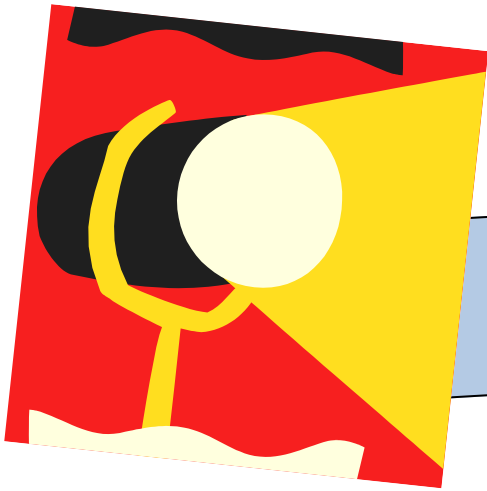


# Victory in Jesus



## VICTORIA BAPTIST SPOTLIGHT

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### Message from the Pastor

Well, as I write this, 2009 is just about over and 2010 is just a couple of days away. The past year has been a wonderful year in a lot of ways.

Here at Victoria, God has truly blessed us. We had several people to profess faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and had several others join us by transfer of letter. For all of these we rejoice.

Our new sound system and all of the extras that go with it have been installed and has added tremendously to our worship experience. We now have the capability to share our worship service live on the internet or if you miss the service you can watch on our website.

So as the door closes on 2009 we look for-

ward to the door opening on the new year.

On a personal note, the entire Marler family, Roger, Kristena, Mary Sue, and myself would like to express our sincerest appreciation for the countless acts of kindness that you have shown to us as a result of Roger and Kristena's son, Gavin Alcus's birth and unexpected death.

Gavin's death was a heartbreaking experience for all of us, but the support of our church family has been unbelievable. To those of you who were with us at the hospital during his short life, to those who came to the hospital after learning of his death, those who called, came by the house, prepared and brought food, attended the graveside service, offered an

encouraging word, told us you loved us and prayed for us and the many other acts of kindness, we fully realize that simply saying THANK YOU is insufficient. However, that is all we know to say except to say that we are here to be of service to you in any way that God can use us.

In closing, as I have reminded our family, let me remind all of us of Romans 8:28—"***And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose.***"

We love you all. May God bless you with a Happy New Year.

*Brother Donnie*

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## WOMEN MISSIONARY UNION

The 2009 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions goal is \$975. To date we have exceeded our goal. If you have not made your contribution, please prayerfully consider what God is leading you to contribute to His worldwide missions.

Are you wondering what to do with your old Christmas cards? Consider recycle your cards—Rather

than throw away the cards, give them to Mrs. Danley. She will send the cards to a school for Indian children to use in their Art classes. You may bring the whole card or just the front if there is no personal notes on them.

The WMU host Family Night every 4th Sunday evening beginning at 5:00 pm (unless otherwise noted) .

WMU meets the first Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise announced.

For additional information regarding WMU projects please contact Virginia Jordan, WMU Director or any other member of the WMU or visit the website at:

[www.victoriabaptist.com](http://www.victoriabaptist.com).

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S CORNER - "GOD'S POWER SURGE"

Thank you to everyone that used the youth Christmas card delivery service. The youth raise \$94.10. The proceeds will be used for a pizza outing this spring.

On January 3rd the youth will begin preparations for the Sweet Heart Banquet. The tentative date is February 13th. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person and the theme will be "An Italian Affair."

Tickets will go on sale January 17th. Please see a member of the youths Sunday School Class to purchase your tickets or contact Reatha.

Every Sunday night through February 7th, we will practice our entertainment. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details. If you have not attended a Sweet Heart Banquet you are missing a treat. The children serve dinner and provide entertainment.

We invite all children and youth to join us at the youth center the first—third Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for Bible study, singing, playing games and the opportunity to enjoy good fellowship. Join us and be part of the fun.



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

## 6 Reasons Not To Mess With Children



A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work..



As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

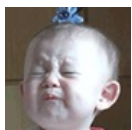
The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.



After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."



The children had all been photographed, and the

teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:



"Take only ONE . God is watching.." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples.."



## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

*EB Johnson, a 3 year old little girl from Goshen is a patient at Children's Hospital in Birmingham with a brain tumor.*

*EB's parents are staying in the Ronald McDonald House (RMHC) in Birmingham in order to be close to EB. RMHC depends on donations to pay for these accommodations and Victoria Baptist Church is working to help in this effort by collecting pop tops.*

*Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling, and raise funds to help children and their families at the same time. Thousands of dollars are collected through pop tab collections.*

*A little can change a lot, and all of your donations matter. Your donations do everything from putting a roof over parents' heads, to finding a diagnosis in children without*

*access to health care.*

*Please save your pop tabs and give them to Ms. Virginia Jordan. She will make sure your donations are delivered to the appropriate people to help EB and other children like her.*

*If you would like additional information regarding Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit their website at [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org).*

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## You Are Invited To Join Us

**Each Sunday:** 9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
11:20 am Children's Church  
4:30 PM Choir Practice  
5:00 pm Adult/Youth Bible Study  
6:00 pm Discipleship Training

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** 7:00 PM



### Tailgate Salad

Submitted by Jeff Johnston

1 (14 1/2-ounce) can whole kernel corn  
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can green beans  
1 (14 1/2-ounce) bag frozen sweet peas—  
thawed  
1 cup chopped green pepper (can add a little  
red pepper)  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 cup chopped onions  
1 small jar pimentos  
Dressing (recipe follows)

Drain and rinse canned vegetables. Mix with  
remaining vegetables.

#### Dressing

1 cup sugar  
3/4 cup vinegar  
1/2 cup oil

#### Our Vision -

To lead lost individuals to admit their need to know the Lord, to lead them to turn from their sins, to give their life to Christ and to follow Him in obedience.

#### Our Purpose -

To spread God's work throughout the community and across the land.

"Not every person who calls me Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what my Father in heaven wants them to do."

Matthew 7:21