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From the pastor's heart...

A simple question: Are we to go out to reach the world? (Circle one: Yes or No)

According to scripture, we are taught, [Acts 1:8 NKJV] 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." As reported by Luke, Jesus taught his disciples to go out. Go out and witness close to home (Jerusalem). Go out and witness in neighboring communities (Judea). Go out and witness in distant and diverse communities (Samaria). Go out and witness to far away communities (to the end of the earth). It seems pretty straightforward. Yes, yes we are to go out and reach the world.

But we like comfort. Like attracts like and that is true. Even the 1st century believers needed divine, ordained encouragement to go out. Acts 8:1 records [Act 8:1 NKJV] 1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Comfort and familiarity kept the 1st century believers at home. It took persecution to push them out to where, JUDEA and SAMARIA. The very origin of outreach as established by Jesus was not being pursued by the believers.

What is our pursuit of outreach? The traditional church follows traditional outreach patterns all the way back to the 1st century believers. They stay in their Jerusalem (their comfort of home). Can we stay put in our home church and be obedient to Acts 1:8? Does sending money for others to do the outreach equate to obedience? As the first century church needed "encouragement" to get beyond their comforts, so do we.

As Central's pastor, I share in the role of being God's divine, ordained encouragement for Central to go out and witness. I say "I share" because Holy Spirit is the agent of urging for each believer. And Holy Spirit has both ordained and anointed me to lead the church out. It is always uncomfortable to go beyond one's boundaries. But that is what we must do.

Last week, Pastor Shannon led the student ministry on a mission trip to Atlanta. As we moved from one apartment complex to the next, teaching children biblical truths and

engaging our own students from our student ministry in outreach, I sensed the smile of God upon His endeavor. I knew the joy of work that came from His hands. I experienced the fulfillment of obedience that only comes from following God's appointed and ordained opportunities. I'm certain I was not alone in this.

Now, let me ask you, not him or her, but you. Where was the last place you carried the witness of Jesus? What part of the world defined your last outreach work? To where did you "GO"? If "church" summed up your answers, then get out. "GO" to Melbourne. "GO" to Palm Bay. "GO" to West Melbourne. "GO" to Indialantic. "GO" to Brevard County, to Florida, to Atlanta and to all of America, even to the ends of the earth. It's your calling, written from the mouth of Jesus, Himself. And I know, Holy Spirit is equipping you and encouraging you to do so.

It is to this calling that I stand to encourage you as well. My desire is that we, together, search out and discover places where God will scatter us. Apartment complexes, neighborhoods, schools, colleges, businesses and any such place where God provides an opening are the opportunities we have to reach the world. It is your calling. God can, and will use you as you go.

Are you to reach the world? Yes! Yes you are. "Here am I. Send me oh Lord." SEND CENTRAL!

Still Being Changed,

Pastor Leroy



MUSIC MINISTRY

Prai Sing Him

Sweet Freedom's Song

At age 24, Samuel Francis Smith, a graduate of Harvard and student of Andover Baptist Seminary in Massachusetts, penned the lyrics of *America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)*. In 1831, Smith was asked by composer Lowell Mason to translate some German song books. One particular patriotic tune, *God Bless Our Native Land*, set to the tune *God Save the King*, caught the young student's attention. He desired to pen a tribute to his beloved country set to this majestic tune. In thirty minutes the young poet composed the lyrics. A children's choir first performed the song *America* on July 4, 1831 in Boston. The beloved song served as the unofficial national anthem for nearly one hundred years.

When I think of freedom, I am thankful to be an American. Yes, I have seen great celebrations in honor of freedom. I remember well the many extraordinary celebrations during the bicentennial year of 1976. At the time, I lived on the largest American military base in the country. Red, white and blue banners and flags waving everywhere, the song of freedom was loud and strong. I also remember marching, waving the flag, and singing *You're a Grand Ole Flag* to hundreds of Vietnamese children at their temporary refugee camp. I further remember standing solemn at 700 and 1600 hours, as the National Anthem played daily at an Air Force Base in Germany. However, when I think of freedom, it was the stark contrast of seeing the lack of freedom that gripped me the most. It was in the fall of 1981, I was on a train waiting for clearance to enter East Germany and its capital city of Berlin. It was then I realized what freedom truly means. Sixty other teenage boys and I were looking out the windows well before sunrise on a Saturday morning. In the dark, as I peered curiously out the window, I saw many communist soldiers, all around our age, holding machine guns, guarding the walled and fortified border. It was then the full meaning of freedom hit me: There I was entering Berlin to play the game of football while these young men were being compelled to serve a communist regime. Since that dark, misty night in Berlin, where the song of freedom was suppressed, I have had a new gratitude for being American.

