

May 2018

Her Children
RISE UP
 And Call
 Her
 Proverbs 31:28 **BLESSED**

May Memory Verse:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV)

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Birthdays
May 2018



To protect from identity theft, birthdays are not listed in the on-line version of the Chapel Communique. Thank you for understanding!



This month **Golden Heirs** will meet **Friday, May 11th, at 6:30 pm** for their monthly fellowship meal. It should be a lot of fun! There will be lots of good food and fellowship so bring your favorite “potluck” dish!

If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 10th 6pm — Ladies Night Out (Susan Harper & Goat Cheese)

May 13th — Mother’s Day



May 28th — Memorial Day — Office will be closed



Ark Encounter

By Natalie Butcher

Have you ever wondered about Noah's Ark? How big was it really? How did all the animals fit on board? How did Noah and his family (8 people) feed and care for all of the animals? How was it built? There is a museum called Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY, about 40 miles south of Cincinnati, OH, that attempts to answer these questions and more.



Richard and I recently drove to Kentucky to see the Ark Encounter. From the parking lot, we rode a bus up a small, winding hill. As we reached the top, we got our first glimpse of the ark sitting on top of a hill. It was exciting seeing a replica of something that we have read about in the Bible since childhood. After we got off the bus, we walked up to the ark to see it close up. Wow! It was huge! Looking at it and knowing that Noah's Biblical ark was built on a hill far from water helped me understand why people that were not in a relationship with God thought Noah and his family were crazy for building it — on a mountain — away from water! It was huge!

From the Bible, we know the dimensions of the ark, that it was built from gopher wood, the people that were on the ark (Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives), the unclean animals came in pairs, etc. However, there are a lot of details that are left out. From the beginning of the exhibit, the Ark Encounter makes it clear that they had to take "ARK-tistic" license when designing this ark. They extensively researched building techniques during ancient times, animals, etc. so they could design an ark that could have been possible during Noah's time.

Many people mock the possibility of an ark and a world-wide flood. They think that there is no way that all of the different animals could fit and live on an ark. This exhibit proved how it could have

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MHC Kids Serving Ministry

By Ruth Guinn

On April 22nd, the kids left after church to go to Taco Bell to eat. How fun that was!!! After eating, we went to the El Dorado Police Department. The kids brought the cookies and stuffed animals. The stuffed animals were donated by MHC church members so that the police officers can give them to kids during traumatic situations. One surprise was that one of MHC's former youth, Amber Belin, had moved back to El Dorado and was one of the police officers that showed us around. On to the next adventure...



The Licciardi Family! We visited the Licciardi family — Charles, Sheryl, Isabella, & Mary Grace. Mary Grace has been on the church prayer list & they don't get to come to church as often as they would

like due to her illness, so we wanted to visit them & let them know how much their church family loves them. We took the girls some crafts for them to work on & gave Charles and



Sheryl one of the praying hands with scripture that the kids made. After we prayed, we took off on our next adventure...

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In The Beginning...

By Natalie Butcher

In Petersburg, KY, there is a state-of-the-art Creation Museum that “allows you to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, zoo, zip line adventure course, and much more.” On a recent trip to Kentucky, Richard and I visited the Creation Museum. Throughout the museum, we were inundated with scripture. Most, if not all, exhibits referenced and applied scripture to the topic being discussed. I can’t describe it very well, but I felt a peace while I walked through the museum.

When we first walked through the entrance of the museum, we were surrounded by information on dragons and dinosaurs. What a way to start a creation museum! The displays described different dragon legends and how they could relate to dinosaurs. There is even a display about the two “dinosaurs” specifically listed in the Bible — Leviathan and Behemoth.

The museum is setup to discuss 7 C’s of history — Creation, Corruption (Adam’s fall), Catastrophe (flood), Confusion (Tower of Babel), Christ, Cross, and Consummation (new heaven and earth).

The Creation section of the museum started with an interesting display of an archeological site. There were two scientists looking at a dinosaur fossil discovery — one was an evolutionist (a scientist that believes the world was created with a “big bang”) and the other a creationist (a scientist that believes the Bible’s account of God creating the world in 6 days). The exhibit talked about how the scientist’s belief system is a starting point that would cause them to interpret the discovery in different ways even though they are looking at the same bones.

