

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



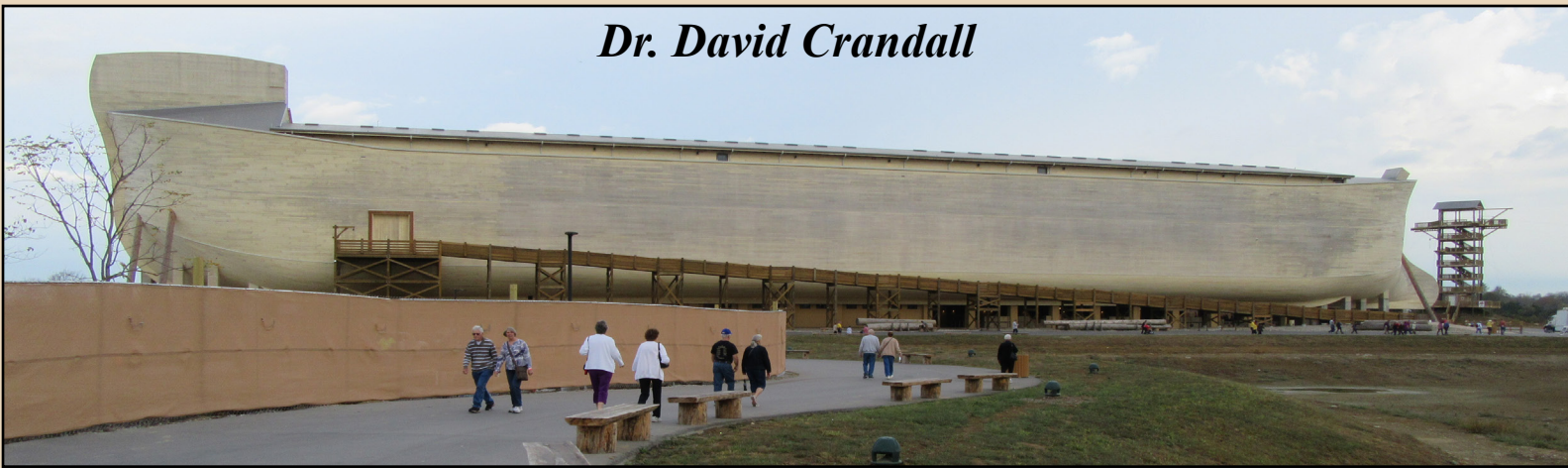
"The Lord Cometh!"

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Creation Museum & Noah's Ark Encounter

Dr. David Crandall



Ken Ham
Diana Crandall
David Crandall

Friends and members of Maranatha Baptist Church arrived at the church on October 17th at 6:30 a.m. to begin a historic trip to the state of Kentucky... a 965.7 mile journey that would take the group of 40 to Answers In Genesis's CREATION MUSEUM and the NOAH'S ARK ENCOUNTER. This was to be a learning, fellowship, and spiritual road trip that would bless each traveler.

Our Big Red Bus, which was our transportation, pulled into the south parking lot. We were introduced to Terry, our professional driver. He would become an integral part of our group's joy, and his infectious laughter will linger in our memories for a long time.

The excited group would travel to Georgia for their first overnight, and it was obvious on this first leg of the trip that our group would enjoy every mile of the journey. Pastor Crandall and Small World Tours had worked together to provide an itinerary, hotels, and restaurants that were excellent in every way.

Our arrival the next day in Hebron, Kentucky, was "cool" for all those Floridians. Two more Maranatha Baptist Church couples joined us at the Country Inn & Suites

hotel upon our arrival. Plus, some family members arrived (some surprises) which took our group to over 50 persons.

Our Big Red Bus pulled into the Creation Museum and was greeted by dinosaurs, beautiful gardens, and a welcoming staff.

The Museum is literally a walk through biblical history. The day was spent exploring the large museum, watching exciting films, listening to speakers from AiG, meeting the founder and CEO Ken Ham, and walking among 37 full-sized dinosaurs. Lunch was enjoyed at the Noah's Ark Cafe.

Our attention throughout the day was clearly focused on "the authority of the Word of God" as we received great answers for all our creation questions. At one point, we walked through the Garden of Eden. The beauty of this walkway was astounding; however, we were reminded that humankind



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The Administrator's Perspective!

A Non-Column!

Dr. Gerald Webber



Jerry

Those who teach speaking and writing for public consumption are agreed that one inviolable “no-no” is to begin with an apology. So, especially since I’m not really beginning *anything*, let’s just call this an “explanation,” shall we? Here it is: due to my recent stroke and resultant debility, there will be no regular *Ad-*

ministrator’s Perspective column this month. Frankly, typing with my left hand is a lot like playing the piano with a leather glove on one hand. You wouldn’t want to listen to such a thing, nor would you want to see my rough draft!

