

# ARKY's News

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## State of the ARK 2008

By Ron Cooper

This non-profit was formed 12 ½ years ago. Over these years, we have made slow, but steady progress. We have a solid foundation;

1. We believe the Bible is so true it is unbelievable to most of the world;
2. We believe the difference maker is to proclaim that truth with passion and knowledge in history, science, and the Bible itself;
3. We believe we have the facilities and equipment to get the job done;
4. We believe you stand with us and pray for our work.

On a personal level, I am retiring from government service after over 32 ½ years. I will continue to serve with ARK, but I will have to also work elsewhere to pay the expenses of working at ARK. This is provided I can find a good job with flexible hours. I will put out resumes and let God guide the choices.

We have done a good number of things with the money from sales and donations. Our assets are physical and mental. What you and I have learned are our mental assets. We hope you have learned much over the years from us and will help us reach others by your prayers for them, your words to them, your literature gifts or recommendations to them, and your financial support to finish projects and maintain our facility and equipment. If you can volunteer in anyway, it will be appreciated and very helpful. We increased our volunteers in 2007, but still have more needs. Contact us if you can help.

Our building needs to be refinanced in April (5 year fixed than refinance business loan). We would like to find those of you who can

help us finance, either by donating the funds or loaning them to us. We can pay off in as little as 7 years with an interest free loan (from several people) and at the same payments we have today (\$545/mo).

Ray & Tammy Collins are excited about getting the "Time Machine" trailer running. We are developing our own DVD for it and would like others to learn how to do this program and use the trailer when it is finished. It will cost us perhaps \$2000. We'll know more about final costs in a month. They would train other teams to do time periods they cannot. They work full time also, although Tammy as a teacher has two summer months off.

I am working on doing at least 8 events this year, including organized "Creation Museum" group trips to AiG. We have been supporting AiG every year with 10% of all membership money. Of course, many of you also separately have supported them. Organizing trips is a good outreach and allows a fun and educational event. Other events will be like our successful "Death of Evolution" Mini Conference. My portion of that program on DVD will be delayed because the producer returned home to learn his wife has cancer. They are optimistic. Pray for the Robisons, Warren, and especially Kelli. She has a caring page at: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kelli>.

I will miss my second meeting for a work trip in January, but other members will run it, so please come. All events planned are on our ARKY.ORG web Events page.

Thank you all for your past support and your continuing caring for ARK's work, your Church, and especially your own families. May God bless you according to your faith and your works as He wills each day of us all!

## Bring a creation children's program to your church

Learning Good News and Creation  
Ray & Tammy Collins

ARK membership represents over 30 different congregations. This is a tremendous opportunity to let you, our ARK members, ask your pastors and leadership to let us do a special program at your church.

The program will feature the "Time Machine" (TM) trailer with the new program under development. It can be used as a 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 days VBS type program.

Come hear more at the monthly ARK meeting on March 10. At this meeting Ray & Tammy will be presenting an outline of the new AIG material and how they would integrate it with the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) Good News Club (GNC) and the TM. They would like to be able to train others this year also.

### (SAMPLE TIME TABLES)

Each day can be broken into the following blocks for either morning or evening.

Morning style	Evening Style	Activity
10:00	4:15	Good News Club
11:30	6:00	Meal at Church for children
11:45 – 2:45	6:15-8:25	Time Machine with 10 children for each cycle (3 per hour)
12:15	6:35	Magic show
12:40	7:10	Creation program
1:55	8:25	Closing
Evening Adult program	6:30	Adult VBS style during children's program.

Summer 2008 programs are possible. Contact ARK to schedule.

### **Bald Eagles**

reprinted from [A Key Encounter](#)

**Bald eagles** are NOT bald. Their name comes from an Old English word meaning "white" that is spelled "balde" and was given because of the adult bird's distinctive *white* head feathers. These birds have some 7,000

strong, interlocking, down-lined feathers—a **not-by-accident** gift to insulate from the cold, and protect from rain. (Half of these eagles live in Alaska, enjoying salmon there!) The 7+ foot wingspan and 12+ lbs weight puts them at the top of the food chain, with few predators. And their eyes are about the size of the human eye—but their sight is *four times as sharp!* They have *two centers of focus*, enabling them to see both sidewise and straight ahead *simultaneously*. An inner membrane passes over their eyes every three to four seconds, continuously wiping dirt and dust from the cornea. Yet, while the eye is being cleansed they can still see through the translucent (clear) membrane. It's a **not-by-accident** design so the eagle can keep track of dead or dying creatures hundreds of feet below that they're preparing to pounce upon! (They're part of God's garbage-collector brigade of creatures that dispose of carcasses.) They have 1,000 pounds of pressure per square inch in each foot. The eagle swoops down for a fish (diving 75-100 miles an hour). If the fish is too large to carry, the eagle will swim to shore using its strong wings in a butterfly stroke! This, too, is a God-given **not-by-accident** skill and is very useful if the shore is nearby.

