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# From the pastor's heart...

To witness the work God is accomplishing at Central is amazing. How can God enliven dreams and visions from dormancy or distraction? By His enabling power of grace. And we are witnessing it if we are paying attention.

In my estimation, God is focusing our vision and shaping our desires for what is good and right. He has engaged us in this journey of late starting with the heart. And it is the heart that matters most in our walk with Him and with each other. And as God taught us (me first) this past Sunday, each of our hearts has to be informed by truth. The truth of God then establishes a guard on our hearts. As God's truth guards our heart, we can then live a life of stability and not be double-minded. The wisdom of God has to both reside and issue forth, from the heart.

Simply consider the following verses God brought to us on Valentine's Day:

[Proverbs 21:2 NKJV] *2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.*

[Proverbs 19:3 NKJV] *3 The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.*

[Proverbs 14:14 NKJV] *14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied from above.*

[Proverbs 3:1 NKJV] *1 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;*

[Proverbs 23:7 NKJV] *7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.*

[Proverbs 15:13 NKJV] *13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*

[Proverbs 4:20-21, 23 NKJV] *20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;*

*... 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.*

The heart is the origination of our actions. When our heart is ill-informed by our self or the world we live in, the actions of our life will betray our heart. When our heart is informed by the truth of God, then the actions of our life will be right. That is what it means to walk in righteousness, we allow a truth-informed heart to govern our actions.

May I say, none of us are naturally inclined to a truth-informed heart. That is what Solomon knew from experience. That is why he tried to pour God's truth into the life of his son, so that he might fill his son's heart with truth to help his son step rightly.

It is not religion, nor rules, nor paperwork, nor procedures, nor organization that will produce a right walk within the body or with God. Our right walk with each other and God is a matter of the heart. And in that regard, I can rightly determine that I love you. No matter the process or the procedures, the personalities or the people, the successes or the failures, God has informed my heart that I love you and purpose to walk in that love towards each and every part of the body (Ephesians 5:29-30). I never want my love to be an act of the will, but rather an action of my heart.

So to answer the old musical saga that posed the question, "what's love got to do with it?", in relation to the body of Christ, the church - EVERYTHING!

[1John 4:19-21 NKJV] *19 We love Him because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*

I Love You All,

*Pastor Leroy*

Where is God calling you to serve?

# HOW DO YOU SERVE?

**There are many ministries within our church, just to name a few...**

Music Ministry

Quilting Ministry

Student Ministry

Preschool Ministry

Women's Ministry

Homebound/Nursing  
Home Visitation

Food Pantry

Ushers & Greeters

Men's Ministry

Kitchen Ministry

Missions Ministries

Senior Adult Ministry

**AND MANY MORE!!**

Contact the office at 321-723-3681 if you would like to know additional opportunities that are available.

*As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10*

## The Family of God (A Community of Christians)

By this all people will know that you are My disciples,  
if you have love for one another."  
John 13:35

The essence of community is found throughout the Bible. The reader of Scripture is first introduced to the idea of community in Genesis 1:26. Tim Chester comments, "The Bible shows that we are communal creatures, made to be lovers of God and of others. When it comes to humanity, God does not simply speak a word of command; he engages in conversation. "Let us make man in our image" Thus, mankind was made to be communal in nature, in the image of the Trinity. This truth has a drastic effect on our identity. Tod Bolsinger beautifully summarizes, "Essentially, what we see is that because God is a Trinity the essence of God is loving relationship, best understood as communion. Therefore, the essence of humanity, as God's creation, is also relationship."

This same essence of community is also found among the early Christian church. The Greek word *koinonia* is used throughout the New Testament to describe the early church. The word can be translated fellowship, association, community, or communion. The word implies something much deeper than today's connotation of meeting together for coffee and donuts. *Koinonia* is an all-inclusive commitment that is deep, personal and intimate. John Driver explains, "The meaning of 'fellowship' or 'communion' in the New Testament relates to sharing one common life within the body of Christ at all levels of existence and experience – spiritual, social, intellectual, economic. No area of life can be excluded." This type of community is pictured in Acts 2:40-47.