This is about all I can manage at the moment, so this is all there is for the present. I hope, through your prayers, to be back in the swing of things next issue! For those who feel the loss, I’m flattered, and grateful that you take the time to read what I say. By the way, have a great and happy Christmas this December 25, 2016.

Jerry Webber

Bible Conference

January 8-11



Ron Berrus

Ron Berrus grew up on a five-generation dairy farm in the foothills of the Adirondacks. He came to faith in Christ in 1972 through receiving a gospel tract. He graduated from Baptist Bible College (now Clarks Summit University) in Clarks Summit, PA in 1977 with a BRE in Missions.

He has served in pastoral ministries since 1975, with the exception of the years 2004-2010 when he was on staff at ABWE as Director of Missionary Care. Ron is Lead Pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Shiremantown, Pennsylvania.

Ron’s wife, Valorie, has an extensive discipling, mentoring, and Bible teaching ministry to women. They have four grown children, walking with Christ, and seven grandkids, with more on the way!

Music Concert

January 20 — 7:00 p.m.

Diane Susek has one goal in singing — to honor Christ in ministry to the minds, hearts, and souls of people. Those who hear her via recordings and media, in churches, crusades, rallies and conventions, leave with no doubt that she has served her purpose and achieved her goal.



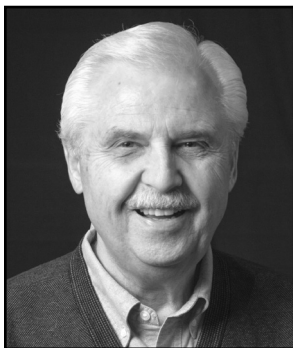
Diane Susek

Crystal clear diction, a vibrant personality, a sense that she enjoys people, not just an audience, are just a few of the traits that have endeared Diane to people wherever she goes and whatever the occasion.

Diane is married to Rev. Ron Susek. Their ministry takes them throughout the United States and Canada as well as abroad.



Maranatha Village's Newest Project!



Gerry

Rolling Out the New Village Website!

The new Maranatha Village website is now operational! It can be accessed at www.maranathavillage.org. This website is designed to be an informational place on the internet for folks not acquainted with the Village, but it also provides a helpful source of up-to-date news and resources for residents and winter guests.

Here are some of the features included in the new website:

- New logo, bright colors, and large pictures that showcase our beautiful Village.
- Pictorial highlights of the various housing opportunities at Maranatha Village.
- An updated calendar that gives both a current weekly and monthly view.
- Easy to access local service information for shopping, dining, airports, and hospitals.
- Connections to the Facebook pages of both Maranatha Village and Maranatha Manor.
- Picture gallery with photos of various facets of Village life.
- Link to the Maranatha Baptist Church website.
- Link to digital back issues of The Maranatha Village Trumpet newsletters.

We hope that residents and friends of the Village will recommend the website to Christian folks who are interested in visiting a warm retreat in Central Florida, one that honors and magnifies our great God and provides a place for outstanding Christian fellowship.

In the future we plan on adding more features like videos and more photos of current Village activities and events. Stay tuned for more progress in the days to come.

A Devoted Lady With An Infectious Giggle!

Dorothy Burns



Dorothy Burns

It was a cold and snowy February day in Curwensville, PA when Dorothy Mae was born to Mabel and Harry Caldwell. When Harry came home from work he learned it was time to hitch up the sleigh and go through blowing, drifting snow to get the doctor. He and the doctor arrived back home in time for little Dorothy's arrival. Accord-

ing to her father, the room was so cold that water in a drinking glass froze and had to be broken before her mother could even get a drink.

Dorothy was the third child of ten born to her parents. She remembers a happy family life with lots of music and fun times. Their house was often the neighborhood gathering place. Her six brothers often dared her to do dangerous and crazy feats like jumping off the roof – and more than once! Because the family had no money for extras, she used tar from the road in place of chewing gum! One time, years later, two of Dorothy's offspring, Cherith and Dennis, were visiting at the grandparents'. Remembering their mother's story, they thought they could chew tar too. They broke off a piece of the road and put it in their mouth, stones and all – and promptly spit it out with disgust!

Dorothy's father was the song leader at the local church where the family attended. At the age of seven, Dorothy was saved at evangelistic meetings at their church. The pastor, Harry Rundell, was a good friend of the family. Dorothy often babysat for them and in return Mrs. Rundell gave her piano lessons. Interestingly, years later Mrs. Rundell became Dorothy's stepmother when as a widow she married Dorothy's widowed father.

