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Creation Museum Christmas Continues First-Century Bethlehem Marketplace and Home, Dramatic Presentations Bringing Biblical Story to Life Run through Jan. 2

PETERSBURG, KY., December 16, 2009 – Over 2,200 visitors to the Creation Museum this past Saturday enjoyed the unique and more historically accurate live nativity being presented by the museum this year, as they learned more about life in first-century Bethlehem. The display and live dramatic presentations will run 6-8 p.m. each evening Dec. 18, 19, 26, 28, 29 and Jan. 1 and 2, with the spectacular Garden of Lights dazzling visitors every evening throughout the season.

“As we enjoy the countdown to Christmas Day next week, we want to remind everyone that the museum is a great place to bring family and friends who are visiting the area for the holidays, to encourage reflection on the true meaning of Christmas,” museum co-founder and CCO Mark Looy said.

The live nativity will run 6-8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19, Saturday, Dec. 26, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and 29, and Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1 and 2. The museum will be open extended hours these evenings, until 9 p.m.; after 5 p.m. on those dates, the museum admission is only \$5. The outdoor presentations are all free, including the beautiful Garden of Lights display next to the museum.

In addition to the live nativity, two dramatic presentations will add to guests’ sense of having been transported to first-century Bethlehem. Actress Geri Campbell will portray Elizabeth, cousin to Mary, and explore the emotions the two women felt as the mothers-to-be of the long-awaited Messiah and the man who would announce his coming, John the Baptist. Actor Deks Nordquist fills the role of a temple guard, ordered by King Herod to search out the infant—the “King of the Jews”—and destroy Him.

Special events inside the museum include Answers in Genesis speaker Dr. Terry Mortenson leading a session “From Creation to Bethlehem and Beyond,” explaining where Christmas fits in the whole sweep of history and what the Babe born in Bethlehem has to do with the creation of the world. Free with museum admission, this session is available Dec. 17, 24 and 31, from noon to 1 p.m.

As a special gift to the community, museum admission will be free on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., closing early for the holiday so that staff can be home with their families. “We appreciate the continued support we receive from our friends in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region, and want to take this opportunity to say thank you during this special time.” Looy said. He added: “As a reminder that Christ’s salvation is a gift to us, our free day is our Christmas gift to the community.”

The Creation Museum, located near the Cincinnati Airport, is a ministry of Answers in Genesis, a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to confirming the validity of the Bible from the very first verse. Since its opening in May 2007, the museum has seen more than 915,000 visitors and has hosted the world’s major media.

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Note to Editors: For more information about the Creation Museum or Answers in Genesis, please visit www.creationmuseumnews.com. To arrange an interview with Creation Museum representatives, please contact Melany Ethridge of A. Larry Ross Communications at 972.267.1111 or Melany@alarryross.com.