAMILY,

As we reflect on the year 2023, we are filled with deep gratitude for all that God has accomplished in and through our church community. Last year, our theme of “Rooted & Grounded” has been more than just a slogan—it has been a guiding principle, shaping our actions, decisions, and priorities.

In the pages that follow, you’ll encounter an array of remarkable statistics and figures. But behind each numerical value lies Jesus victories—stories of families, fathers, mothers, children, men and women—each experiencing victory after victory in their lives. It is an honor to be a part of these stories of victory, redemption, and hope.

Personally, I have been deeply moved by the words penned by Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. In chapter 3, Paul’s impassioned prayer for the church to be “rooted and grounded” in God’s boundless love resonated deeply within my soul. Inspired by his heartfelt posture, I made a commitment to lift up this prayer over our church family each morning—a practice I have carried over into the new year.

We are immensely proud of our entire Pastoral and Support staff, our Board of Directors, as well as our dedicated Elders. These are men and women we love to do life



and ministry with. We have watched them live out our core values and mission daily as they serve the church. Moreover, we deeply appreciate the dedicated Victory Teams, comprising 363 volunteers who selflessly give of their time and talents to support our church's mission and ministries.

2023 marked our first full year as Victory Church following our transition from being a multi-site ministry with numerous campuses. We are in awe at how God has blessed us in numerous ways! As a church we are healthy, growing, and experiencing the Presence of God weekly!

Thank you for being a vital part of Victory Church's mission in 2023. Together, let us continue to challenge everyday people to experience every victory in Jesus, knowing that He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world.

In Christ's Victory,
Pastors Juan & Deidre

LEADERSHIP

PASTORAL STAFF



Juan & Deidre Rivera
Lead Pastors



Danielle Gutierrez
Youth Pastor



Brenden Lewis
Worship & Young
Adults Pastor



Brie Lewis
Kids Pastor



Chris Russo
Connections Pastor



Rita West
Associate Pastor



Isaiah Rowe
Operations Pastor



Gary Sweet
Care Pastor



Sara Rolland
Nursery Director



Mandy Diaz
Office Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Pastor Juan Rivera
President



Matthew Stroia
Vice President



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Secretary



Vicki Gonzalez
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April Alexander

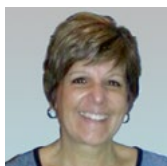


Tim Meris



Dr. Sandy Kulkin

COUNCIL OF ELDERS



Arlene Arroyo



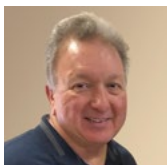
Kevin Diaz



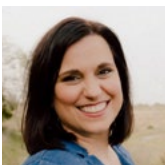
Vicki Gonzalez



Sendo Gutierrez



Tim Meris



Pastor Deidre Rivera



Pastor Juan Rivera



Pastor Isaiah Rowe



Pastor Chris Russo



Matthew Stroia



Pastor Rita West

The Board of Directors

at Victory Church is a dedicated volunteer team responsible for managing the corporate affairs of the organization. They serve as custodians and overseers of all properties and immovable assets owned by the Corporation. Additionally, they bear fiduciary responsibilities to ensure the proper stewardship and financial integrity of the church's resources.