Parent eagles, when raising their young, close their razor-sharp talons into a fist when walking in their huge nests. Otherwise, their open talons could destroy their eggs or skewer their offspring! It's another kind, protective, **not-by-accident** instinct their Creator instilled within them.

Incidentally, during the 35 days when the eggs at being incubated, the male regularly brings green conifer sprigs to the nest. Researchers don't know if it is to provide shade, or used as a deodorant! It's **not-by-accident**, however, and we can ask our Creator about it one day soon, when *we* soar upward also.

## ATTORNEY'S ADVICE - NO CHARGE - Protect Your Personal Information

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate Attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

- 1.. **Do not** leave the back of your credit cards blank. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED" [best] or sign it.
- 2.. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card Accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
- 3.. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home Phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
- 4.. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call to cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.  
Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:
- 5.. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
- 6.. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one)

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

- 7.. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this week-end (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742
- 3.) TransUnion : 800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 800-269-0271

We pass along jokes on the Internet; we pass along just about everything.  
If you are willing to pass this information along, it could really help someone that you care about.  
John L. Beckett Jr.

# **Join us for a trip to the AIG Creation Museum**

**(And Leave the Driving to Us)!**

**The ARK Foundation of Dayton is sponsoring a bus to the Creation Museum**

**February 23**

**Departing 8:00 AM (please arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of time)**

**From: Belmont Church of Christ, 3003 S Smithville Rd, Dayton Oh**

**Return by 4:45 PM (leave museum 3:15)**

**Price per person for bus: \$18 (\$30/person value)**

**(young children on lap ride free)**

**Group rates for day at the museum:**

**Adults (13-59) \$16.95, save \$3.00 [\$23.95 with planetarium]**

**Seniors (60+) 12.95, save \$2.00 [\$19.95 with planetarium]**

**Children (5-12), 8.95 save \$1.00 [\$15.95 with planetarium]**

**Children (<5), Free**

**(If you have a museum membership, you pay nothing extra to get in)**

**{if you don't want to ride the bus, you can still join us for the group rates}**

**Although the planetarium cost is extra, you won't want to miss it. We highly encourage you to join us for the first showing of the day at 10:00 AM**

## **RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY**

**Make your reservation by Emailing [arkfoundation@arky.org](mailto:arkfoundation@arky.org),  
or telephone message @ 937-256-2759.**

**Payment for bus due by Feb 4.**

**Museum ticket payment due by Feb 22.**

**Pay check or charge (5% surcharge for credit card payments)**

**Credit card payment accepted by phone or at the store.**

**Mail check payment to:**

**The ARK Foundation of Dayton**

**PO Box 20069, Dayton, OH 45420-0069**

**Meals are on your own time table in the Noah's Cafe or you can bring a sack lunch. Bus supplied by Cross America Tours. Children (3 or less) must be accompanied by one adult or both parents/guardians for large families. Free coupon given to you on bus to upgrade your day to an annual family pass at 20% off regular price.**

ARKY's Bookstore and Gift Shop address: 2002 S Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH 45420-2804

1 mile south of US 35, just past Wayne Ave on East (Turn before Wayne light and circle block when coming from N)  
Hours Tu, Th, Sat 1 pm - 5 pm, other times by appointment

The ARK Foundation of Dayton is a Biblical Creation Science and History Ministry promoting the literal Truth and Virtue of the Bible. The Bookstore is part of that ministry, which includes speaking and regular teaching meetings. <http://www.arky.org/>

## STORE NEWS

For a limited time, 75% off Christmas items.

We have a number of new DVDs in the store. Four by Dr G. C. Jackson (a speaker at the November Death of Evolution Conference).

These are \$15.00 each.

