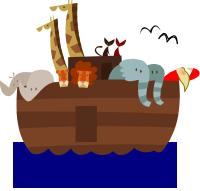
Reacting to Rain

Rain has been frequent and often heavy throughout the month of September in Tennessee – as associates attending the annual management meeting can attest for their time in Cleveland last week. That was true again Saturday, with downpours producing flash flooding in many areas.

Throughout the days of deluge, as the showers came and the thunder rattled all over the heavens, conversations at Life Care and around town have naturally turned to the weather. Here is a variety of observations on the rain:

- "Well, we're having a frog strangler and this one today is the bullfrog variety."
- "Have you started on your ark yet?"
- "This one is a real gully-washer."
- "I've been waiting for my ship to come in, but I didn't anticipate the ocean arriving first."
- "Are you keeping your powder dry?" (That is an expression soldiers and hunters may best understand.)



- "I'll be out to see you if the good Lord is willing and the creeks don't rise – so you better not count on it today."
- "I bought a house that sits high and dry. Today, it's just high, but I'm grateful for that."
- "Dreams are powerful stuff. Last night I dreamed of an outdoor pool, and this morning I woke up with one."
- "I told my husband yesterday when he washed both cars, the bicycle and the lawnmower – that he was following the formula that ought to be attempted only in the severest drought."
- "I wondered how our new landscaping would hold up under heavy rains, and then I watched it float by."
- "Politics don't have a thing on Mother Nature. She has her own kind of runoff law."

People. They are remarkable.

- Beecher Hunter