



Word of Light  
Community Church

### Note from the Editor:

Our Sunday school class has resumed studying the Psalms, picking up at 39 where we left off months ago before the Growing Kids God's Way series commenced. I love the book of Psalms. I, like Doug, have a few favorite Psalms (though I think he has a few more than a few favorites!). But as I page through the Psalms, I notice that I have highlighted lines in every Psalms. It's amazing to me that someone from thousands of years ago can eloquently write something that relates to me now, and how I feel. And David is no exception. No wonder God loved him so. If I can be a fraction today of what David was then—WOW! And when you take into account the sins David committed and was still one of God's favorites—it gives me hope...

As Doug continued with part 2 of Noah, I was continually reminded of class and Psalm 39 (NLT). <sup>1</sup>"I said to myself, 'I will watch what I do and not sin in what I say, I will hold my tongue when the ungodly are around me.'" I have no doubt that Noah had to watch his tongue on numerous occasions as he was ridiculed for building this monstrosity of a boat, for a season no one knew, with directions that no one believed he received. <sup>4</sup>"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is." Noah knew the days of the world were numbered; and not just in the sense that we all know that... he literally knew he'd see the end of what Creation was. Can you even imagine what fear, uncertainty and doubt crept through his mind daily? He knew how precious life was to God, and that if He were taking it away—yet saving Noah and his family—the humility that man must have felt... <sup>6</sup>"We are merely moving shadows and all our busy rushing ends in nothing. We heap up wealth, not knowing who will spend it." Maybe Noah had a slight advantage in knowing the importance of his task and when and how it must be completed. But we're the same. If God is telling you to do something, He has a timeline and plan in which you must follow. It's not just about how short *your* life is here, it's about how little time is left for everyone. The direction He's giving you is in dire need of your obedience. When God told Noah, he didn't argue with God, thinking he knew better. He accepted and followed direction. He dedicated his life to being obedient. Nor did he wander the earth gathering things he wanted to take with him on the ark to keep. We spend so much time second-guessing the order we're given. We waste our lives securing *things* on earth that we don't worry about securing our eternities. <sup>7</sup>"And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you." [I **love** that sentence.] Noah knew that he was only being given this second chance through faith and hope in God. If Noah believed everything God told him about this ark and 'supposed' rain, then why do we think we don't have to believe Him when He's telling us to: tithe a little more, or lead a bible study (or start a newsletter)? <sup>8</sup>"Rescue me from my rebellion." [**Another** wonderful line] I think this is key: if we have hope in God, then ourselves (sin/rebellion) are overpowered by a higher power. God has the ability to help you with what He's telling you to do. And whether you want to do it or not, if you have faith and hope, then you can ask Him to rescue you from yourself. (Because let's face it, *we're* our own worst enemies). <sup>11</sup>"When you discipline us for our sins, you consume like a moth what is precious to us. Each of us is but a breath." Flooding the earth was disciplining the wicked world for their evil sins. God allowed the waters to consume the earth as a moth consumes cloth, reminding us that, yes, *we are but a breath*. <sup>12</sup>"Hear my prayer, O Lord! Listen to my cries for help! Don't ignore my tears. For I am your guest—" [Yet **another** great line] Seeing as how Noah was human (as was David, as are we), I am confident that Noah wasn't always so confident in himself and didn't always feel worthy of being the sole person responsible for repopulating the earth. I can't help but feel that he cried out to God, begging for peace with this ordeal. The hard truth is that when God calls you to do something (and yes, He *will* call you), it's not going to be easy, comfortable, cheap, relaxing, fair... it's, in all likelihood, going to be the hardest thing you'll have ever had to do (until His next calling, that is). So when at times, you feel like you're overwhelmed with the