After high school, Dorothy attended Practical Bible Training School in Binghamton, New York. Her sister, Marian, was also a student there and the sisters often sang together. It was there that she and Ralph Burns met, although they never dated each other. That would come later.

After graduation, Dorothy joined an evangelistic team and sang with the evangelist's daughter, Naomi.

In April 1943, the team went to Sharon, PA to a church pastored by Ralph Burns. It was then that Ralph and Dorothy had their first date - ham sandwiches and milk shakes at Deneens, followed by a ride in the cemetery, where they talked. Evidently Pastor Burns must have been very discreet about his feelings for Dorothy because many people thought he liked Naomi!

The couple maintained a long distance courtship – but not for long. October 14, 1943 Ralph Burns and Dorothy were married by her uncle in her home church in Curwensville. She returned to Sharon, PA, to assume responsibilities as a pastor's wife and did many other things that included a lot of summer camp work in the years ahead.

The Lord blessed Ralph and Dorothy with three children. A daughter, Sharon, was born on Fathers' Day, 1948. Another daughter, Cherith, was added to the family in January of 1953 and then a boy, Dennis, arrived in August 1954. The children all describe their mother in kind and loving terms.

One of their good memories is waking up every Sunday morning to smell Mom browning a roast in the kitchen. They would return after church to a scrumptious smell, and soon enjoy a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Dorothy was often entertaining missionaries, pastors, and church members. She was continually cooking and always happy to do the work and to share what they had.

In the winter, Ralph went hunting and usually got a deer. The family ate venison all year long because of that. One gentleman in the church at Butler, IN, was vocal about not liking to eat venison. He and Dorothy had a running debate about it, so one Sunday night after church there was a youth party at the Burns' home. Dorothy made sloppy joes out of venison but didn't tell him. He said they were the best he had ever had! She won!

For forty years Dorothy taught the Primary Sunday School class. (Later she attended many of their weddings.) When the Burns ministered at South Bend, IN, the primary department met in their basement as the parsonage was next door to the church. Daughter Sharon relates that "every week we helped clean up the basement, and we also helped (continued on page 7)

New Village Resident

Danelle (Suzie) Hughes



Suzie Hughes

I grew up in a Christian home in Overland Park, Kansas, a part of Kansas City, Kansas, and I am the niece of a Baptist minister. I was saved at ten, and have loved the Lord with all my heart ever since. I am not a perfect Christian, but I try hard to be a good one. I have a personalized degree in **Fashion Merchandising** that I developed between clothing and textiles and merchandising.

I worked with the Awana children in my home church. I came to Maranatha by way of Peg Wilson at the **Fabric and Sewing Store** when I was down in April looking for a winter place. I call it a **"GOD thing"** because I had given up looking that day and was just out shopping when I entered the store. Long story short, Peg asked me if I had heard of Maranatha Village. After learning I was a Christian, she gave me directions to the Village. I couldn't be happier! I am looking forward to my time in Florida, although it will be a little scary since I will be completely on my own for the first time in my life. You can be sure GOD and I will be keeping very close company!

A Devoted Lady ...

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cut out Mom's flannelgraph figures for the next lesson." Each Saturday night it was a routine for Mom to wash Dad's hair in the kitchen sink in preparation for Sunday.

Dorothy was described by the people of the churches as kind, loving, and patient; a godly example. But she was also fun to be around. ***A co-worker wrote, "You taught me through your bubbling personality, ready smile and infectious giggle, that laughter – pure JOY – is necessary in Christian ministry.*** It carries us through bad times and makes precious memories for the good ones."

Dorothy and Ralph were devoted to the Lord and served Him together joyfully. They were also devoted to each other. Their children helped in the ministry and likewise with household chores. When they grew up and went away to college, Mom became the dishwasher again and Dad was the faithful dryer. He helped her after every meal; they were a team. After completing the clean-up, they would walk together hand-in-hand around the block.

Ralph pastored churches at Sharon, PA, Wheaton, IL, Worthington, PA, South Bend, IN and Westlake, OH. He served the state councils of the last three state fellowships. He held positions of leadership including treasurer, secretary and chairman. Beginning in 1963, he was associated with ***Fellowship of Baptist for Home Missions*** and served on the council and executive committee of the mission which was an approved

agency of the General Association of Regular Baptists. Ralph Burns has authored two small books, one regarding his tours of the Holy Land, and the second, ***Basic Bible Truths for New Converts***, published by Regular Baptist Press.

Church members spoke of Ralph's love, friendship, wisdom, and of his being an exceptional shepherd. His social life and friendships were centered in the church through activities like softball leagues, canoe trips, and overnight camping events. He was also a mentor and encourager to young ministers.