Another common word in the New Testament that promotes community is the Greek word *allelon*, which occurs 59 times as a specific command. The word is usually translated "one another." The body of Christ is commanded to love one another (John 13:35), be devoted to one another and honor one another (Romans 12:10), live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16), care for one another (Romans 12:25), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), and encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13). Tod E. Bolsinger comments, "Because of who we are in Christ, our life is one of deep 'one another living': welcoming one another, greeting one another, loving one another, living in harmony with one another, waiting for one another before eating, and, most dramatically, 'through love becoming slaves to one another' (Gal. 5:13)."

The world will take notice when Christians begin to show love to one another. The harmony of the Christian community should be so attractive to onlookers that they deeply desire to join the song – the song of Christ's love. Russ Taff wrote and sang a song that relates the importance of living as the family of God – brothers and sisters in Christ. This song, "We Will Stand" can be viewed here:

Russ Taff's original arrangement:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZypKcB-w5VY>

Newer arrangement by The Davids Family:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gc8HE7zt3x0>

Working together and loving one another until He comes...

PraiSing Him,

*Brother Jeff*

### Get Involved!

- Children's Choir (Grades 1-6) - Wed. at 6pm
- Adult Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00pm
- Orchestra - Sundays at 9:00am.
- Youth Praise Band - Sundays at 5pm



# Women's *Ensemble*

at **Central Baptist Church**  
Sunday, April 24 at 6pm

# Student Ministry

PASTOR SHANNON ENGLAND

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The Salt Mine

Luke 14:33-35



## Life is....

Life is \_\_\_\_\_. How one finishes that sentence most likely depends on where he is in life and his circumstances. Here are a few examples of the most popular ways that sentence has been completed:

Life is good.  
Life is hard.  
Life is like a box of chocolate.  
Life is strange.  
Life is short.  
Life is a dream.  
Life is busy.  
Life is what you make of it.

However you might complete this sentence, Scripture is clear on how God's followers should view life. How does Scripture complete the sentence, "Life is \_\_\_\_\_"?

## Life is JESUS

Life is found in Jesus because He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), He is "the bread of life" (John 6:35). Without Jesus there is no life, no purpose, and no direction. Jesus sustains us and holds us together.

## Life is a GIFT

Life is to be cherished because it is a free gift from God (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9). God owes us nothing! The gift of life is the greatest act of love that while we were yet sinners, He gave His life that we might have life. Life is a gift, the greatest gift!!

## Life is to be SHARED

Life was never meant to be lived alone. An isolated life is a wasted life. God shared His life with us and commands us to share our lives with others for His sake (Matthew 16:25). There is no doubt living for yourself is missing the mark.

## Life is OBEDIENCE

Life is found in obedience (Proverbs 3:1-2). There is life in obedience. This has to be true because Jesus is life and to love Him is to obey Him. It is hard to have life while in opposition to the Creator of life. Jesus restores peace with God and obedience maintains peace with Him.

## Life is ETERNAL

God is the Author of life and created life for the purpose of His glory. At the fall of man, we were separated from Him and His glory. From that moment we were born in the natural after the first Adam, mankind's destiny is eternal death. God had already established a plan to make a way for a new destiny through the blood of Jesus Christ. Eternal life is promised to those who call on the name of Jesus (Romans 10:13).

In this life there is trouble and tribulation but those things do not define life. We should be careful to not let the enemy zap our joy or our purpose for life. Jesus loves you!!

