

A scenic landscape featuring a vibrant rainbow arching over a river. In the background, there are dark, forested mountains with patches of snow on their peaks. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and hopeful.

HOPE BECAUSE OF GOD'S COVENANT

Genesis 9:8-11

“What is God telling us to do about St. James? Close the church permanently or do something else?”

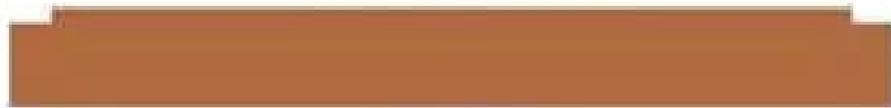
Worse than Covid: *The Flood*

- **God had enough of human wickedness**
- **God saw and knew Noah's heart**
- **God made a Covenant to save Noah and family**
- **God's Covenant continues to this day**

Noah's Ark

Volume: 1,396,000 Cubic Feet
Gross Tonnage: 13,960 Tons
Capacity: 522 Railroad stock cars
or 125,280 Sheep-sized animals

Noah's Ark



450 ft

747 Plane



231 ft

The Titanic



882 ft

Ark Encounter, Kentucky



Genesis 6:8-9

Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

Genesis 6:22, 7:5

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Genesis 9:8-11

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

Genesis 9:8-11

I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

God's Covenant continues on to this day...

Noah and family found hope in God!

People of St. James Presbyterian Church, are you finding hope as we re-open our church?

- **Time to come out after Covid**
- **Time to be assured of God's Covenant**
- **Time to keep hope through our Lord Jesus**
- **Time to worship and serve God again**
- **Time to work together, grow His church**



***I'VE GOT TO
BE HONEST
WITH Y'ALL.***

CLOSE CHURCH?

MERGE WITH ANOTHER CHURCH?

REVITALIZE, TRY AGAIN?

CLOSE & START A NEW CHURCH?

Hybrid: Revitalize and Restart Anew!

**St. James Presbyterian Church is ALL of us,
NOT JUST the pastor. This is what we'll do...**

- **Revitalize our faith, love, and hope in Jesus Christ!**
- **Revitalize our worship, fellowship**
- **Revitalize our discipleship, young + old**
- **Grow our church through the eyes and leading by the Holy Spirit**

Now ask yourself...

- Am I as God-fearing and God-trusting like Noah? What needs to change in me?
- What is God telling me to do today in my life, my family, and my church?
- In my dark moments, what must I do to keep my hope in God? Remember...

Jeremiah 29:10-12, NIV

This is what the Lord says:

“...I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.