In August 1985, Ralph resigned as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Westlake, Ohio. The Burns then moved to Florida. After serving as interim pastor at Spring Lake Baptist Church for about a year, he became the assistant pastor at Southside Baptist Church of Sebring, FL and served in that capacity about two decades until his death in 2010. Ralph and Dorothy moved into Maranatha Manor in 2009 when Ralph was struggling with cancer. Since her beloved husband's home going, Dorothy finds comfort and strength in God's promises. One of her favorites is Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

(Taken from an album prepared and presented to Dorothy by Westlake Baptist Church in Ohio, 1967)



Cook's Korner

Barbeque Green Beans!

6 slices bacon, cut up and fried crispy.
 1 large onion, diced.
 Put onion in pan with fried bacon and mix in 3 cans cut green beans, DRAINED.
 1 cup ketchup.
 1 cup pressed down light brown sugar.
 Mix together. Put in 2 quart baking dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Great side dish! Submitted by Maribeth Smith

Cranberry Salad!

Chop:

2 apples
 1 whole orange
 2 cups cranberries
 1 cup celery
 1 cup nuts

Mix:

1 large red jello
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 2 1/2 cups hot water
 Add fruit and chill

Will **not** make a mold.

Submitted by Rose Cousins

..... A Glass of Milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." He said, "Then I thank you from my heart." As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit. Years later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease.

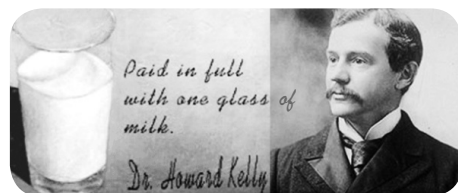
Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed

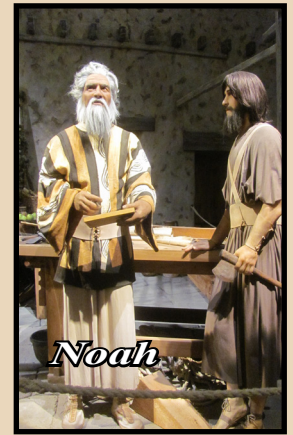
in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day on, he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge, and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill.

She read these words: **"PAID IN FULL WITH ONE GLASS OF MILK."** (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly. Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: Thank You, God, that Your love is shed abroad through human hearts and hands."

A true story according to Truth or Fiction.com.

Author Unknown





lost all of this because of the sin of Adam and Eve.

Life-like and human-like mannequins describe the events of Genesis One throughout the Museum. We met King David, Paul, Peter, Methuselah (over 900 years old) and many others that were very realistic.

The AiG Planetarium found our folks lying on special reclining seats and peering into the Created Universe. After viewing the massive universe all felt we should sing, ***"What An Awesome God We Serve!"***.

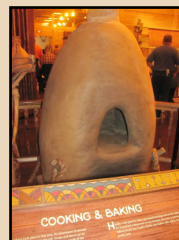
With some sore feet, we found the "Big Red Bus" and climbed aboard with a fresh understanding of the importance of the book of Genesis, which is indeed the foundation of the entire inspired Word of God.

Our next exploration trip brought us to the largest wood framed structure in the world, Noah's Ark. Corporate gasps went up from our bus as we came over the hill and saw our first view of this amazing structure, built according to God's blueprint and constructed over 120 years by Noah and his family. The structure is a

football field and a half long and stands 7 stories high on the Kentucky hillside that encompasses 800 acres.

All were impressed by the amount of research that had gone into making this such a wonderful structure. We visited the most realistic reconstruction of any biblical site in history. The Ark stands as a testimony to a God of love and a God of judgment. We learned how the animals came to the Ark, how they were fed, how the family lived, and how the door was closed by God. Our appreciation and faith in the inspired Word of God grew substantially. We also were told that on this site they are now constructing a city of Jerusalem and the Tower of Babel.

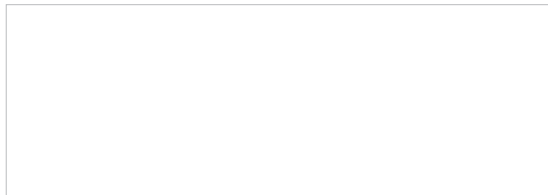
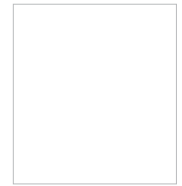
As Christians, we are so excited that these two faith-building sites will continuously tell the story of man and his biblical God. On the day we visited, they announced that in just 3 ½ months they had 400,000 visitors. We all hope to return again, and we all want to encourage our readers to plan a visit if they can.



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