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Creation Museum & Ark Encounter Trip—Kentucky!

We were thrilled to be able to take the children on a special trip to the Creation Museum and the (Noah's) Ark Encounter in Kentucky



recently!! It was fun, impactful, exhilarating, and exhausting all at the same time. We loved how these special places brought the early events of the Bible into focus in a hands-on way for the kids as we explored them thoroughly together. We are truly thankful for our friends from the Dewey Christian Church and Barnsdall Christian Church in Oklahoma, the Ravenwood Christian Church in Missouri, and the Burden Baptist Church and Soldier Christian Church in Kansas who combined forces to raise special funding specifically to help pay

for the cost of this dream trip for the kids. We highly recommend visiting these special places if you haven't already. You can find many

more fun photos from our trip across three separate posts on our Alpha Facebook page!

We had a special need come up just before this trip and were once again amazed to see

God's hand in putting all the pieces together to provide a solution that was accomplished in just the right time frame! Mr. Dean and Mrs. Brittani took the teenagers to their church youth group gathering one Sunday evening in the old 2011 Ford passenger van assigned to their house, and on the way

back afterward, had a deer dash in front of them in the dark with no time to avoid a collision. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the old van ended up being totaled out by our insurance provider. So after that process was complete, we began the search for an affordable replacement van for the Alpha House residence. In the meantime, an older couple had traded in a gold 2017 Ford Transit Van that they had used for camping, with very low mileage and in excellent condition at an area dealership, and we were able to obtain it just in time for our trip to Kentucky with the kids! Thank you to each of you who has contributed toward this unexpected need!!



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Celebrating the Kids



Here are more photos that summarize our amazing trip to Kentucky to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter.



The Creation Museum focused on Earth's origins and the scientific evidence that supports an intelligent design creator. It included a really interesting

video presentation in their planetarium on the magnitude of our galaxy and the entire universe beyond. The kids were astonished at everything that is present in the universe beyond what we can see from our place here on Earth!!



Some really big life questions were answered, contrasting a Creationist World View versus an Evolutionist World View.



The Ark Encounter museum was fantastic! This is a photo of where you exit the Ark after viewing all of its exhibits inside; it is ginormous!



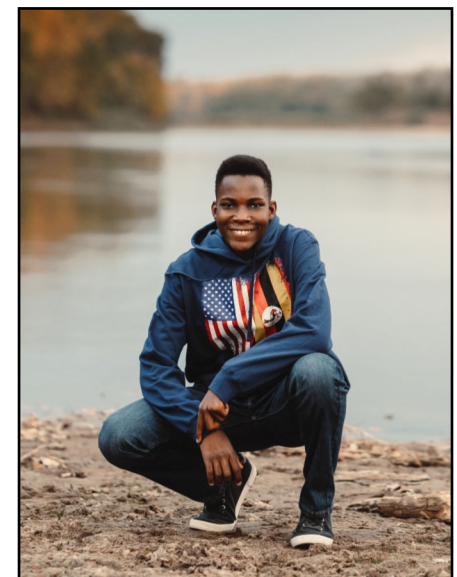
There were many exhibits depicting historical figures and events from the Bible. Some of the scenes had animatronic figures telling about the events that go with the scenes depicted. There were also exhibits that showed how various aspects of living on the Ark and caring for all the animals on board would have gone as the rest of the world outside became completely flooded.



There were more recreational activities located on the rest of the grounds outside the museums, with animal

encounters, camel rides, and play-ground areas and equipment where the kids could burn off energy while having such a fun time together.

This trip was an amazing opportunity for them, and we are so grateful!!



We are SO proud of Elvis who finished his High School requirements and has now joined the College of the Ozarks summer work program to earn room & board for his upcoming Freshman year of pre-med studies! We'll plan a graduation ceremony & party for him here July 19th!

Now Hiring: TEACHER For Our Learning Center!!

Mrs. Patricia Sims has officially retired from teaching.

We are now prayerfully accepting resumes and

applications for a Christ-following educator to teach the children in our K-12 Learning Center, utilizing the individualized Accelerated Christian Education curriculum and procedures



that are already in place. Several other trained staff members are rotating in to substitute in this position on top of their other duties until just the right fit is found for the Learning Center.

The teacher directs the students in completing their daily allotment of curriculum pages, grades their work, and tutors them one-on-one when they are needing extra help with understanding the concepts that they are learning.

We are hoping to find someone to step into this challenging, but rewarding role with confident enthusiasm, natural creativity, and outstanding reliability.

If you know of anyone who might be a good fit as a teacher for our learning center students, please do reach out to them and get us connected!

Memorial Gifts & Gifts In Honor

Given In Memory Of:

Bryan Brauer

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- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Sandwich Crackers & Snack Crackers
- Can Mandarin Oranges
- Dry Penne Pasta
- Pasta Sauces In Jars
- Great Northern Beans in Cans; Cream Of Chicken Soup
- White Vinegar
- Apple Cider Vinegar
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags & Contractor Size Clean-Up Bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Colgate Sensitive Gel Toothpaste
- Aveeno/Cerave Lotions
- Garnier Fructis Sleek & Shine Shampoo & Cond.
- Cantu Kids Curl Cream Shampoo & Conditioner
- Argon Oil of Morocco Hair Oil
- Rubbing Alcohol & Peroxide, Band-Aids



Special Needs

- Notebook Computer for Alpha House Residence—\$1,000
- Gas Fireplace Insert for Alpha House Living Room Fireplace—\$3,500
- New Alpha Logo Rock Sign For Driveway—\$3,000
- Lighting Upgrade & Drop Ceiling: School Basement—\$4,000

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

Give us a call to find out how to connect with Alpha's mission!
(785) 597-5235



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