Shalom,  
*Pastor Shannon B. England*

# YOUTH UPDATE

◆ Student Led Worship Service

February 28 @ 6pm

◆ Graduate Recognition

May 1 during morning worship

& reception after the pm service

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar



**Youth**  
**Last Wednesday**  
**Event**  
**March 30**  
**&**  
**April 27**

*Poverty Experience*  
*Sunday ~ Monday*  
*March 20 & 21*

*Start collecting your cardboard for the cardboard city!! We will meet at First Baptist Church of Melbourne at 2pm on March 20th. Dinner, breakfast, and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25.00.*

**Mark Sauter, Affinity Global Leader for the Deaf Peoples for the International Mission Board, SBC reported the recent death of one on their valuable missionaries to the Deaf. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send replacements to the desolate place where he served.**



“This afternoon I received some shocking news when I answered my cell phone around 3 pm CST. On the other end of the line was a friend and colleague who told me that Ray Hodgins, one of our Affinity church planters in the Americas, had died of a massive heart attack a short

time earlier. As you might expect my first reaction was one of disbelief because it has only been a little more than 7 weeks since Ray, and his wife Cindy, were a part of our Affinity Group Leadership Team meetings right before Thanksgiving. Then we spoke over the week of Christmas when Ray called me to wish me Merry Christmas and a Happy Birthday. Now I was hearing that he had just passed from this life into the arms of His Savior. Though this is great news for Ray, it seems tragic for his family—including those of us who are among his Affinity family.

Since Ray and Cindy they lived in Central America, Ray already had people, places, and plans in place and he could barely contain his enthusiasm over what he knew God was doing, and going to do, among the Deaf communities around his field of service.

Over the course of time serving with the organization there are certain people that God brings into your life that truly are kindred spirits. These are folks that you know you can trust! They will be honest with you but not in a vicious or condescending way. They will celebrate with you and cry with you. They aren't afraid to be transparent even when the vulnerability shows a sense of anxiety. They are confident in the Lord but humble in their own spirit. They usually come with more to share than there is time to listen but they always leave you encouraged. Their conversations seldom center on themselves but always elevate their Lord Jesus. And when you leave them you know that when you are together again you can pick right up where you left off the last time.

Ray Hodgins was a man like that! There wasn't a time that I was with him that I didn't come away uplifted and longing for the next time I could fellowship with him. He was a straight shooter—honest to the core! He was loved his family. He loved his colleagues! He loved his people! He loved his Lord!

One of the things he said to me back in September, while he and Cindy were contemplating the future and whether or not to retire, was that he saw the faces of the Deaf in the cities, states, and countries where he had served each night when he went to bed. He said, with tears in his eyes, “Who will tell those folks about Jesus if we don't? Who? I don't have any plans to lay aside my calling until it is clear from the Lord that it is time to do so!”

Evidently Jan. 18, 2016, was the time that the Lord needed Ray more than we do! It must have been the time that it was “time to do so!” Today Ray is home with his Lord Jesus!

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I will miss him because of his passion for the lost Deaf around him—because he would give up most anything to spend time with them and share Jesus with them. I will miss him because he believed in training and empowering Deaf believers—he always seemed to find a way to leave a work at the time when his national partners needed him the least. I will miss him because he knew what it meant to sacrifice—not once did he ever ask me for anything but he always offered to be of service. I will miss him because he made those around him better—there was never a time when we parted company that I was anything but encouraged by Ray. I will miss him because he was a genuine friend—and it's not often that you get to surround yourself with colleagues who are the kind of friend Ray was. I will miss him because of the kind of father he was—he was a missionary who demonstrated missions to his children by taking them with him to engage the lost! I will miss him because of how he desperately loved his Lord—I could see those expressions of joy each and every time he told me a story about what the Lord had done.

Now is not the time to grieve for Ray, for he is where we want to be. Now we grieve with Cindy, Alyse, Taylor, Kaylee, and Nathan! We pray that His grace will be sufficient for them, as it always has been and always will be! And we grieve for ourselves because we are left behind and we will miss him.

Yet the testimony of Ray's life and that sense of urgency that he demonstrated by living for, and sharing, Christ among lost Deaf communities reminds us that we still have time before us. His example prompts us, again, to remember our own calling to be Light in the darkness and to live for the risen Lord in a dying world all around us, until He calls us home.

