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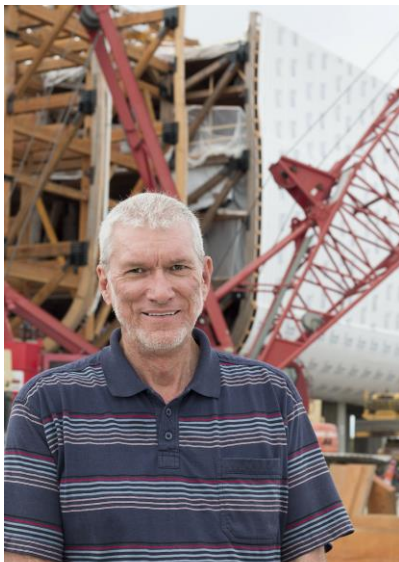
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Ken Ham to Provide Updates on Life-Size Noah's Ark Two local opportunities to hear progress from Ark's visionary**

**PETERSBURG, Ky., Sept. 21, 2015** – Two northern Kentucky events will provide community leaders and citizens the opportunity to find out more about the future Answers in Genesis theme park, the Ark Encounter, in Williamstown, Kentucky. Ken Ham, the visionary behind both the life-size Noah's Ark, now under full construction, and the successful Creation Museum in Petersburg, will be speaking at two local events in October.

Tuesday morning, Oct. 6, in Erlanger, the AiG president will address the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce at what is called its monthly "Eggs 'N Issues" breakfast. Ham will give an update on the rapid construction of the massive Ark Encounter project (\$90 million in phase 1), and share the economic impact the historical theme park should have when it opens in late summer 2016. The breakfast is open to non-Chamber members.



Ken Ham, president of Answers in Genesis, at the construction site of AiG's Ark Encounter.

"I am very much looking forward to sharing the results of our Ark's feasibility study with our region's business and civic leaders," Ham stated. "I think they will be surprised to hear about the park's attendance estimates, and also how the Ark project will be a huge economic driver and job creator for the region. In addition, I will share how the Ark's opening will greatly increase attendance at the Creation Museum and the impact this will have on the hotels and restaurants in northern Kentucky, which have already been flourishing because of the museum."

After Ham shares photos and video (including drone footage) of the Ark site, he will be joined by AiG co-founders Michael Zovath and Mark Looy to take questions. The 7:30 a.m. breakfast, held at the Receptions Banquet Center, 1379 Donaldson Hwy., in Erlanger, is \$20 for Chamber members, and \$40 for non-members. Pre-registration is necessary at

<http://web.nkychamber.com/External/WCPages/WCEvents/EventDetail.aspx?EventID=221>. The title sponsor for the Chamber breakfasts in 2015 is Enquirer Media, and in October the monthly sponsor is Wiseway Supply. The Chamber's October "Nonprofit Spotlight" is Transitions, Inc.

Then on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Williamstown, the city where the massive Ark is being built, Ham will be speaking at Williamstown Baptist Church. During his talk, Ham will answer the most-asked questions people have about the Ark and Flood of Noah. He will also give an update on the Ark construction, currently taking place on an attractive 800-acre site off I-75's exit 154 in Williamstown. The presentation will include video clips that have been shot recently at the Ark site (which is just a few miles from the church).

At this community-wide event, Ham will be joined once again by Mike Zovath and they will answer Ark-related questions. Williamstown Baptist Church is located at 214 Main Street. Additional meeting information can be found on the web at [AnswersInGenesis.org](http://AnswersInGenesis.org). This event is free.

Funding for the Ark Encounter has been raised through bonds and donations toward the \$90 million first phase of the project. Over \$75 million has already been collected. The park's centerpiece will be the 510-foot-long (85 feet wide, 51 feet high) Noah's Ark. It is anticipated that the Ark will open in the late summer of 2016.

Other outreaches of AiG, an apologetics organization, include the Creation Museum, which has been visited by 2.5 million guests since opening in 2007, and one of the world's most-visited religious websites. Last year the museum unveiled a world-class \$1.5 million exhibit of an allosaur dinosaur skeleton and hosted the famous Bill Nye/Ken Ham evolution-creation debate (conservatively estimated to have now been watched by upwards of 15 million people).

For more information about AiG, visit <http://www.answersingenesis.org>. The Ark website, with video and photos, is [www.ArkEncounter.com](http://www.ArkEncounter.com)

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