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Some field trips are considered small and routine while others stretch the concept of field trip to the limit. It is this second type of trip that the 7th and 8th grade students of Grace Baptist experienced recently. This field trip took them to Petersburg, KY for a visit to the Creation Museum. The three-day trip allowed for a full day visit to the Christian alternative to the standard natural science museum where only an evolutionary view is touted and displayed.

The Answers in Genesis museum was opened to the public in May 2007. Visitors are presented with a variety of written and electronic displays and presentations that support the Creation story as outlined in the first three chapters of the book of Genesis.

The Grace students began their visit with a 30 minute planetarium showing that identified the components of space along with their relative sizes compared to our earth, sun, and galaxy. The current idea of the shape of the universe including the Band of Avoidance was displayed to help the viewer evaluate the vastness of the known creation. A tour of the nine museum rooms followed. Among The rooms visited included displays that explained the Biblical view of the six days of creation, the creation of Adam and Eve, the story of the fall of man, and the story of the flood with a full size segment of Noah's ark. There is also a room dedicated to the redemption of man as wrought by Jesus Christ. The tour is built on the outline of the history of the earth as follows: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Valuable maps, charts and videos featured the geologic changes that resulted from the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. These cataclysmic changes took place in a very short period of time, so they demonstrate how a worldwide flood altered the shape of the earth.

The trip to the museum was followed by a trip to the Newport Aquarium in nearby Newport, KY. This visit allowed the students to examine the great variety of sea creatures that fill our oceans and rivers. The colors, sizes, shapes, and physical features of the water life supported the theme introduced at the Creation Museum. That theme is that there is great variety within the unity of each kind.

Comments from students >>>>>>>>>Seventh grader Tyler Douglas wrote that the Creation Museum was amazing. Eighth grader Sofie Praestgaard wrote that the Creation museum helped clarify, confirm, and expand the Christian's understanding of Creation. Fellow eighth grader, Morgan Parry added that she was truly impressed by the greatness of our Creator.

Gareth Schuth, the middle school science teacher added the following: "The Creation Museum does an extraordinary job portraying the biblical account of creation in a way that upholds both scriptural and scientific integrity. In an academic culture that does not take the biblical account of creation seriously, The Creation Museum aptly shifts the burden of proof to the skeptics of the Genesis account. Our students returned home more affirmed in the fact that faith and science are not mutually exclusive."

Field trips come, and field trips go, but this trip added another tremendous building block in the minds of the Grace students.