1. Alternative Views of Creation
2. Can a Cool Christian Chill with Evolution?
3. What's Wrong with the Truth? Starlight and a Young Earth

Ron's [Death of Evolution] 2 seminars will be on one DVD and have been delayed because of family illness of the producer. Please keep Mrs. Robinson, wife, in your prayers as she undergoes breast cancer treatment.

New from AIG are the Creation Museum Collection with Extended Information and Web Features.

They are \$19.99 each.

Heaven & Earth

Dinosaurs & Dragon Legends  
Life

The Last Adam

Six Days & Other Biblical  
Perspectives

Flood Geology

Also from AIG are Created Cosmo (\$14.99), Helium Leaks (\$12.99), and Formed to Fly (\$12.99).

A new teaching DVD, Risky Creation, covers Genesis Chapters 1-9 at \$19.99.

We now have two great Creation VBS programs, one from AIG, Amazon Expedition, and one from Alpha Omega Institute, Discover Creation Children's Adventure Kit.

Both contain all you need for a successful VBS including music.

ICR has discontinued printing their tracts, Marty series, and the Jonathan Park series. We still have some Jonathan Park items left.

Our second annual after inventory clearance will be in February. Save 25% to 75% on items. We will also have specials on black history materials during February.

We had a good response on our \$5.00 December book special and probably will repeat that kind of special during the year.

To those of you who did Christmas shopping with us, Thank You for giving us a great December. Remember we have calorie free Valentine Day presents with free gift wrapping. ARKY's is the angel place with always over 100 angels in stock!

## A Call to Prayer

“Unless the Lord builds the house...” Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.

- For the Lord to use the Ark Foundation in strengthening believers and draw unbelievers to Himself
- Wisdom for Ron and the board in the direction Ark should take
- New church contacts
- More believers learn about and take advantage of Ark's resources
- Finances for paying off the building, operating expenses, and equipment trailers
- For Ray and Tammy in developing the trailer ministry
- For the materials and expertise needed to complete the “Time Machine” trailer

- Open up opportunities/locations for presenting seminars and traveling presentations

- More volunteers, financial partners, and prayer partners.

## Who Are We

**The Ark Foundation of Dayton, Inc.**

We are a non-profit organization set up to Educate, Train, Encourage and Assist All People To Understand How Great Is Our Creator & Designer—God.

We are organized to affect the public dialog on issues of science and religion in our community.

We concentrate on presenting information and assumptions behind the two major worldviews with their weaknesses and strengths. Our standard is that the Bible is correct, not like the changing scientific community. We see true science in accord with the Bible, instead of fitting the Bible into the constantly changing Scientific Dogma.

**Statement of Faith:** We believe in the Word of God as stated in the Bible to be literal in context or as interpreted by itself. Specifically we believe the Genesis account of a seven (6 work + 1 rest) day literal creation week, death coming as a result of Sin, a global flood, and the Hope of the Resurrection. We believe Biblical Truth first, scientific theory second, especially since it defines itself as always changing. We believe good science flows from an honest understanding of Biblical Truth and in questionable areas is a servant of the Bible. We believe God is who He says He is and are committed to exposing these truths to the general Public.

## ARKY's Calendar of Events

**\*Jan 14:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **DVD: Risky Creation** with Bob Russell at ARKY's House, 2002 S Smithville Rd [1 mi South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave], Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday. This meeting will introduce you to the first of a series designed for small group use.

These self-contained, easy to use studies require no prep or special knowledge. Six 30-minute lessons, Meet the Creator, The Marvel of Creation, The Origin of Evil, The First Family, Judgment and Grace, Starting Over. Thorough, but easy to understand with discussion questions. Perfect for small groups, Bible school, adult electives, or personal study.

**Jan 17:** 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. **CRSEF Meeting - "Evidences Of A Young Earth!"** with [Bob August](#) at Sharonville Public Library, 10980 Thornview Drive, Sharonville, OH. Ph: (513) 369-6049. **Desc:** A biblical strategy to deal with evolutionists. Is radioisotope dating reliable? Helium, our best friend. Other evidences of a young earth. See current events on arky;s web page for more information.

**Jan 17:** 7:00 pm until 8:15 pm. **Indiana Creation Science Association** with Faulkner/Ross Debate at Post Road Christian Church, 1112 North Post Road, Indianapolis, IN. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** Group will watch a recent debate between astrophysicist Dr.s Danny Faulkner and Hugh Ross over the age of the earth. See current events on arky;s web page for more information.