However, as sweet as it is, national freedom is only partial freedom. You see, Jesus came so that all mankind could be free: free from sin. Jesus, teaching Jewish followers, states: "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The Jews question Jesus' statement by referring to national freedom. Jesus then responds: "I assure you: Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin...Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you really will be free." (John 8:31-36)

This summer, I hope that you will be able to be thankful for freedom. Not just national freedom, but also spiritual freedom. As you sing the songs of patriotism, be thankful for your freedom as an American citizen. Pray for our country. As the great lyric resounds:

"Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King."

Samuel Francis Smith

Furthermore, as we gather in worship and sing songs of redemption, grace, love and mercy, sing passionately to the Lord who has set us free from the shackles of sin.

"My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace."

Chris Tomlin

PraiSing Him,
Pastor Jeff

Student Ministry

The Salt Mine Luke 14:33-35

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It takes me a little longer to recover from a weeklong trip these days (physically speaking). Spiritually I am refreshed for the most part. However, taking a Spiritual inventory can be Spiritually and mentally taxing as well. Self discovery can be a difficult thing sometimes because it is naturally accompanied by shame and grief.

Fortunately, God does not leave us there. He picks us up and dusts us off, and says "go". The same is true for me today. I can look back on my life and see where God has had victory in my life and in the lives around me. Those victories remind me of His promises, His power, and His unconditional love.

Our responsibility is to surrender! As we confess our weaknesses and transgressions, we are also confessing Him as King of our lives. He is the One who will continue to do His work in us. God will bring light to areas of weakness and transgressions. He doesn't do this so we will feel bad. He does this because He loves us. He is a good Father and will not leave us where we are.

Thank you, church for your support in making this trip possible. This is such an important time in teenager's lives and hands on experience like this one is vital in the growth of our teenagers. And thank you, chaperones for your investment this week. You all did a great job! Thank you, students!! You were incredible, without complaining, and hard working!! I am so proud of you! Thank you, Pastor Leroy for your leadership and example in walking with the Lord. Finally, thank you parents for allowing your teenager(s) to participate. Jesus loves you!

Shalom,

Pastor Shannon B. England
1 Timothy 1:5



Testimony Time

By Jessica Creagan

His Glory, our stories



The Living Word: This incredible aspect of the scriptures is part of what makes life as a believer interesting because God uses words written thousands of years ago to specifically apply to our lives today! For Andrew Price, placing his trust in God's faithfulness has been a process, but today he knows the truth of Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Originally from Poole, Dorset, United Kingdom, Andy came to Melbourne, Fla., in 2010 with the goal to earn a private pilot license from the now defunct Pilot Training College operating through Florida Institute of Technology. He achieved that goal in 2012 and has since earned the certifications to fly commercial

aircraft and to teach aviation. Andy is currently working as chief flight instructor with Wings of Grace Ministries, a flight school for teens seeking a private pilot license, and is an adjunct professor for the Keystone Heights-based College of Missionary Aviation. Summarizing this six-year journey in three sentences however, doesn't nearly do justice to all the work God has done in his life during that time, Andy said.

"The first time I came to Central was the Christmas service 2010. Before that, it wasn't part of my regular habit back at home. As a kid, I was against entering religious buildings, then I met my wife, Ali, in 2000, and she was a Christian. I started going to church with her and that was my first experience with church, and the first experience with God that I recognized," Andy said. They attended through their relationship and into their marriage, but after a pastoral change, they stopped going.

A **simple invitation** from a friend and fellow flight student was all the prompting Andy needed to begin attending church once again, and now he takes great comfort in the worship, fellowship and encouragement here. Although flight school seemed to be the driving force to his arrival in Melbourne, God was clearly guiding him to Himself at Central, starting with his first flight school's proximity to the church. "And ever since then, when PTC went under, when it seemed like there was no more money for school and I was back in England, when another school in Merritt Island became available, then one in Kissimmee, then visa struggles and separation from family, needing a place to live; every time something was needed, it has been provided. And it's been just the right amount, every time," Andy said.

