

October 20, 2024

WOULD YOU HAVE BEEN AMONG THE EIGHT

This past week, we had a wonderful time at both the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in northern Kentucky. We were able to see some amazing Christian evidences as to how Noah and his family could have built the ark, provided for the animals, and preserved the world during the global flood. There was one place that stood out to me, and many of the children who were on the trip as well. As we approached the third floor of the ark, there was a massive mural of what it might have looked like on the day of the flood. It shows the destruction of the waves as it overtakes a city and its people. It is quite a dramatic image that brings forth all types of emotions. It shows how destructive sin truly is and encapsulates the fear, sadness, and torment of those who were not on the ark during the day the flood came.

But as I looked at that image, it made me wonder if I would have been one of the eight. Peter tells us in **1 Peter 3:20**, “because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.” If you had lived during the time of Noah, would you have been among the eight? Well, to answer that, we need to look at the characteristics that the eight had.

First, they were righteous in an unrighteous world. As I looked through the museums and saw the depictions they had of the world before the flood, I realized that it is almost impossible for us to imagine what Noah and his family experienced. I mean, just think of how concerned we are with the direction our nation is taking, yet we know so many godly people. Noah did not have that in his life. **Genesis 6:5-6** says, “The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.” Even in our society today, we are so often flooded with peer pressure, and there are times where even we may give into peer pressure, but Noah never did. If you lived at the time of Noah, would you have been among the eight?

The second characteristic of the eight during the days of Noah is that they were righteous without any righteous heritage. There are so many of us who have been raised in the church by loving parents and grandparents. There are some who can even trace their lineage of faithfulness back

for many generations. However, when God looked at the world during the time of Noah, he didn’t declare Noah’s father or even his grandfather as righteous. He had no brothers or sisters who were declared righteous either. **Genesis 6:8** simply tells us “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” Noah was alone in his faith. If you had lived at the time of Noah, would you have been among the eight?

Third, they were righteous because they lived righteously for so many years. **Genesis 6:3** says, “Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” Sometime during those 120 years, God called Noah and waited for him to build the ark. At least some of Noah’s sons, if not all of them, were born during that period. The Ark Encounter had a very interesting chart that tried to pinpoint the time when Noah would have had his sons and when he would have started work on the ark. According to their charts, it was around 75 years that Noah and his sons would have built the ark, and around 100 years for Noah to have established his family. Could you imagine that. For a century, his family lived faithfully in a world where people were only evil. In our society today, it is so easy to struggle with faithfulness. We can simply get “too busy”, “too tired”, “too stressed”, or even “too old” to think about God. Yet Noah and his family lived a century of faithfulness to God. If you had lived at the time of Noah, would you have been among the eight?

What an amazing example the life of Noah is to each of us. Sometimes, it is good for us to just imagine what it would have been like to be there in that time. Think about it. Would you have been inside or outside the ark? But, as good as it may be for us to reflect on what life was back in the time of Noah, Noah’s life is also an important reminder of the blessing we have now in Christ. As we looked at what Peter said earlier, he had more to say when it came to his example of the eight. **1 Peter 3:20-21** says, “because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight people, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” What a blessing we have in baptism into Christ!

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Daniel 1

Wednesday Read – Daniel 2

Questions for last week's reading of;

Genesis 48-50

Questions:

1. Who did Jacob say would be the greater of Joseph’s sons?
2. What did Jacob tell Joseph God would do for Joseph?
3. What did Jacob mean when he said, “The scepter will not depart from Judah?”
4. What did Joseph tell his brothers when they asked forgiveness for how they treated him?
5. How old was Joseph when he died?

UPCOMING EVENTS

** 4:15 Singing class every Sunday**

Oct. 23rd – Fall Series/Mike Tidwell

Oct 26th – Fall Fest 10am -2pm Everyone invited

Oct. 27th – Sunday A.M. Fall Series/Mike Tidwell

Oct. 29th – TNT @ 6pm

Oct. 29th – Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30 pm.

TNT will be held in the fellowship room. Ladies Bible Study will be in the high school classroom.

On Wednesday evenings, Nursery -6th grade will have class. High School will be in the auditorium

DISASTER RELIEF

On Sunday Oct 13, an additional \$5,890 was sent to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville. Thank you for your generosity.

The Elders

FALL FEST/TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. If you would like to help and donate candy for the trunk or treat, please bring candy to the church office or the fellowship room by Oct 24th. If you would like to decorate your car for the Trunk or Treat, please sign the list in foyer or talk with Garrett Rowlett.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

October 20, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
 Scripture Reading.....Corey Nelsen
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
 Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
 Servers..... R. Buck, C. Newby, G. Messer
 M. Ellis, T. Butler, J. Sever
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
 Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

WEDNESDAY

October 23, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Lesson.....Mike Tidwell
 Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry
 Ushers for October.....E. Stephenson/Z. Tooley
 Communion Care for October.....J/L Cherry
 Door Greeters – West Door.....C/P Newby
 East Door.....B/S Sever
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Jessica Rowlett

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

James Spivey bedridden at home. Evelyn Harris is in the hospital. Janice Johnson is home now and will continue with therapy. Eva Petty has been diagnosed with COPD. Scot Seals, son of Charlie & Wanda Seals, was in a bicycle accident. He is home now and doing better. Jean McCurdy, mother of Olivia Nelsen, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby is home and has begun chemo treatments. Virginia Long, sister of Gary Stallcup, has improved. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has cancer and has had surgery for the tumors. He will begin chemo soon.



PRAYER LIST

Maddie Andrews; James & Mary Spivey; Charlie Cliburn; Ottis Cothron; Sara Hosman; Anita Cato; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Maxine Cothron; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Charles & Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Scott Seals son of Charlie & Wanda Seals; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; Jean McCurdy mother of Olivia Nelsen; Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christie Coleman; Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Samantha Hager, friend of June Thompson; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; Ty Tyler son of Ann Tyler; Wade Kennedy father of Diana Stephenson; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill; Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton; James Spivey.
 Melba Hill; NHC 140 Throne Blvd. Gallatin, rm 2010
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We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	74
Morning Worship.....	125
Sunday Evening.....	66
Wednesday Evening.....	70
Contribution.....	\$13,390.00
Youth Group Account.....	3,861.00

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