**\*Feb 11:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **Every 2nd Monday, details later** with ARK monthly meeting at ARKY's House, 2002 S Smithville Rd [1 mi South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave], Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday. This meeting will introduce you to a dynamic new subject. Details later.

**Feb 23:** 7:30 am until 4:45 pm. **Bus Tour to AIG Creation Museum** (see page 4 of this newsletter for more information)

**\*Mar 10:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **Children's Ministry: A how to meeting** with Ray & Tammy Collins at ARKY's House, 2002 S Smithville Rd [1 mi South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave], Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday. This meeting will introduce you to a dynamic new subject. Details later.

**\*Apr 14:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **God's Health Plan Conference** with ARK monthly meeting at Conference location to be selected, ARKY's House 2002 S Smithville Rd [1 mi South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave], Dayton,

OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday. This meeting will introduce you to a dynamic new subject. Details later. **DATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY BE A FRIDAY/SAT OR ALL DAY SATURDAY EVENT!**

**Apr 18-19:** 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. **IAHF** with *speaker to be determined later* at Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** Home school fair

**\*May 14:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **Every 2nd Monday, details later** with ARK monthly meeting at ARKY's House, 2002 S Smithville Rd [1 mi South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave], Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday. This meeting will introduce you to a dynamic new subject. Details later. This will be our annual business meeting also.

**\*Jun 9:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **13th Annual Banquet** with ARK monthly meeting at TBD, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Desc:** The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday. This meeting will introduce you to a dynamic new subject. Details later. This will be a speaker program.

**Jul 30-Aug 3:** 7:00 am until 8:35 pm. **17th WW Christian Churches Convention** with *speaker to be determined later* at Convention Center, Nashville, TN. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY.

**\*Indicates regular ARK meeting at ARKY House, 2002 S Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH. One mile South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave. Park on side or at the Tin Shop., Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY.**

**Membership NOT required to attend meetings!** All "CURRENT EVENTS" are updated on web page at <http://www.arky.org>.

### ARK Presentations Available

ARK speakers teach Biblical principles about creation and what true experimental, observable, repeatable, falsifiable science shows. Creation by an intelligent God is supported 10:1 better by the data than evolutionism as true science. Call 937-256-2759 (ARKY) to schedule a presentation and let us know what you need.

### Help ARK put on more conferences

Talk to your pastor about hosting an ARKY conference at your church.

## Financial Statement

### General Fund

Balance 1/1/07 \$3,171.49

### Receipts

Memberships	1,005.00
Donations	5,402.25
Speaker Gifts	900.00
Projects – CC	750.00
DRCF	2,960.00
Refunds	0.00
Children's Ministry	1,610.00
Special Events	597.51
Equipment sold	175.00
Miscellaneous	10.91
Internet Sales	89.44
Non-Tax Sales	1,419.59
Taxable Sales	18,931.83
Sales tax collected	1,265.77
Shipping & Handling	20.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,309.35</b>

### Disbursements

Newsletter/CC	877.93
Office	525.51
Telephone	737.51
DRCF	850.00
Exhibiting	3,903.51
Web	3,252.96
Inventory	10,047.54
Equipment	220.98
Supplies	869.36
Insurance	1,848.17
Professional Fees	302.69
Sales Tax Paid	1,275.29
Speaking	677.45
Misc.	673.39
Tithes&Gifts	500.00
Museum Trailer	77.28
Children's Ministry	1,313.48
Property Tax Escrow	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,953.05</b>

**Balance 11/30/07 9,356.30**

### Building Fund

Balance 1/1/07 118.02

Receipts 6761.75

### Expenses

Mortgage	5,986.20
Utilities	1,887.17
Real Estate Taxes	22.50
Advertising	852.00
Other	217.34
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,965.21</b>