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formation of the plan, and drowning in a sea of worry and incompetence, go ahead and cry out to God for His strength, His encouragement, His peace... He hears each wail, and sees each tear—so don't be afraid to seek Him. But remember, it **IS** His plan, and He tasked you to do it for a reason (not because He thought you might be bored and need something to fill the time slot during summer reruns); so acknowledge you have an integral part in His plan- but you are merely His token, His vessel. This is His world, and we are guests that have, quite honestly, overrun and overstayed our welcome. <sup>13</sup>“Leave me alone so I can smile again before I am gone and exist no more.” At the end of the day (the flood, your task), your joy with consume you from what you've accomplished; that is if you accomplished with the right heart. (If you're just relieved it's over, you better check your heart) Once the flood receded, Noah immediately worshipped God. Just as we should when we complete our mission for Him. (And you know when you reverently worship God you can't help but be filled with joy and smile!)

David was arguably one of the most righteous in the Bible. He committed unthinkable sins (murder, adultery), yet he was forgiven and considered righteous because of his faith and obedience and seeking of God. Noah also. (And we can be, too.) The thing they shared is their faith (Hebrews 11:32). Do we share that? Granted, I'm no adulterer or murderer, but I haven't exactly built a ship yet, either. Have you? I'll admit I have argued, kicked, screamed, cried {sigh} about my task. I reluctantly have given in, and I'm in the process of 'building'. (Here's hoping the flooding doesn't begin before I finish construction). It's kind of pathetic that we think we can argue with the all-knowing, all-powerful God, and might actually win! If we just quit the selfish resistance and surrender to Him (aka: if we just had faith) we'd all be safe from the wickedness of this world.

***“If you don't have the faith to bring your action, then you don't have real faith. And if you don't have real faith, then you won't make it on the ark...If you're compelled to serve God and step out in faith and give all because He gave all, that's the righteousness that brings you to Him and you get on the ark...There is only one safe place- that's in the ark.”***

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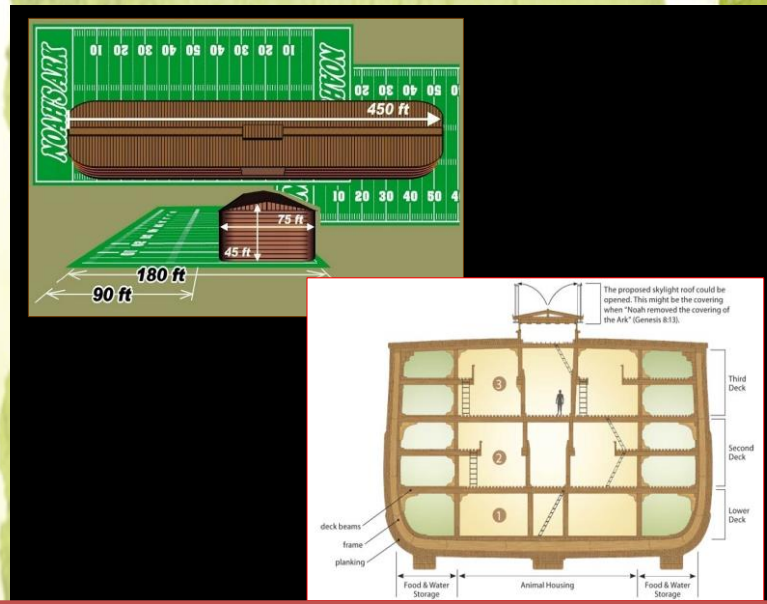
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## Noah Part 2: Whatever Floats Your Boat