Separation from his wife Ali who lives and works in England has been especially difficult, especially now since he doesn't have a date for when they will next see each other. He is grateful that despite their periods of separation, God has preserved the love they have for one another and their marriage, while enduring trials, is steadfast.

One of the things about worship services in the United States that Andy enjoys, but was initially surprised by, is the freedom of expression. "The styles are poles apart from here and the U.K.," Andy said. "The churches in the U.K. are old, cold in the winter, hot in the summer, they echo badly and just aren't welcoming or conducive to wanting to worship. Here, you can worship how you want to, with no reservations about people knowing that you are worshipping or what they are thinking."

Both "British Andy," as he is affectionately called by some, and Ali have joined the church through associate membership and are excited to join as full members when Andy's visa paperwork and financial situation is stable enough for Ali to join him here permanently. "We are getting better at calling Melbourne our home," Andy said with a smile. The best ways to pray for Andy at this time are that he will make God-oriented decisions about his future, and that paperwork for his new work visa will be swiftly processed by government officials.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Wednesday, June 29 at 6pm

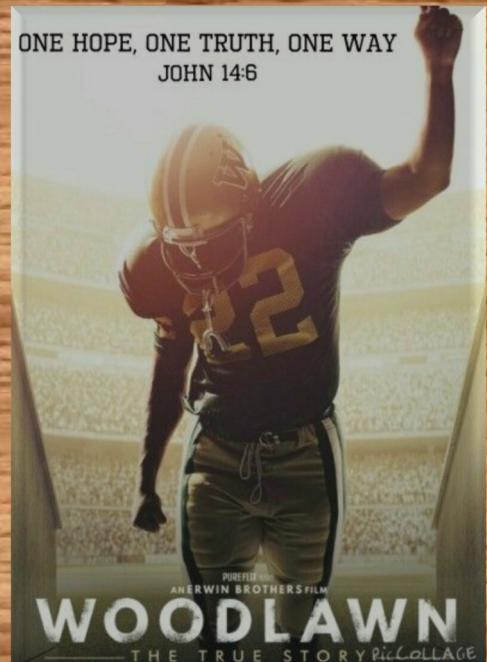
Please bring your favorite dish and a dessert to share.

Drinks will be provided.

Movie Night

The Movie “Woodlawn” will be shown,
Sunday, July 31st at 6pm in the
Fellowship Hall.

Watch your bulletin for additional
details.



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

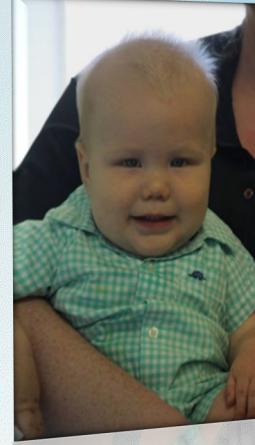
HAVE YOU MET OUR
YOUNGEST PRESCHOOLERS?



Caleb



Sadie



Jeremiah



Emma

Making a difference in the young lives at Central.
Loving-Teaching-Caring

WE ARE GROWING!

VOLUNTEERS AND PAID WORKERS ARE NEEDED!

Places to serve:

Welcome Center- 10:30-11:05 Sunday mornings
Classroom- church services for Sunday morning
and Sunday and Wednesday evenings

Contact: Karen White for more information to serve at
karenw@cfl.rr.com

Special thank you to all who are serving in preschool.

You are making a difference!

Outreach Opportunities



We are on the path of a growing Outreach Ministry. Our purpose is to look for and develop opportunities for outreach. From follow up on visitor slips to nursing home and homebound to equipping and engaging members in witnessing.

We currently are meeting on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. and would welcome others to come pray with us before we go visiting and go visiting also.

If you feel God leading you to join this ministry please call the church office at 723-3681 or email the office at office@centralbaptist.net.

Hearts & Hands Quilting Ministry



The Quilting Ministry is growing and still looking for more quilters to make complete quilts. Instructions will be provided. We want to thank those who have donated sewing machines and fabrics, they are greatly appreciated. Coming soon we will have a Christmas Quilt on display for a silent auction, proceeds will go to Missions. We meet every other Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the “Bell Room” (off the Fellowship Hall”).