Throughout the Creation section, there were displays that would state

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Golden Heirs

The Golden Heirs met on Friday, the 13th. Eula Cottrell posted on Facebook, “We had a great time at Golden Heirs last night. Laura Sellers Rogers had a program about bird identification and feeding. Jamie impressed everyone with his ability to identify birds from shadow pictures. The food and fellowship was great as usual. Thanks Laura and Kay Johnston .” She also posted pictures. For those that do not have access to Facebook, here are a few of Eula’s pictures.



Ladies Day Out

Don't trust cellphone GPS apps. That was one of many things learned during the Marrable Hill Chapel Ladies Day Out to the Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Conservation Education Center near Hope, Arkansas.

Twenty-nine ladies loaded into the 2 church vans and 2 personal vehicles. The lead car on our adventure didn't have a copy of the printed map and used a GPS app. Somewhere after Camden, it told the driver to turn left. When the turn wasn't made, it rerouted and told the driver to turn right. This time the driver turned. When the road turned to gravel and looked like it was taking us to the middle of nowhere, many of the ladies wondered whether or not we were going to make it to Hope. However, we faithfully followed the GPS and eventually arrived at the education center on time. On a side note: Along this road many of us got to see deer and turkeys.

After arriving at the destination and taking a short break, we loaded up in a long, covered wagon pulled by a pickup. Our tour guide, Aneesah Rasheed, was a lot of fun, informative, and a great story teller. She shared the history of the area and information on the different plants.

Grandview Prairie is made up of 4,885 acres of Blackland Praire that was acquired under Amendment 75, the 1/8¢ conservation sales tax amendment. The Caddo Tribe is the first known people to inhabit the land.

When settlers moved onto the land, it became a plantation that was well-known for producing valuable crops and livestock. In modern times, it was managed as a cattle farm and private hunting and fishing business.

During the years, many non-native vegetation were introduced to the area. When the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AGFC)



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purchased it, they wanted to restore the native vegetation. Imagine their surprise when the native prairie grasses and plants came back after a controlled burn!



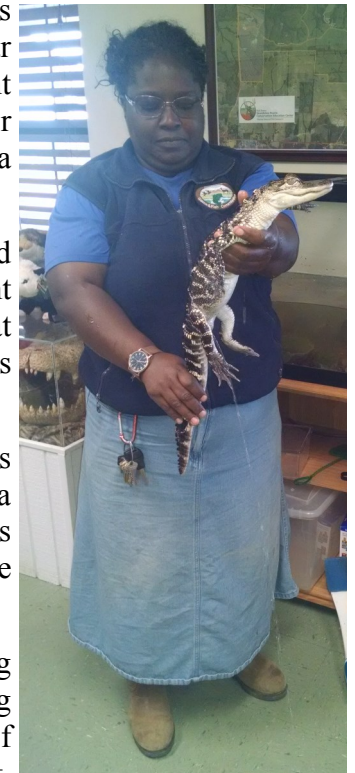
One of the native plants that came back was the Compass Plant. The name came from the “compass orientation” of its leaves. According to Wikipedia, the large leaves are held vertically with tips pointing north or south and the upper and lower surfaces of the blades facing east or west. Besides the Compass Plant, we saw many different wildflowers and grasses.

We learned that the black soil is full of calcium from oceanic fossils. The calcium in the soil is absorbed into the plants. When deer eat the plants, they have too much calcium for bones so it goes into incredible antlers. Each year there is a drawing for the 40 tags to hunt these prized bucks. However, the hunter MUST bag a doe before they can hunt for a buck.

Besides getting to look at and pass around different plants, we passed around different relics, fossils, and antlers that were found at the site — including old horse shoes, parts from wagons, sea shells.

After the wagon ride, the ladies ate delicious vegetable soup and peach cobbler that Laura Rogers cooked in Dutch ovens. There was also an opportunity to go next door to the office to see fossils and a live alligator.

We had a great time seeing and learning about this site. However, we enjoyed getting to spend time and getting to know a bunch of ladies while traveling and touring the most.