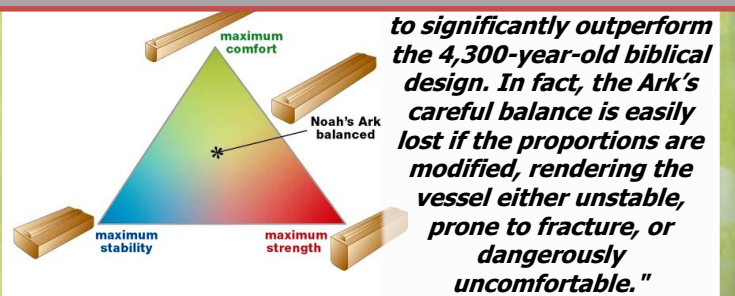
Why would God destroy everything but one family on earth and start over, if He truly loved mankind? Genesis 6:9-13. It had nothing to do with whether He loved us or not. He loved us so much that He gave more than you or I will ever be able to give back. It had to do with no one loving Him back; most of the known world purposefully and openly choosing to defy Him as their God, the One who created them. They hated God and each other; they created a world of violence, anger, misery and rebellion. The more accurate question is 'why would God spare even one family?' Why would He allow a world like this to continue. What kind of life would we have now if He had? Is the Creator and Giver of life not within His own rights to take that life away again- when it is used to do nothing but hurt others, to do nothing but spit at the One who made them- when that life has become meaningless and spiteful to all? We don't have to look far to see the Truth of God's Word: Romans 3:10-19: yet even in all of this- God could not bring Himself to be done with us all- He had a Plan that was going to reconcile us at a greater expense than any could understand or believe if you could. It is from a narrow-minded and unrealistic view that someone could accuse a loving and righteous God or injustice because He had to take away such evil and pain, even in His own heartbreak.

Why use a Flood? Why not just let them all die where they were or just disappear? God tested and proved the faith of one man that still trusted Him; He left permanent reminders in every corner of this planet- fingerprints of His power, memory pegs of His hatred of sin and the cost of rebellion. 2 Peter 3:5-6: because they have to deny and explain away all of the proof around us worldwide.

How did it all happen? Genesis 6:14-16. One cubit=approx. 1.5ft. 'Pitch' was a coating used to seal the wood from water.<sup>1</sup> We don't know exactly what the shape of the ark was. The dimensions are box-like, but many dimensions are listed as length, width and height as box-like without taking into account actual build (ex: Shelby Mustang) Aspects of their design appear in some of the earliest large wooden ships depicted in pottery from Mesopotamia- which were shortly after the flood- they have stern extensions that catch the wind and turn the vessel into oncoming waves to lesson the impact and give smoother rides. Just how sea-worthy would an ark built with unscientifically proven dimensions be in a torrential ocean? In 1993, a full research study on the dimensions of the ark was conducted at the KRISO ship research center in Korea (secular research center) which compared the ark to 12 alternative ark designs of different proportions measuring the best model for strength, stability and comfort. The research was headed by evolutionist scientist Dr. Seon Won Hong (BS in Naval Architecture, PhD in Applied Mechanics).<sup>2</sup> The Biblical dimensions give incredible accuracy and validity to Scriptures (unlike many of the myths)- making the ark one of the largest wooden vessels ever to travel the seas. How long did it take Noah and his family to build the structure?<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Covered in "pitch", or kopher (ko'fer) in Hebrew (Strong's #03724) This was a coating used to seal the wood from water...But an awesome fact, this exact word is used figuratively in the Hebrew language almost everywhere else- As a ransom, Or sum of money paid as a redemption price!



**"The research team found that the proportions of Noah's Ark carefully balanced the conflicting demands of stability (resistance to capsizing), comfort ("seakeeping"), and strength. In fact, the Ark has the same proportions as a modern cargo ship."**

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**Event  
Occurring:**

**Countdown  
to Flood:**

Noah was 500yrs old with first son ---

**100yrs**

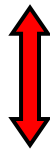
Noah had two more sons following ---

**95yrs**

Sons Grew Up & Married ---

**55-75yrs**

Time Left To Build Ark



Noah was 600yrs old at Flood ---

**0yrs**

Genesis 7:1: God considered Noah righteous. Most people naturally assume that meant that Noah lived a moral life- but according to Hebrews 11:7- Noah was considered righteous for his actions because they were based upon his faith in God- they were in direct obedience to what he was told to do; he was loyal to do whatever was asked in godly reverence and love and servitude at any cost to himself and those he loved. He trusted and believed in God and proved it by sacrificially giving all he had in love and fear.

