A DREAM COME TRUE!

On September 28th, 2019 on a sunny Saturday morning, we began our dream trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Experience. As we loaded the vans with luggage, snacks and kids, our minds were full of thoughts of how we had gotten to this point in our journey. Thinking back to a meeting in 2018 with Jim Knight, we thought about how he had challenged us to "Dream Big" as we began to plan activities for 2019.

A few days later Daryl, Lorinda and I (Jackie) were brainstorming about possible field trips to take with the Youth. We had heard about the Creation Museum and Ark Experience from several different sources - a museum where the Bible comes to life and a recreation of what Noah's Ark might have looked like. "Wow!" What a way to bring the Bible to life for our kids.

After researching the cost of the trip, we knew that this experience was only going to be possible with God's help. We began to pray and research possible funding opportunities knowing that it would only happen if God willed it so. In June of 2019 we met with a group of ladies from Birmingham First UMC to discuss our Youth Program. During the meeting we told the ladies about our dream trip and how we thought the trip would impact the youth. They asked if we had a cost estimation for the trip that they could take back to present to their board. We gave them our estimation for a two day trip to visit the Museum and Ark.









In July we received an email from Sue Walters telling us that through the generosity of the Birmingham First UMC, the money was coming our way for OUR dream trip!! Praise God!!







We decided that September 28th and 29th would be our target dates for the trip. We then met with the youth and their parents to discuss the trip. We invited a local Pastor, Adam Gulley, to come and discuss the life and times of Noah and the Ark. Everyone was very excited about the trip. For many of our kids, this would be the first time they had ever been away from home or stayed in a hotel.



So that's how 15 kids and 5 adults ended up in three vans heading for Petersburg KY and Williamstown KY on a Saturday morning in September. You might be asking yourself, "Did they know how to get there?" Well… what we discovered was that Google Maps GPS works really well outside of the mountains. LOL