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man's view vs. the Bible's view. There was an interesting display of "Lucy" — a primate that evolutionists claim to be the "missing link" between apes and man and creationists believe is an ape. Even though the bones for the hands and feet are completely missing and the arms are missing segments, evolutionists believe that

the feet and hands were like humans and they walked upright. Why? Because they found human-like footprints that they believe is millions of years old and were made at a time that they believe humans didn't exist. The museum displayed a model of an ape-like animal that creationists believe "Lucy" may have been. It has a hologram showing the bones that were discovered superimposed over the model. It was really interesting seeing that there can be two different interpretations of the same bones.

In the Catastrophe section, There was a lot of information about how a world-wide flood could have happened and how it could have caused a rapid layering of fossils and rocks over a quick period of time. The eruption of Mount St. Helen's in 1980 and other



catastrophes, have helped scientists discover that major catastrophes can rapidly make different layers with fossils and rocks that date really old. There were all kinds of other information in this section that explained how a world-wide flood could cause the same type of animal to be found in different parts of the world, rapid erosion like that seen in places like the Grand Canyon, rapid ice ages, etc.

The rest of the museum explained more about the other C's of history.

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happened. Noah's ark was built for land-dwelling animals. When the Bible talks about the pairs of animals, it is talking about "kinds" — the dog kind includes wolves, dogs, foxes, etc. Scientists have proven that all animals in the dog kind have all of the genetic code to make them into any of the different dog species.

Throughout the museum there were different sizes of cages with models of animals. They also had watering jugs, feeding troughs, and an elaborate system of pipes that could have allowed Noah and his family to feed animals with less effort. There was also an interesting display that showed how they could have kept the cages cleaned of animal excrement.

Many questions that I had regarding the ark were answered — even questions that I hadn't thought of. This is a great museum that makes you think and brings the Bible alive. For more information, go to <https://arkencounter.com/>.

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There was even a display on the Bible, its history, and its inerrancy. One scary display showed a timeline of how the Bible has been questioned and thrown out throughout history — even by the church. It talked about the church compromising on the truths that are found in the Bible and how the church's compromises are causing compromises in the family. A 2003 British report on church attendance states, "The Christian church in this country will be dead and buried in 40 years. It will vanish from the mainstream of British life, with 0.5% of the population attending church." What about America?

There was a lot of information in this museum — so much that there is no way I can adequately write about it in a newsletter article. What I can say is that this museum has a wealth of information that really makes you think about what the Bible says about the world, its history and how it applies to us today and in the future. It has really piqued my curiosity on creation and the flood. I plan on reading a lot more about what the Bible and scientists — both evolutionists and creationists — say about the world we live in. For more information, go to <https://creationmuseum.org/>

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We appreciate Laura Rogers for the great job she did planning, scheduling, and running this event along with cooking good food.

After eating the meal and visiting the office, everyone went back to the church — each vehicle traveled different routes and at different times. Everyone made it home safely. I don't think anyone used GPS going home!



Communique Articles

I, along with others, would love to hear what is going on in your life! Do you have a funny story that you would like to share? Has God shown you something? Has He put something on your heart that you would like to share? E-mail or talk to me, Natalie, about what He is doing in your life so we can share in the Communique.

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Mary Jo Warren! All 12 of us crowded into her room. She was amazed at how some of the kids had grown up! We told her about things going on in the church. She really misses her church family and being involved. Mary Jo's ministry was cooking & feeding the church family. I will say that she was really GOOD! I told her that her ministry lives on, because of a recipe she had given me — biscuits with bacon & cheese. I fixed it for one of the new Sunday School classes & the kids in children's church finished them off. They loved them. Mary Jo was happy to hear that. On to the next adventure.....



Billy Bob & LaRue Stone's house! We missed Billy Bob on this visit since he had gone grocery shopping. We got to visit LaRue & their son Mickey. Mickey was cooking ribs & a strawberry cake. We visited while the kids played tag in the yard (what energy!) LaRue was really happy to see the kids.

The adventure ended for this time... To be continued on May 20th right after church.



Did you know?



The El Dorado Police Department has a convenient drop off box for flags that are in such condition that they are no longer fitting emblems of display. They also have a drop off box inside the lobby for unused and outdated prescription drugs.