Food Pantry Central Baptist

By Ellie Brown

There were some people who receive ministry from the food pantry who no longer have a place to live. We are told they are going to live in the woods.

We have a roof over our heads, are protected from bad weather, excessive heat, and can stay in the shower as long as we like. Above all, we have food to eat. Many of the people who come to the food pantry have very, very little. Some may say that I do not know who comes to our food pantry. They are right. We can give only one bag of food. It is our hope that those who come to us are able to go to other food pantries and get more food. I personally could not manage on one bag of food. I am guessing that many of our members could not manage on only one bag of groceries either.

We come to church well fed, nicely dressed and are able to put funds in the collection plate. We give praise to our precious Lord for who He is. Many times, we complain about how little we have. Truth be told, we are wealthy. We may not see it that way, but we truly have much to be grateful for. Let me make a list: Our Pastors, our Church, the members of our church, the church organizations of which we are members, and our ability to worship at our church every Sunday. For all of the things and many others we give praise to our Precious Lord for all He has given us.

Our food pantry accepts food and monetary donations as the Lord leads you to give.

Missional Women Living Sent

The title doesn't sound like it is grammatically correct, does it? Well, get used to the words "Sent" and "Send"--you will hear more about them in days to come.

This article was written by Lori McDaniel and appeared in a recent issue of Commission Stories. Lori is an IMB mission catalyst, and in this article speaks to women in the church.

"Growing up, I remembered missions as something women talked about as they sat in a circle and quilted a blanket to send overseas.

"Those women taught missions to children, rallied their churches to give and invited others to listen to missionaries tell stories.

"But a paradigm shift is taking place in the world of women and missions.

"Times have changed and a new generation of missional women is rising up and exploring what it means to "live sent."

"'Missional' isn't a new word but it is trending. God is on mission and He sent the church. You may not think of yourself as being on mission, but as part of the church, you are sent. Missional is a lifestyle of living sent—it's actively and intentionally participating in God's mission and living the Great Commission in whatever culture or context in which you live.

"Women today want to be a part of a movement, not because it's a fad, but because God has uniquely equipped each one of us to find our role in making disciples of all nations. These women don't just want to see a change in the world, they want to get their hands dirty doing it.

- A missional woman craves finding her place in God's global mission.
- Missions is not a program added to her schedule, but a way of intentionally living sent in the uniqueness of her life.
- She gives financially to send people to unreached nations and welcomes the unreached nations moving into her neighborhood.
- She immerses herself in community, inviting her Muslim friends to the dinner table or taking her children to play with the Hindu friends at the park.
- She lives out the Gospel in the place she calls home or relocates her home to places where the Gospel has not been heard.
- She is burdened for the broken and gives so they can be restored.
- She denounces injustice and intercedes for those with no voice.
- She doesn't want to just read about the exploited but rallies resources so they can be rescued.
- She's a catalyst in conversations, leading her church to become a sending church.
- She prays for doors to open and inspires others to walk through open doors.
- She may be doing, sending, mobilizing, supporting, welcoming or praying, but whatever she does, it's the contagious rhythm of her heart.
- She models Lottie Moon's words, "At our door is the very work we crave."
- She may live "here" in the States, or "there" overseas, but, either way, she desires to make a difference.
- A missional woman craves to live her unique life strategically for God's use and His kingdom and then to multiply her passion by making disciples of all nations."

Learn more about equipping women to make a global impact at imb.org/women

AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE



Giving to Central Baptist Church feels good

1st quarter 2016 was found
in good order

Luke 21: 1-4 The Widow's Offering

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. *"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

Our lives are richer when we share, and that great inner joy comes from helping others to better their lives. Truly giving from the heart fills your life with joy and nourishes your soul. Giving provides an intrinsic reward that is far more valuable. True joy lies in the act of giving without an expectation of receiving something in return.



Stewardship Committee Update

The Stewardship Committee thanks the membership for their faithful giving towards the 2016 budget. As of June 5, 2016, year to date giving was at 104.22% of the budget requirement for this point in the year.

Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now therewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I shall not open you

the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Missions News



Great Commission Ministries Orphans Sponsorship Initiative

Pastor Ashir will be here to share more about his ministry with us on Wednesday, June 29th during our 6pm service time.