**Balance 11/30/07 -2,095.44**

**Net Balance, Both Funds 3,169.05**

## ARK Supporter Benefits

1. **20% discount:** minimum on all purchases;
2. **Quarterly newsletter:** ARK members receive news and expansion plans;
3. **National support:** 10% of supporters' general donations is given to Answers in Genesis, our voluntary support for a national Biblical creation science organization;
4. **Webpage:** [www.arky.org](http://www.arky.org) provides logical, Biblical information to a world saturated with an unbiblical, ill-suited naturalism for the needs of people;
5. **Monthly ARK meetings:** interesting speakers or DVD program on a variety of subjects, provided FREE to the community.
6. **Major speaker programs;** sponsored into the area or promoted by ARK;
7. **Local ARK speakers:** available for community and church events;
8. **Encouragement and Answers:** for belief in the Biblical Creator;
9. **Leadership training:** periodically opportunity to learn how to serve in your church or school or study group;
10. **Public materials:** make available Creation resources – books, audios, and DVDs to public;
11. **Lending library:** by mail or at ARKY house for supporters;
12. **Bookstore available:** during regular hours and by appointment.
13. **Bookstore honors specials:** when offered by AiG, ICR, and WallBuilder if items are in stock.

## Is it time for you to renew?

Please check the date above your name and address. If the date has past or coming up soon, please re-new today.

## Be an ARK Supporter!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Addr: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, ST ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ph: ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership Amount : \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gift Amount : \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership: \_ One \_ Spousal \_ Family

**ARK individual membership is only \$25/year (\$30 couple, \$40 family).** To receive this newsletter quarterly for free, please complete the address form and put "Jesus" in amount. (Please include mailing label, if you are renewing.)

## ARKY's Bookstore

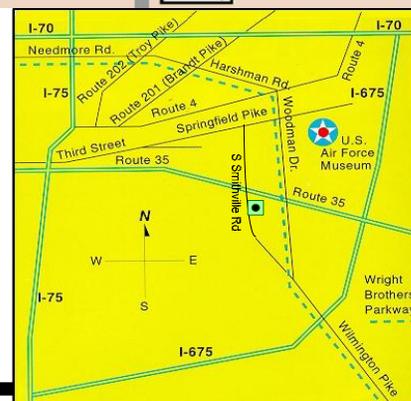
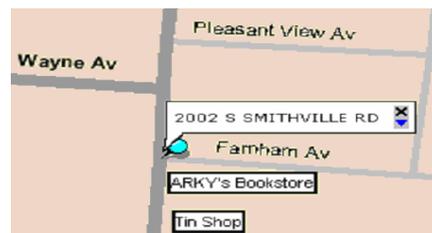
Bookstore hours manned by volunteers are:

**Tuesday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;

**Thursday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;

**Saturday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;

**OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT**





PO Box 20069, Dayton, OH 45420-0069 Ph: (937) 256-ARKY

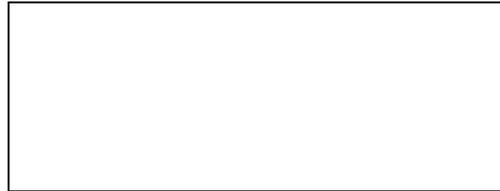
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Your best advertizement is your truth tellers.

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**Request Your Help**

Five years ago The Ark Foundation purchased the house that the bookstore now resides in. At that time a loan was taken out with a 5 year balloon payment. That payment comes due in April. There is roughly \$48,000 still owed on the building. We can simply refinance the balance at whatever the going interest rate is in April, but we believe there are better ways to use God's resources. We are therefore seeking partners who will donate funds to help pay off the debt before the April date, and/or who will be willing to provide a no-interest loan to the foundation. If several individuals will be willing to loan \$10,000 each, coupled with donations from others, refinancing with the bank can be avoided.

We therefore ask you to prayerfully consider a donation this month above your regular giving to Ark (designate to the building fund). Or if the Lord has blessed you with the means, consider being one of our loan partners. Lastly, we ask you to think and pray about who you know whom the Lord has financially blessed and may be willing to also donate and/or loan to Ark. (A good way to also help get the word out about Ark to believers who do not yet know about us). You may use the renewal form on page 7 to also make your pledge for the building fund.

**Anno Domini**

Have you ever thought why our calendar starts at year 1, not zero? AD is based on the year of Jesus' birth and begins with the best estimate of when he was born. The Jewish/Hebrew system of counting years is one based on the premise we are one year old at birth. Our calendar starts with year one, not zero, because life starts at conception or maybe even before...

Forgetting our history allowed it to be redefined. It allowed justification of killing the "preborn" because we don't "count" them as alive until birth. Given this definition, How old do you "think" you are? As we think, so we become and live our lives out.