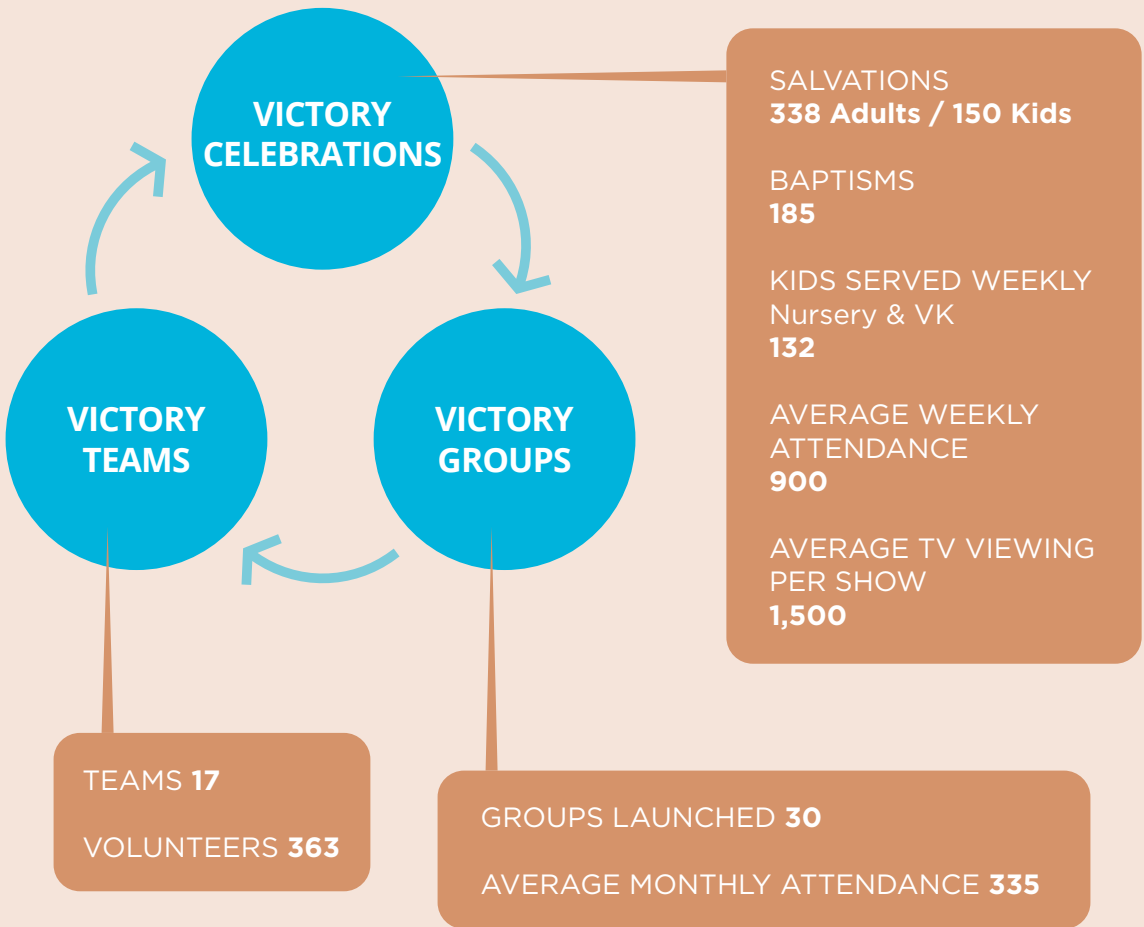
The Council of Elders

at Victory Church oversees spiritual and clerical matters within the congregation. They offer direction, exercise spiritual authority, provide leadership, and offer guidance to the congregation under the leadership of the Lead Pastor. Additionally, the Elders play a role in managing the disbursement of Kingdom Builders dollars, ensuring these funds are used effectively to support the church's mission and outreach efforts.

2023

ROOTED & GROUNDED

THE VICTORY WAY



2023

FINANCIALS

MORTGAGE

VCC COITSVILLE

\$7,303,715

VICTORY CHURCH

\$3,366,143

TITHES & OFFERINGS

INCOME

\$2,345,125

EXPENDITURE

\$2,275,314

- Ministry/Operations **23.36%**
- Mortgage **13.89%**
- Personnel **50.79%**
- Facilities **8.98%**

KINGDOM BUILDERS

INCOME

\$459,498

EXPENDITURE

\$507,410

- Global **70.66%**
- Local **38.02%**
- Next Generation **11.29%**

KB MISSION TRIPS

48 PARTICIPANTS / El Salvador (King's Castle Ministries)

4 PARTICIPANTS / India (Wonder Kids)

GIVING

TWO BUCKET SYSTEM

MORTGAGE

MINISTRY/ OPERATIONS

Expenses of doing ministry from infant through seniors (print, signage, equipment, supplies, events, groups, etc).

FACILITIES

Maintenance of property and utilities

PERSONNEL

Payroll for 32 employees



JOIN THE GENEROSITY JOURNEY!

One of our measures at Victory Church is 'I command my finances.' We want you to win and thrive in your finances so that you can live a generous life. We invite you to join the Generosity Journey and become a Kingdom Builder with your finances so that through your giving more people can experience Jesus victories in their lives just like you have!



GLOBAL

US (outside of our local communities) and international missionaries, ministries, organizations, and projects

LOCAL

Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania ministries, organizations, and projects

NEXT GENERATION

Investing in the spiritual growth of future Christian leaders — Youth & Kids Camp, Fine Arts, Conferences, VBS, etc.