As the Apostle Paul stated emphatically in Philippians 1:

*Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, **19** for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. **20** I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. **21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. **22** If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! **23** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; **24** but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. **25** Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, **26** so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.*



# WALK FOR BIBLES

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*Space Coast Seafarers Ministry, 8907 N. Atlantic Ave., Cape Canaveral FL 32920*



Pray for the port from the top of Exploration Tower (compliments of Port Canaveral)

**Saturday, March 5**

**8-noon**

*Start at*

**First Baptist Church  
Cape Canaveral**

8711 N Atlantic Ave., Cape Canaveral

*Consider buying a Bible for a seafarer. some examples:*

Indonesian \$25

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South Africa \$45

Polish \$100

Spanish \$5

Arabic \$75

Russian \$25

Hindi \$15

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## QUILTING MINISTRY

As of January 31, 2016 we have delivered 10 adult quilts and 2 cancer hats, making a total of 125 adult quilts, 8 children quilts, 13 bibs, and 6 cancer hats.

We are looking for more people to sew squares together,

or even complete quilts. We teach and help and we even have machines to loan.

Meetings are every other Monday at 10 a.m.



# Audit Committee Report

## Central Baptist Church Audit Committee Report 2015 Fourth quarter report

### Deuteronomy 26:12-19



**12.** When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

**13.** Then say to the Lord your God: "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them.

**14.** I have not eaten any of the sacred portion while I was in mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor have I offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the Lord my God; I have done everything you commanded me.

**15.** Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our ancestors, a land flowing with milk and honey."

**16.** The Lord your God commands you this day to follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.

**17.** You have declared this day that the Lord is your God and that you will walk in obedience to him, that you will keep his decrees, commands and laws—that you will listen to him.

**18.** And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands.

**19.** He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.

**God blessed** us another year. Forth quarter audit found in financial order.

**HIS** grace in a golden age of blessing,

*Priscilla Mercer, Fran Tuggle, Bill Pitman & Fred Parsons*



# PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



**Come and share YOUR love in Preschool!**



Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

***Volunteers and paid workers needed.***

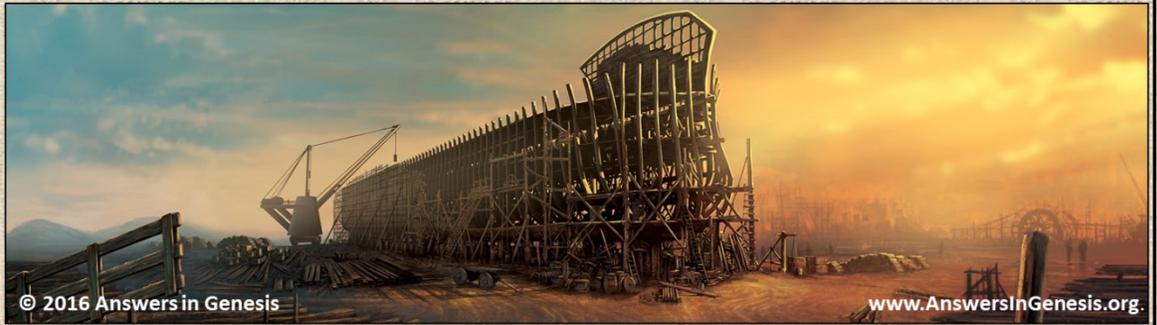
*Places to serve:*

Welcome Center – Sundays 10:30-11:05

Classroom – Church service for Sunday mornings, Sunday & Wednesday evenings.



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# PROJECT UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2016

By Ted Wolfe

## Construction Update

Construction continues at a feverish and rapid pace as workers battle not only the elements of inclement weather but the ever diminishing interval of time approaching the July 7 opening of one of the most unique evangelical projects of our day. As the mid-section of the ship is completed and closed in to keep out the cold winter weather, the stern (rear) of the ship starts to take shape as the final bents and complex shaped timbers begin to come together that will define the unique shape of the back of the ship.

Inside the three decks of the ship, work continues on each level to complete the flooring, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, as well as the rest rooms, elevators and other amenities that will handle the thousands of visitors that are expected to be in attendance each day. Some of the exhibits from the Ark Design Studios in Hebron, Kentucky will be making their way into parts of the ship that will soon be finished.

