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Featured Chamber Member of the Month - January 2018

Victory Rock Fellowship

Victory Rock Fellowship is a Southern Baptist Church located in the city of Marengo. Victory Rock has been a part of the Marengo community for more than fifty years, and while the church has experienced its ups and downs it has always been a place where people can feel welcome. While we are proud of our past, we are more focused on charting a new path that will better equip the church to meet the needs of the community.

2017 has been an exciting year at Victory Rock Fellowship. In February we held a Souperbowl party in which church members made soups and snacks as we prepared to watch the big game on Sunday night. In March we were privileged to host the youth of Real Life Christian Church from Romeo MI. For two nights over thirty youth stayed at Victory Rock fellowship while they attended the Dare To Share conference in Chicago. The youth of Victory Rock shared stories and found that youth from different parts of the country are not that different after all. On Sunday morning the church cooked breakfast for our visitors and then we all shared worship together. Another great event that was a blessing to Victory Rock and the community was the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast. In April forty women came from all over northern Illinois to watch the simulcast and share fellowship and worship at the church.

As the calendar turned towards summer we celebrated our students with a baccalaureate service in May. All students were given a certificate of completion for the grade they just completed and our high school graduates were given special gifts. We prayed over them and celebrated their successes, and followed it up with a special message and lunch after service. In June we had over 30 children attend our VBS week. This was a wonderful opportunity for children to learn the Bible, share fellowship, play games, and sing songs. In August we sent our students back to school in style with our school supply drive and back to school service. At our school supply drive we gave free school supplies to over twenty families. Then on Sunday morning we had a special service, sermon, and potluck for the children returning to school.

Things didn't stop as the calendar turned to autumn. On September 23 we held our first fall festival. Despite the fact that Fall Festival saw a high temperature of 93 degrees we still had great fall fun. The Marengo fire department came, we had a football contest, a basketball contest, games, cider, popcorn, snow cones, and prizes. This was a wonderful chance for the church to serve the community. We are already looking forward to our second Fall festival in September of 2018.

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STATE OF THE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

8am ~ WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17TH, 2018
Trio Grille
110 Franks Rd. - Marengo
\$15.00 per person - member
\$20.00 per person - non-member

GUEST SPEAKERS:
John Koziol, City of Marengo Mayor
Jack Franks, McHenry County Board Chairman
State Senator Pamela Althoff
State Representative Steven Reick

Reservations required 815-568-6680



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Dates to Remember



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January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ Queen of Hearts Drawings

January 12 ~ Last day for Shop Local receipts

January 17 ~ Board of Directors Meeting

January 17, 2018 ~ State of the Community Breakfast

*“Chamber Chat” is LIVE Tuesdays at 8am on WXMLR 94.3
Marengo Community Radio, www.wxmr.org.*

While Victory Rock fellowship has held many outreach events this year we have also helped the community a great deal. In November we collected food and clothes for the MORE Center. The church took in over 60lbs of food for the food drive and filled multiple clothing bins for the clothing drive. These donations will go to help those that are in need this Christmas season. The church is also participating in the Toys for Tots program. We will send in our donated toys in December of 2017 and look forward to more opportunities to serve in 2018.

We also started a new event called Free Fridays this year. Free Fridays happen every other month at Victory Rock fellowship. Free Fridays are a time for youth in grades 6-12 to come and enjoy some food and fellowship. Our Free Fridays begin with a Bible message. After the Bible message it is dinnertime. Our youth enjoy pizza chips, and soda. Then the youth have a number of activities to choose from. Youth can play basketball, video games, watch a movie, or simply enjoy time hanging out with friends. Free Fridays usually happen the first Friday of every other month. You can always check our Facebook for the exact date and time.

All of the above paragraphs illustrate the VRF Mission and Vision 2020. It is our goal to be consistent in doing five areas of faith leading up to the year 2020. The five parts of our vision are as follows, Love Thy God, Love Thy Neighbor, Pray, Grow in God, and Fulfill the Great commission. Over the past year we have loved our God by preaching His word truthfully, providing outreach to the community, and being a friendly place for all people to worship God freely. We have loved our neighbors through our donation and outreach events. Another amazing thing about Victory Rock is the congregation's willingness to pray. If there is a need you can rest assured that each member of Victory Rock is praying for that need. The members of Victory Rock are always seeking ways to grow in God. Whether it's through Bible Study on Sunday night or Wednesday night, simulcasts, workshops, or Sunday school we are always looking to grow closer to God. Finally our outreach events always give us an opportunity to make disciples. Whether we are at VRF or in the community we are always looking to spread the good news of the gospel.

Congratulations to Victory Rock Fellowship for being a valued Chamber member and the **January 2018 Chamber Member of the Month**. They can be reached at: 815-568-6404 www.victoryrockfellowship.com or visit them at 20503 Telegraph St., Marengo.



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