A child can be sponsored by taking a sheet from the sponsorship board which will be available in the main foyer on Sunday's and the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday's.



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I am so excited and joyful every day. Because I have new life in Jesus Christ.

For God sent missionaries to Thailand. And they made disciples. I am one of believers who love to follow Jesus.

Now many churches in Thailand are sending missionaries to overseas because we understand how much Jesus loves people. Churches are growing not only in Thailand but are growing in countries where we are sending missionaries also.

I believe that God is calling some brethren in Christ (in Central Baptist Church) to go overseas.

And we as the body of Christ are called for supporting them too.

I am praying for these.

May God bless you all

Noi Nonkuketkhong

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School is coming to Central! In less than 30 days, our church will be hosting the biggest event for children of the year. Over the years our hallways and walkways have been filled with the sounds of hundreds of little feet as they are taught the truths from the Bible by people just like you. Won't you make VBS a priority in your calendar? There are many ways you can serve, assist, and help prepare our church be the "central" point for Bible outreach to young hearts and minds this summer.

VBS Scripture:
Psalm 139:23-24

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way."

We are getting ready to go on an unforgettable journey July 18 through 22 and we'd love to have you join us!

Our "Submerged" theme will take us on an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. As kids submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and dive in to find truth below the surface!

Central's VBS is for divers (children) who will start Kindergarten this Fall up to those who've just completed the 6th grade (limited avail. for 4 yr. olds). Online registration is now open for both new and returning children and volunteers.

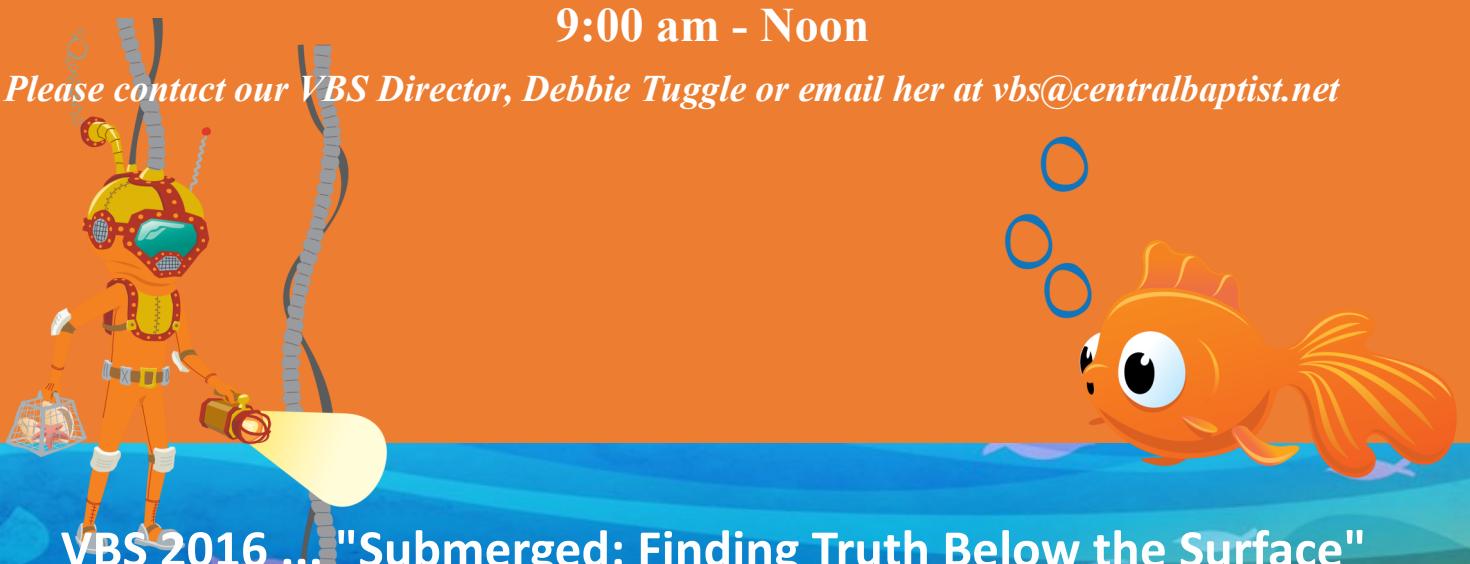
If you have any questions, such as whether your child can participate, etc., please do not hesitate to contact our VBS Director.