The top deck of the ship is also in the final stages of completion that will house a large unique restaurant that will have a wall of windows open to the view of the lake and surrounding Kentucky hills. At eight stories in



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Siding is going up quickly on the mid-section as well as the stern construction on the right as cranes lift some of the final bents in place. [Click here](#) for a great drone fly over both inside and out, filmed on 31 Jan.

height as well as sitting on top of a hill the view will be astonishing as diners enjoy their meal. This specialized restaurant on top of the ship will open several months after the grand opening and will require reservations for a unique experience similar to the restaurant in Cinderella's Castle at Disney world to put it in a Florida vernacular.

The main restaurant is a 2100 seat facility that has finally begun construction and is located a small distance from the bow (front) of the ship. This restaurant will be themed to fit the historical time of Noah with lots of animal figures and scenes that will go with the whole Ark experience. With the cold, damp and sometimes frozen winter in northern Kentucky this time of year it is difficult to pour concrete and



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The top floor above the third deck of the Ark shown here will become a unique restaurant with a spectacular view while diners enjoy a delightful meal, reservations will be required. [Click here](#) for a short video tour of the inside filmed on Jan 31.

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perform foundation work when the temperature is in the single digits like it has been for many days in December and January, but the construction team continues to find ways to work around these challenges.

Work on the lake out in front of the Ark has resumed by covering the porous stone bottom and sides with clay material that will allow water to be retained. Once this is completed, rain water will slowly fill the lake bed and produce a natural looking body of water that will reflect the enormous image of the Ark to make the overall experience even more dramatic.

These guys have thought of everything.

The paving is progressing on the huge 4000 car parking lot as well as the access road to the Ark that will shuttle visitors to the Ark. Further paving has been placed on hold until spring due to the uncooperative weather.

However, the access bridge is progressing and will be completed in the April time frame. This bridge will

connect the huge parking lot via the access road to the drop off point where visitors can stop and take in the view of the enormous Ark structure before continuing on to the entry point and que line prior to boarding the ship.

The siding or skin installation of the ship is also progressing well as shown in the pictures. The [Accoya Acetylated](#) wood (Radiata Pine) used is quite unique in that it began its journey from the forests of New Zealand, half way around the

world, and is a tropical hardwood known for its beauty, stability and durability. Then it was shipped to the Netherlands for a proprietary acetylation process that will allow the wood to battle the harsh elements and extend its life. From the Netherlands the wood is shipped to North Carolina where it is milled to its final dimensions and then to northern Kentucky where it has been staged for installation onto the sides of the ship.

One of the most interesting construction elements over the past month has been the buildup of the stern with its unique design and complex structural elements. A combination of bents, large beams and irregular shaped laminated beams make up the maze of very atypical timber framing that makes this ship the largest timber frame structure in the country. The engineering feats to make this design work have been a great testimony to the skills of the Troyer Group whose architects and engineers have used their ingenuity and God given abilities to make it happen.



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The foundation of the 2100 seat restaurant is shown in the foreground as workers attempt to set forms and pour concrete in the frigid. [Click here](#) for more details on this unique restaurant.



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The access road paving is nearly complete as shown in the picture above. Note the Ark in the background which is the view that visitors will begin to see as they make their approach on the transportation shuttle.



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The stern shown above still has a way to go but the unusual shape is starting to come into view.

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## ***Exhibit design and fabrication***

Exhibit design and fabrication continue to move ahead at a feverish pace. Many of these exhibits have been completed and staged at the Ark Design Studios where some of them will start to make their move to the Ark



The picture above shows the 76 camera array that captures 3-D images, are then processed and refined and sent to a 3-D printer for duplication. [Click here](#) for video of this photogrammetry process.

construction site and be installed in some of the completed exhibit bays. The designers are always looking for ways to make their artistic work more efficient and speed up the process for producing the large number of figures and artifacts that compose many of the exhibits. Travis Wilson, whom we wrote about in the last article, has done just that with another technology that speeds up the process to capture 3-D images. This faster process utilizes an array of 76 individual cameras whose 2-D images are processed to produce the 3-D images used to create the various figures in the exhibits. After the photography stage, the artists can then turn the image into 3D models, which

can be further refined, sculpted and ultimately reproduced on a 3-D printer. For an updated preview of more of the Ark exhibits that will be part of the overall encounter, take a quick tour by [clicking here](#). And to view a short video of the processes used to make many of the larger animal figures [click here](#).