STORIES

JESUS VICTORIES

KARRINGTON BOSTIC

My Jesus Story began seven years ago

when I received the news of my boyfriend's unexpected fatal car accident. Upon hearing the news, I was fully aware that my life was about to change forever. Having developed a resilient exterior over the years, I was able to accept the reality of the situation with a sense of shock rather than denial. However, this initial acceptance masked the deep emotional pain that would follow, a state that would last for the next five and a half years. In an attempt to deal with the pain and agony that was coming, I tried to align my heart and mind with the harsh truth and acknowledge that tragedy unfortunately welcomes a great deal of sadness, depression, and a lot of tears. But deep down, I became lost and broken in a matter of seconds. I didn't realize it at the time, but this pain and poor coping mechanism would be the beginning of the Lord's pull on my heart.

At the time, I don't think I had given any thought to whether Jesus would heal my broken heart. I mean, I knew He was a healer; I believed the series of testimonies I'd heard in church and had even witnessed others being healed by His power and grace. But for some reason, and as silly as it sounds, I didn't think it was available to me. I thought, "They have it worse than I do, which makes them deserving

of it." (The phrase "someone always has it worse" never sat well with me.) Right, they are deserving. Wrong to believe that there's competition in tragedy. Pain is still pain, and grief is still grief.

My perception of God was skewed, seeing Him as a ruler rather than a loving Father who desires to heal our pain and restore us with peace, love, and joy.

As time passed, I developed unhealthy habits and hid my pain, thinking it was a badge of honor. But behind closed doors, I was struggling. I was suffocating under the weight of my grief, trapped in a vicious cycle, and I didn't know how to escape. I realized I needed to surrender, but most importantly, I needed to believe that Jesus wanted to restore not only my pain but also my faith. I needed to trust that He wanted to heal my broken heart and restore me to a place of peace, love, and joy.

In December 2022, I cried out, "God, I'm all in." I was exhausted from trying to fix myself and



As I drew close to Him, He drew close to me, revealing Himself as a loving Father.

When I began to walk with the Lord, I knew I needed a firm foundation of wise counsel from the church to encourage me. So, I sought out Victory Groups, which are regularly offered at the church. I chose groups that would not only draw me closer to God but also connect me with women who could serve as wise mentors, helping me live a healthy lifestyle. One group that holds a special place in my heart is “Building a Resilient Life.” It was there that I

realized that He was the only one capable of doing what I had been trying to do on my own for so many years. I began saying no to all of the unhealthy habits I created over the years and started moving forward, describing healing as army crawls with the Holy Spirit as my encourager.

met my close-knit group of sisters in Christ, who have provided guidance, encouragement, and sharpened my connection with the Lord — all things I had been praying for.

Inviting Jesus into my broken space was the turning point. As I drew close to Him, He drew close to me, revealing Himself as a loving Father who wanted to heal my broken heart. And along the way, I discovered that Jesus doesn’t just heal us; He also wants to give us unconditional love and guide us to a better life.

Seven years later, the Lord has shown Himself strong in my life; my faith has grown stronger and remains unwavering. If I could tell my 22-year-old self what was on the other side of that unfortunate event, she would’ve welcomed Jesus and grief much differently. I would tell her that the God she viewed as only a ruler would restore her and show up as her anchor of hope, main source of happiness, love, and joy — a friend and favorite resting place.



DON NEWELL

My medical journey started in March of 2020 when I was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Because it was during Covid, I was only able to go to a local hospital to have a section of my rectum removed. I was cancer free until October of 2023 when my cancer returned. This time I did go to Cleveland Clinic for twenty-five days to receive chemo and radiation. After the twenty-five days I was off for five weeks. I then returned to Cleveland Clinic to have a Sigmoidoscopy which not only showed no tumor but a new rectum. God answered my prayer — PRAISE GOD for answered prayers!

2024

YEAR OF YES

PRAYER

- Pre-Service Prayer (8:20a/10:20a — Life Center)
- Join a Victory Group on Prayer this year

DISCIPLESHIP

- Victory Groups are where we gather together in small settings to grow and win in life. Groups are where we help each other experience victory, are safe places to be ourselves, build friendships and grow spiritually. You can expect to — 1) Grow in our Mission Measures, 2) Form relational connections and 3) Pray together. We offer different groups throughout the year! Scan the QR code to learn more.



OUTREACH

- This year, we are saying “Yes” to Outreach! As Kingdom Builders, we are committed to making a local impact through building relationships, meeting needs, and partnering with local organizations. We want to make a local impact in our own backyard. Our 2024 goal is to build relationships within the Campbell School District and to continue to grow our relationships with local ministries we support financially. Scan the QR code to learn more and join the Outreach Team!