So come on, dive in, the water's great!

July 18 - 22

9:00 am - Noon

Please contact our VBS Director, Debbie Tuggle or email her at vbs@centralbaptist.net



VBS 2016 ... "Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface"



PROJECT UPDATE

JUNE 2016

By Ted Wolfe

"The Voyage Begins Again"

This is the Ark Encounter advertising tag line seen across the country in the last several months in numerous media venues and outlets both in print and shown on a variety of television networks. But what is meant by this phrase and what is the message? The poster shown here gives us a strong indication of the answer to the question but more than that it suggests one must think in terms of a Biblical worldview.

The perspective in this scene depicts some of the modern day descendants of the animals that left the Ark after the flood, nearly 4500 years earlier, who are now peering in through the doorway of the current re-created Ark at the Ark Encounter. They seem to be extremely curious how their ancestors could have survived this catastrophic flood event on such a massive boat for almost a year before they disembarked.

Every one of these animals can trace their ancestry back to the several thousand survivors that came from the original Ark just like us humans can do with Noah, his wife and their three sons and their wives.

Looking at the collective expressions of curiosity on their faces makes one wonder what they are all thinking. What was it like for the animals that were aboard the original massive ship and lived there for a whole year? How did they survive being cooped up for so long inside this ship and what was it like to ultimately venture outside to a new world they had never seen before and were not familiar with? As they enter inside this re-created Ark the voyage they will take will certainly lead them to find the answers to those and many other questions. Of course, this is a metaphor that captures the essence of the real voyage that people will take when they enter and discover answers to their questions. After all, our ancestors were on the same boat.

We are all curious about our past, where we came from, how we got here, what the future holds and since none of us today were there to witness most of history we must rely on a reliable, truthful and inerrant source to find the real answers. And we have that very source we call the Bible; God's Word that He breathed through human writers that tell us all about the past that we can fully and complete trust and as believers develop a biblical world view to help us sort out truth from error in today's world. And so this is the purpose of the Ark Encounter, to bring to life God's Word and the truth about the past that serves as the very foundation for the Gospel. If the historical foundation that the Gospel is based on is true then the Gospel is true.



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This scene is showing today's descendants of the original animals that were on Noah's Ark peering into the re-creation of the Ark at the Ark Encounter.

On the original voyage, the occupants were looking ahead to the future because they were the future. "The Voyage" today will be looking back at the past, the true past that will affirm and strengthen the faith of believers but greatly bring into question the erroneous world view and thinking of the skeptic and unbeliever.

Construction Update

The wet weather of spring in northern Kentucky has not dampened the pace of construction at the Ark Encounter site and with less than one month remaining the project is still on plan for its opening on July 7. Amazing progress has been made in all areas as illustrated in the pictures included with this article. A lot of progress has also been made in areas that are not quite as visible, like the installation of the exhibits.

The Ark itself has made an amazing transformation and is now in its final form. The complex timber structure of the stern with the protruding skag with its skin now applied creates a very distinctive shape and is basically complete except for some of the ship lap that remains to be applied. The bow of the ship was just beginning to take shape in the previous article but is now almost compete as well and



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The stern is almost complete except for some of the ship lap that serves as the skin of the ship.

details including over 130,000 square feet of bamboo flooring that came directly from China in 8 large shipping containers (8 tractor trailer loads). The flooring installation and other remaining work inside the Ark has been well orchestrated by the Troyer Group's construction managers, but that is not to say that the workers are not all over each other at this point in completing the numerous final details of exhibit installation, HVAC, lighting, plumbing, electrical, painting, railing installation, signage, and many other details that will probably continue until the night before it opens. It's been reported that three work shifts are now in place to keep construction on schedule and with all that remains to be completed I am not surprised. It's all hands on deck until the opening.

represents another of the unique characteristics of the Ark with its distinctive wooden sail. More ship lap application is needed to complete the bow and a few other areas around the ship but this part of construction goes relatively quick. The foundation for the large ramp leading to the Ark's door on the second deck has been completed with ramp construction soon to begin. The ramp in the rear of the ship that serves as the main public entrance and queue line is also nearing completion.