## ***Unprecedented Media Blitz***

Since the November 12 announcement of the opening of the Ark Encounter on 7 July 2016, AiG has been busy getting the word out through a multitude of media outlets. The Ark Encounter sponsored the Fox News coverage of the New Year's events on Times Square and ran a 30 second commercial during the hour and a half time slot that many of you may have seen. [Click here](#) to view the video spot and see the other plans for media coverage over the next several months that includes Fox News coverage of the presidential election, the Tonight Show on NBC, Good Morning America on ABC, the Kentucky Derby, the Indy 500 (as well as the direct sponsorship of one of the cars driven by Christian driver Conor Daly), Rush Limbaugh as well as the TV show The View.

Ken Ham himself may actually appear as a guest on the View with the all female panel. If that really occurs, Karen and I will be staying home from work just to watch what could be quite an explosive event which one would expect when a fiery conservative Bible believing Christian apologist mixes with a mostly outspoken liberal progressive panel of interviewers. The fuel of controversy will certainly be in abundance and with Ken as the lightning rod, as he is sometimes known to be, the outcome should be predictable. However, I know that Ken will make every effort to use this platform as an opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to this large, liberal and mostly unbelieving audience as well as to describe the purpose and message of the Ark Encounter project.



The picture above shows the Ark Encounter Billboard in Times Square that was in place for all of January.

# PROJECT UPDATE

## ***Victory for Religious Freedom and the First Amendment***

As was reported in the March 2015 church newsletter article, AiG was denied participation in the Kentucky Tourist Development Program that sought to attract developers to the state in order to stimulate the tourism industry and generate economic

development in the region. This program would give a percentage rebate on sales tax collected from an attraction up to a fixed amount after the attraction is operational for one year. After considerable effort and financial expenditure to file the exhaustive application and preliminary approval by the tourism commission, the then Governor Steve Beshear stopped the final approval process and denied the application due to the Ark Encounter's evangelical message and proposed employment practices citing constitutional separation of church and state and future discrimination in hiring due to sexual orientation against the gay community.

In February 2015 AiG file a suit in the federal district court where the oral arguments were heard last July. In the decision announced this past January, the court ruled in favor of AiG not only to allow the application process to proceed but that it's proposed hiring practices were not illegal under the current law which gives ministerial exceptions to organizations of faith. In addition, and as a testimony of God's sovereign providence in this matter, a new Kentucky governor was elected this past November who is not only a strong Bible believing, born again Christian but is also an avid supporter of the Ark Encounter project and a lifetime charter member of the Creation Museum. Governor Matt Bevin, who took office last December, has responded to this ruling by saying the state of Kentucky will not appeal and will whole heartily comply with the judge's ruling.

This was a great victory for religious freedom in this country and goes against the tide of rulings by federal courts in recent years who seek to elevate the rights of the ungodly over the righteous. For a more detail and comprehensive article on the background and recent ruling, [click here](#).

## ***On-line tickets are now available***

Even though the Ark Encounter is still under construction, tickets went on sale to the public on January 19. With opening day of July 7 just five very short months away it would be prudent not wait too late to make that purchase and reserve the dates that fit your vacation schedule the best. With the anticipation of a huge demand during the opening months, there are two time slots open each day to accommodate the crowds and give the best experience for all those who will be attending. For the first forty days and forty nights the park will be open at two different times: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., and then 5 p.m.–midnight. Just like it rained for forty days and forty nights during the cataclysmic event that occurred after Noah and his family entered the Ark, visitors will have two opportunities each day for the first forty days and nights to enter and experience the Ark Encounter after it opens. Tickets can be purchased on-line now by [clicking here](#).