SALVATIONS
252

BAPTISMS
95

KIDS SERVED WEEKLY
Nursery & VK
124

AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE
1,020

VICTORY GROUPS
11 Adult Groups
306 Participants

Kids Group
19 Weekly Attendance

EASTER SUNDAY

SALVATIONS
Adults 130 / Kids 38

ATTENDANCE
1,901 Adults & Kids

2024

FINANCIALS

TITHES & OFFERINGS

INCOME

104%

EXPENDITURE

100%

KINGDOM BUILDERS

INCOME

\$130,000

EXPENDITURE

\$126,000

ONE DAY OFFERING

\$39,977

KB MISSION TRIP

38 PARTICIPANTS / El Salvador (King's Castle Ministries)



PROJECT 24

WE ARE THANKFUL for the local expression of the body of Christ here at Victory Church. Our heart is to steward this gift of the local church well. We believe that as we live out our mission — challenging everyday people to experience every victory in Jesus — that our first mission base is right here in Coitsville, Ohio. We gather from Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania in corporate worship, for discipleship and to reach our community and the world with the love and victory of Jesus. As we continue to develop our local church, we want to continue to be wise stewards of our buildings, property, the vision, and people the Lord has gathered and is continuing to bring.

Project 24 is an opportunity to invest in continuing our mission here at our home base. This is a catalytic giving opportunity that goes towards our General Fund through the Tithes & Offerings giving bucket. Through Project 24 we will accomplish...

- **Exterior Renovation of Kids Wing:** We will be replacing all the outside dryvit/stucco with metal siding. The cost for this project is **\$366,000**.
- **HVAC System Upgrade in Kids Wing:** We are also undertaking the replacement or repair of four HVAC units in the kids wing to ensure optimal heating and cooling. The estimated cost for this project is **\$62,000**.

WAYS TO GIVE

PROJECT 24

1 TEXT

Text \$ Amount to 330-536-9599
Keyword: **Project24**

2 IN PERSON

Giving boxes at exits
Check Memo: **Project 24**

3 ONLINE

victorychurchohio.com/give

4 MAIL

15 Bedford Rd, Lowellville, OH 44436

We invite you to partner with us for this catalytic giving offering to accomplish Project 24. Together, we will make repairs and update our home base to continue ministry here at Victory Church.

WISH LIST

- Pay off mortgage **\$3.3 million**
- Next phase of roof repairs **\$35,000**
- HVAC repairs and replacement: Life Center **\$62,500**
- Life Center carpet **\$50,500**
- Byler Chapel: carpet, computer, sound system **\$15,000**
- Security system w/cameras **\$9,500**
- Stage lighting **\$17,500**
- Worship Center audio **\$250,000**
- Next phase of parking lot repairs **\$65,000**
- Parking lot poles repaired **\$31,000**
- Family/Special Needs restroom **\$13,000**
- Rebranding **\$75,000**

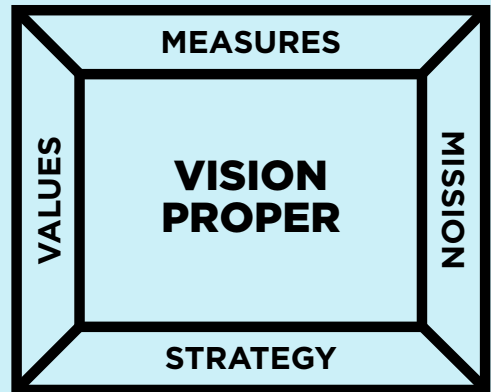
VISION



VISION PROPER

Vision Proper is the living language that illustrates and anticipates God's better future for our church. It answers the question, "Where is God taking us?" The vision is a God-inspired dream. It is like developing a Polaroid picture of the church's preferable future. It develops first in the minds-eye of leadership and then in the people. Vision is made possible by imagination fueled by faith, hope, and love.

VISION FRAME



To view our complete Mission Guide, scan the QR code.





5-20 YEAR VISION

We believe that God has called Victory Church to be a beacon of hope. Staying true to our mission of challenging everyday people to experience every victory in Jesus, we will focus on restoring families, rebuilding hope, and renewing opportunities.

1-3 YEAR VISION GOALS

- Infuse the Vision Frame into the life of our church, bringing alignment and excitement.
- Establish a healthy staff structure and leadership pipeline for the sake of advancing vision.
- Develop and deploy a three-year stewardship/generosity strategy that eliminates debt and funds vision.



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