So many people today say they believe, love and fear God- but they aren't moved to do or give anything to prove it (not that the actions win anything for them but the heart of conviction proves their faith). God hasn't changed since Noah- stop thinking you are different. He is still at work mightily around you- here and now. He is calling you to join what He is doing now and will always call you out of your comfort and selfishness and into a circumstance that will bring you to a point of faith (that will require loss, cost or chance to continue). You will almost always have to make major choices or changes in direction to join Him where He is, in faith. Your actions in faith are what God sees as righteousness- not your 'right living' or awesome sinlessness as you condemn others around you and live a comfortable 'holy' life. You can expect to see and experience more of God, expect spiritual gifts and finally do wonderful works when you are sold out for His work and for Him. Isaiah 6:8. Will you step out in obedience to serve the One who served you? Or will you spend your life cowering in the shadows, hoping He doesn't ever call on you? The world is at stake- so might be your heart

**God hasn't CHANGED...**

**He is still mightily at work around us...**

**HE IS CALLING YOU to join His work...**

**He will always call you OUT of your comfort & selfishness...**

**To a circumstance that brings you to a Point of FAITH...**

**He almost always requires major choices or changes to join Him...**

**Your ACTIONS in FAITH are what God sees as Righteousness...**

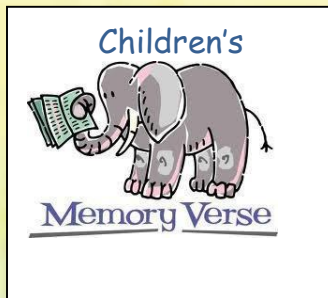
**Romans 3:10-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;<sup>11</sup> There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.<sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."<sup>13</sup> "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; <sup>14</sup> "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."<sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood;<sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery are in their ways;<sup>17</sup> And the way of peace they have not known."<sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

**Hebrews 11:9 (NKJV)**

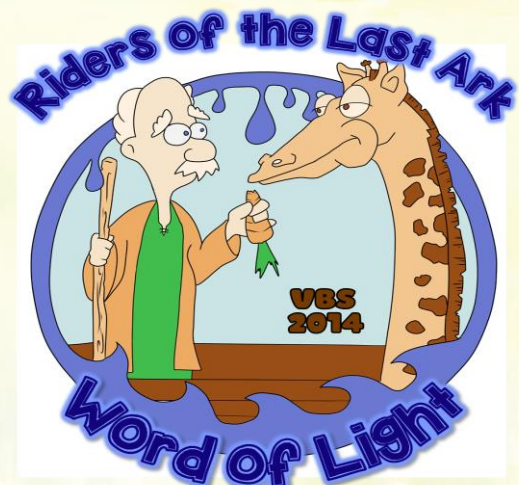
By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

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**Children's Church:**

**"Serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you."**

**- 1 Samuel 12:24 NIV**



**July 28- August 1**

**Blowout Party August 3**

@ Pump Up the Fun, Barboursville immediately following Sunday's service (VBS sermon)

Please consider volunteering and PLEASE pray for the children that will be participating to hear the Word of God & accept Christ as their Savior

### July Birthdays

- 3- Michael Burgess
- 6- Chris Rose
- 7- Daisy Raines
- 14- Dougie Doss, Carleton Raines
- 31- Sarah Baisden

### July Anniversaries

- 8- Rob & Jennifer Romine
- 9- Carleton & Daisy Raines
- 10- Jay & Carrie Baisden, Josh & Sarah Harless

### July Events

- 13- Baptism
- 16- Children's Pool Party
- 16- Flood The Neighborhood (adults deliver VBS flyers)
- 19- Parents Night Out (register w/Diane or Brenda by 7-16)
- 20- Fellowship Lunch; final VBS meeting
- 23- Flood The Neighborhood FLOCK style

