**A person with his arms crossed

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceNorman (Wes) Wesley Bowen, J.D.**

Wes’s education back ground includes a Professional Accountancy degree from Mississippi State University, a Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Mississippi, as well as, tax training post law school from New York University. Wes is currently a partner of Harvest Group LLC, headquartered in Germantown, TN. Wes founded the Harvest Group with Rudy Watkins in 2002 after a successful early career at both Arthur Andersen LLP and Ernst & Young Global Limited. Harvest is a unique economic development, industrial development, tax incentive, and site selection firm serving clients such as Caterpillar, Firestone, Conagra, Nike, Alcoa, and Coca-Cola.

Wes’ involvement with Answers in Genesis (AIG) began in 2019. A**nswers in Genesis is an apologetics ministry,** dedicatedto[helping Christians](https://answersingenesis.org/about/) defend their faith and proclaim the [good news of Jesus Christ](https://answersingenesis.org/good-news/). They focus on providing answers to questions about the Bible—particularly the book of Genesis—regarding key issues such as creation, evolution, science, and the age of the earth.

Wes had a desire to create Christian content in virtual reality leading to the development of Wes’ brainchild - *Truth Traveler* which was launched at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY in August 2020. The *Truth Traveler: Flood of Reality* show at the Ark Encounter is an incredibly immersive virtual reality experience that takes guest back to the time of Noah where they witness the building of Noah’s ark, experience the flood, venture inside the ark to see the animals as they lived on the Ark, and finally, enjoying the vista of the Ark at rest on the Mountains of Ararat. To date, *Truth Traveler: Flood of Reality* has enhanced the Ark Encounter experience of over 600,000 guests.

Wes formed a new venture, Mindscape Creative, in 2023 to expand the Truth Traveler concept, as well as other Christ honoring stories, into other markets in the United States utilizing similar technologies.

Wes has a passion for sharing the gospel, mentoring young professionals, and leading in secular business with a Christ-centered agenda.

Within his community, Wes has served as a President of the Board of Directors, Deacon Vice Chairman and Finance Committee Chairman for Bellevue Baptist Church where he has been a member for the past 27 years. He has also served multiple terms as a Board Member of Evangelical Christian School where he currently serves *of counsel* to the Head of School. Wes has served internationally for 12 years with Native Ministries in an unnamed country where he provides US leadership in the Key Support Group role.

Wes has been married for 29 years to his beautiful wife Susan and they have 3 children, William who is a second-year law student at the University of Mississippi, Caroline [Diamond] who recently graduated Mississippi State University and John, a 9th grader at Evangelical Christian School in Cordova, TN. Wes and Susan greatly enjoy investing in young Christian parents/business owners, boating, and travel. They are often found with their children and friends boating, diving, and fishing in the FL Keys, snow skiing in Colorado or Montana, and rafting in Idaho.