Inside the ship the work continues on all the finishing



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The bow is nearing completion as well as the ship lap siding has begun installation. To see a collection of construction phases as Ken Ham narrates and explains the evangelistic purpose in this project, [click here](#).

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Besides the Ark itself there are a lot of other construction activities that all have the same deadline including the 1500 seat restaurant which has made amazing progress in the past two months. When Karen and I were there in early April, workers were tying off the steel in the foundation of the main floor and since then the floor



The 1500 seat restaurant is moving quickly toward completion.

Amazing what has occurred in the last two months.

has been poured and the entire structure including the roof has been constructed. When I asked Ken Ham how they were going to complete this huge building in only a few months (not the first time he had been asked this question) he simply said that I did not ask the question correctly. Instead, I should have asked why they needed two more months to complete this building; point taken.

The huge 4000 space parking lot has been completed including all the lines as well as the entrance and ticketing buildings. The road improvements leading from the I-75 interchange to the parking area remains to be completed

but is getting close. The bridge along the valley access road that connects the parking area to the attraction has been completed and is ready to be tied into the road itself which is finally being paved leading up to the Ark.

The petting zoo area behind the Ark on what is called Ararat Ridge is well along in construction with landscaping currently underway. Some of the paved areas around the Ark are starting to take shape and soon the lake in front of the Ark will take on its final shape, filled with water and landscaped. Over the next several weeks as the final construction equipment and remaining materials are moved off site this once bustling construction area will be transformed into a beautiful attraction is was designed to be. Tim Schmitt



Tim Schmitt is standing in one of the green houses constructed at the Ark site. These plants will be leaving soon for their new home.

and his horticulture team have been at work for several years just waiting until these last moments so they can move in and install all the landscaping that will be in place for the opening. They have built several onsite green houses and nurseries where many of the plants have been collected and growing, waiting for their final destination somewhere on the grounds.

The eleven buses that will be used to shuttle visitors from the parking area to the drop off point at the Ark have started

to arrive from California. Within the last month, five of them were driven across country and arrived at the Creation Museum where visitors there will get a chance to look at them and see the



The 4000 space parking lot is completed except for the entrance and frontage road improvements.



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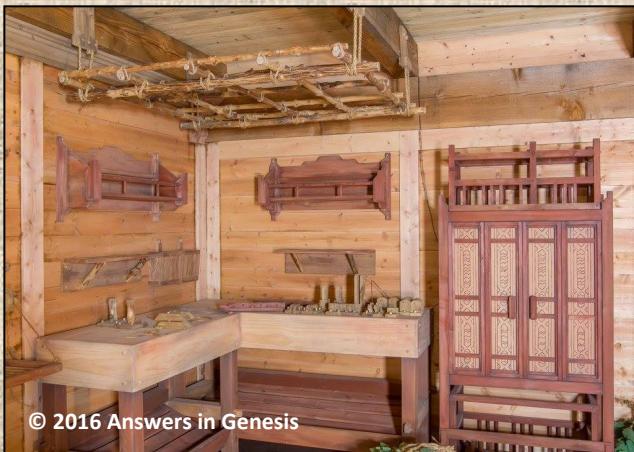
Pictured is one of eleven buses that will shuttle visitors from the parking area to the Ark drop off point.

Ark Encounter and Creation Museum advertising that wraps the outside of each bus. Six more buses are due by the opening date, each one taking a different route and making selected stops along the way to promote the Ark Encounter attraction as well as the Creation Museum. What a novel way to advertise.

Exhibit Highlights

Forty five minutes from the Ark Encounter site in Hebron is where another large team at the Design Studios is feverishly working to complete the remaining exhibits that will occupy the 132 exhibit bays inside the Ark. All sorts of specialty skilled designers, artists and craftsmen are working very long days to complete a variety of

displays and exhibit artifacts. There are woodworkers in the wood shops, metal workers in the metal shops including CNC machinists, seamstresses in the seamstress shop, designers and many other fabricators that produce all the animal and people figures and dioramas that will fill the Ark when opened. One of the exhibit displays already installed inside the Ark is Noah's workshop. Researchers have determined that Noah most likely had a variety of tools on the Ark to make repairs on numerous broken items that occurred over the course of the year they were on board. To see a more complete display of some of the exhibits and the details that the artists design and fabricate into these items [click here](#).