**\*Don't forget to bring food pantry items on Sunday**

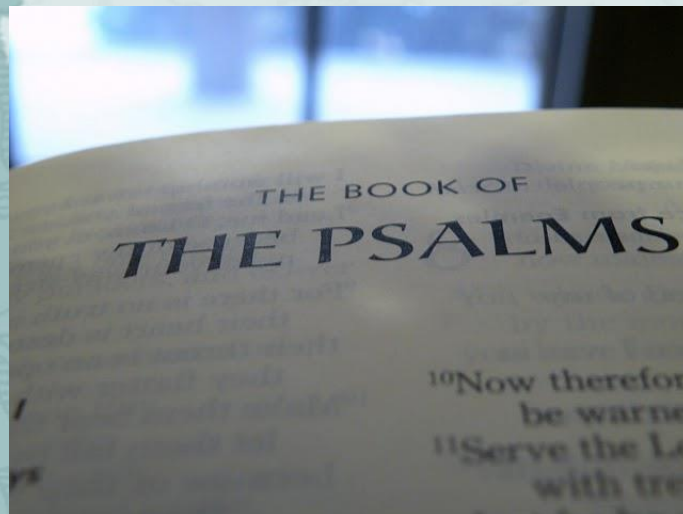
## Happy Baptism!



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### P.A.C.T. (Prayer Accountability Commitment Trust)

(9:30am Sundays) Adult Sunday School class



PACT resumes studying the book of Psalms; looking at the Hebrew writing styles, the authors, and the many purposes of the Psalms. The Psalms give us everything from prophecy, to history, to learning how to worship, to learning how to pray, to learning righteous living, to learning expressions of every heartfelt emotion to God!

Next Chapter: 40 & 41- Read ahead & be prepared to discuss!

# MINISTRIES:



*The Women's Bible Study meets every other Monday evenings at 5:30.*

**W.I.N.G.S.** (Women In Need of God's Strength) Women's Bible Study (Every other Monday 5:30pm) All women aged 18 and over are invited to join the ladies with unique bible studies. March 17 they began studying 'Crazy Love' by Francis Chan. It's not too late to join them!

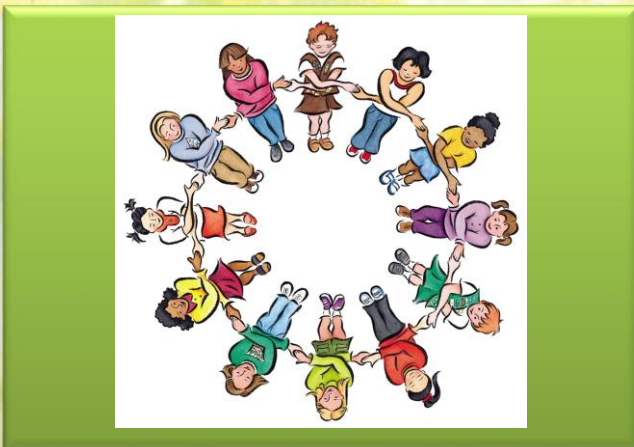
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For information regarding the group, please see Ginny Blankenship.



*The Youth Group meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday evenings at 6:30.*

**The F.L.O.C.K.** (Faith, Love and Obedience to Christ the King) Uth Group (Sundays 10:30am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm) Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join in the activities of our Youth Group, focusing on the core values of the Christian Church: Fellowship, Missions, Worship, Evangelism and Teaching.



*Children's Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Children's Church during the sermon.*

**Children:** Sunday School and Children's Church- boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. The goal of these classes is to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

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*West Side Story Project*

As you've probably heard by now, our Church has taken the step in purchasing land that came upon us during our Church-wide fasting... With donations and our savings included, we now have a total of over \$50000 towards our building and land fund goal. Our goal to buy the land outright and start the ground breaking

**HAS BEEN REACHED!!!!**

*Won't you join us in our Building Pledge Drive!?!?!?  
We've reached our goal to start- but we need your help to keep it going!*

**KEEP PRAYING FOR THE BUILDING!**

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**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**

Sunday School-9:30 a.m.  
Worship-10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Adult Service-7:00 p.m.  
FLOCK Uth Service-6:30 p.m.