You don't want to miss this world-class attraction the first summer it is open. And while you are at it, plan to visit the [Creation Museum](#) and the [other great attractions](#) in the Greater Cincinnati area. This undoubtedly will become one of your most anticipated and one-of-a-kind vacations ever. Not only will you get to experience the immense size of the Ark, but you'll also get to tour all three decks, each packed with amazing exhibits and life-like animal kinds—including extinct kinds you've probably never seen before. For more information including videos and more photos and to keep up with the buzz of construction activity currently in progress at the Ark Encounter site, click on the following link, <https://arkencounter.com>.





## Who Is Annie?

Each year, we honor the life and advocacy of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in missions endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in and followed Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our missions efforts. Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food, clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share God's love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more for reaching people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

**Our church goal is \$8,000**

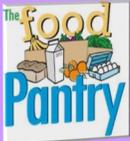
**Our missions emphasis evening will be Wednesday, March 9 at 6pm**

**Our Missions Speaker will be Mark Weible.**

# MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>Regular Sunday Activities</b> 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	<b>1:30pm</b> Builders Sunday School class  Central Home School		Walk for Bibles 8am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Regular Sunday Activities	<b>10am</b> Quilting <b>11am</b> Food Pantry <b>7 pm</b> Deacons Mtg.	<b>12pm</b> Men in Motion 	<b>6pm</b> Annie Armstrong Missions Night <b>7pm</b> Regular Activities	<b>1:30pm</b> Central Home School		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Regular Sunday Activities  <i>Daylight            Savings Time            begins</i>	<b>11am</b> Food Pantry <b>6 pm</b> Stewardship Meeting	<b>12pm</b> Men in Motion  <i>Election Day</i>	Regular Wednesday Activities	<b>1:30pm</b> Central Home School 		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Regular Sunday Activities	<b>10am</b> Quilting <b>11am</b> Food Pantry	<b>12pm</b> Men in Motion	Regular Wednesday Activities			
Poverty Experience –Youth Event						
27	28	29	30	31		
Regular Sunday Activities & Baptism  Easter Sunday	<b>11am</b> Food Pantry	<b>12pm</b> Men in Motion	Regular Wednesday Activities	<b>1:30pm</b> Central Home School		
			<b>Regular Wednesday Activities</b> Supper (5:20pm)...Word Walking, Youth Group, Children's Choirs (6:00pm)...Bible Drill, Adult Choir Rehearsal , Kidz Central (7:00pm)			

# APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Regular Sunday Activities</b>            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 &amp; Adults (6:30pm)</p> <p><b>Regular Wednesday Activities</b>            Supper (5:20pm)...Word Walking, Youth Group, Children's Choirs (6:00pm)...Bible Drill, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Kidz Central (7:00pm)</p>					1	2 Fish Fry
3 Regular Sunday Activities	4 10am Quilting 11am Food Pantry 7pm Deacon's Meeting	5 12pm Men in Motion	6 Regular Wednesday Activities	7 1:30pm Builders Sunday School class Central Home School	8	9
10 Regular Sunday Activities	11 11am Food Pantry 6pm Stewardship	12 12pm Men in Motion	13 Regular Wednesday Activities	14 1:30pm Central Home School	15	16
17 Regular Sunday Activities 6pm Business Meeting	18 10am Quilting 11am Food Pantry	19 12pm Men in Motion	20 Regular Wednesday Activities	21 1:30pm Central Home School	22	23
24 Regular Sunday Activities	25 11am Food Pantry 	26	27 Regular Wednesday Activities Youth Last Wed. Event	28 1:30pm Central Home School	29	30

# CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind.



*Leona McKinney*

The following books have been placed in our library:

**"Think on These Things; Truth Does Matter"** by Dr. Roger Maslin  
Placed by the Senior Co-Ed Sunday School Class

Note: we also have his other two books,  
**"A Manual on the Millennium"** and **"Dealing with the Difficult"**

**"If I Run"** by Beverly Blackstock  
Placed in our library by Elizabeth Haight



of  
*Shirley Kidd*

The following book has been placed in our library:

**"Beyond the Silence"** by Tracie Peterson  
Placed in our library by Elizabeth Haight

May the Lord bless and keep you. May He make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

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