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Noah's workshop located somewhere inside the Ark. Noah Probably had a plethora of tools to make necessary repairs.

Why Build the Ark

With the excitement of opening day coming next month we need to remember why the Ark is being built. The Cross is the greatest iconic symbol for Christians of the salvation we can have in Jesus Christ. Other than the Cross, the Ark of Noah is one of the greatest reminders we have of that salvation. The Ark Encounter project was born out of a desire to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to millions of people across America and the world. This project has been years in the making as the Lord has worked mightily through the ministry of AIG and the thousands of believers called to make this project a reality. [Click here](#) to see the very latest video released.

Ark Encounter opening 7 July

You don't want to miss this world-class attraction the first summer it is open, only a month away. Please pray that God would be glorified and that many people would come and see that the Bible can be trusted from the very beginning. Also pray that guests will understand that, as the door of the Ark provided Noah and his family an entrance into physical safety from the Flood of God's judgement, it is Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who is the door to eternal salvation from God's eternal judgement. He paid the penalty for our sins on the cross and conquered sin and death by rising from the grave. To see a recently recorded video message by Ken Ham who explains the overall purpose, evangelistic nature and message of the Ark Encounter as well as future expansion projects that will be added to enhance the unprecedented Christian themed attraction, [click here](#).

And while you are at it, also plan to visit the [Creation Museum](#) and the [other great attractions](#) in the Greater Cincinnati area. For more information including videos and more photos and to keep up with the buzz of construction activity currently in progress and nearing completion at the Ark Encounter site, click on the following link, <https://arkencounter.com>.

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Regular Sunday Activities Sunday School (9:30am), Morning Worship Service (10:45am) Youth Praise Band Rehearsal (5pm) Joint Evening Worship Service (6pm) R.A.'s, G.A.'s, Acteens, Blitz & Adults (6:30pm)	Regular Wednesday Activities Supper (5:20pm)...Word Walking, Youth Group, Children's Choirs (6:00pm).Adult Choir Rehearsal, Kidz Central (7:00pm)	1	2
3	4 Office Closed	5 12pm Men in Motion	6 Regular Wednesday Activities	7	8	9
10 Regular Sunday Activities Global Hunger Relief Sunday	11 10am Quilting 11am Food Pantry 7pm Deacon's	12 12pm Men in Motion	13 Regular Wednesday Activities	14	15	16
17 Regular Sunday Activities	18	19 No Men in Motion	20 No Wednesday Activities	21	22	23
				Vacation Bible School		
24 Sunday Activities	25 10am Quilting 11am Food Pantry	26 12pm Men in Motion	27 Regular Wednesday Activities Youth Last Wed. Event	28	29	30
31 PM-Movie Night						

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Supper -5:20pm Word Walking, Youth Group, Children's Choir (6:00pm)...Adult Choir Rehears- al., Kidz Central (7:00pm)	1 10am Quilting 11am Food Pantry	2	3 Regular Wednesday Activities No Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 Regular Sunday Activities	8 11am Food Pantry 7pm Deacon's Meeting	9 12pm Men in Motion	10 Regular Wednesday Activities	11	12	13
14 Regular Sunday Activities	15 10am Quilting 11am Food Pantry 6pm Stewardship	16 12pm Men in Motion	17 Regular Wednesday Activities	18	19	20
21 Regular Sunday Activities 6pm Business Mtg.	22 11am Food Pantry	23 12pm Men in Motion	24 Regular Wednesday Activities	25	26	27
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College Retreat						



News from your Library

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY:

For Adult S.S. Teachers

We have many great Bible reference materials in the library, such as Bible Dictionaries, Bible Commentaries, Bible Atlases, Bible Handbooks etc. Why not change up your lesson plans a little and perhaps assign a class member some topic to research (relative to a future lesson) and bring a report back to the class.

Of course, encourage them to use our library for the information

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The Book "Hiding in the Light" was found in the Fellowship Hall recently, and not knowing whose it is it has found a home in the church library. If it is yours, please come to the library and claim it.



In an effort to make the library more accessible to all, from time to time, we will have a presence in the foyer on Sunday's and the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Evenings.



May the Lord bless and keep you. May He make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
May He lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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