

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

**An Amazing Australian Frog**

**Mark 10:32a**

*"And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid."*

A rare Australian aquatic frog has one of the most amazing systems for rearing its young to be found in the animal kingdom. If any other creature tried the same method, the result would be fatal to its young.



The frog is a species of Australian frog so rare that it only has a Latin name. Once the eggs are laid and fertilized, the female swallows the eggs. Sometimes she waits until they begin to develop. However, once the young are in her stomach, she forgoes eating for eight weeks. After eight weeks, the young, developed frogs emerge from her mouth.

Why aren't the young frogs digested in the mother's stomach? Once the offspring are in her stomach, they begin to release fine threads of chemicals from their mouths. Among these chemicals is one that causes the mother's stomach to stop manufacturing acid. In other words, the tiny young frogs change the mother's stomach from an organ for digestion into a comfortable, protected nursery. Scientists were amazed at the frog's system since no other creature in nature is able to do this.

The Bible often notes that when Jesus Christ walked this Earth in bodily form, He frequently amazed people. Sometimes He used a miracle to astonish them. Sometimes it was His teaching that astounded them. Here we see that through His work as Creator, He can still amaze even the most hardened unbelievers with His work. You can learn more about why He is so amazing in the pages of the Bible.

Notes:

"Tadpole Role in Gastric Pregnancy." Science News, Vol. 123, p. 350. Photo: The more common White's tree frog, found throughout much of Australia.

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# Memorial Baptist Church



**August 1, 2021**

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## This Week at Memorial

### **Sunday, August 1, 2021**

8:00am - Early Worship  
Breakfast following 8am Service  
9:30am - Discipleship Groups  
10:40am - Worship - Junior Church (PK -3<sup>rd</sup> grade after music)  
6:00pm - VBS Celebration in FLC (No Video)

**8/2** - Yesterday's Kids 11:30am in FLC  
**8/5** - Women's Book Study 7:00pm  
**8/7** - Washington Fair Ministry

### A Look Ahead

**8/18** - Back to School Ice Cream Social  
**9/5** - Life Groups Launch (Home Groups)  
**9/18** - Beast Feast

## Week of August 1, 2021

### Joy Junction

**9:30am Sunday School** - Ben & Kim S.  
**10:40am Service** - Rachel S., Kathy M.  
**6:00pm** - VBS Celebration  
**Wednesday, 8/4** - Linda W.

### Junior Church

Corley - Laura S.

### Wed., 8/4 - Kids' Connection

Wendi N. - Jesse W.

### Usher Ministry

**Early** - Kevin M., Jim H., Kathy M.

**Sunday School** - Kevin M., Jim H.

**10:40am** - Chris S., Curtiss C., Sue R.

**6:00pm** - Duane B., Pat M. (VBS Cele. - no video)

**Wednesday, 8/4** - Jim F., Beleta P.

## Deacon Recommendations

If you have a person you would like to recommend, please fill out the back of the MBC Connect card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

### **Deacon Election Process**

August 6: Last day for recommendations  
Sept. 5: Deacon candidates announced  
Sept. 5-19: Ask questions or share concerns  
October 13: Vote on deacon candidates

## Back to School Ice Cream Social

Join us as we eat ice cream and pray for our students, teachers, and faculty on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Get creative and bring your favorite homemade ice cream! If you plan to bring ice cream, please let the church office know so we can plan to have enough.

## Washington Fair Outreach

MBC will serve at the Association outreach booth August 7th. This is a great opportunity to help pass out tracts and church information, have spiritual conversations, and share the gospel with soccer ball giveaways. Sign up for a 3-hour block and receive a free ticket to the fair.

## Women's Book Study

Contact the church office if you would like to attend "Made to Crave: Satisfying your Deepest Desires with God, not Food" by LysaTerkeurst. Classes will be on Thursdays at 7pm **beginning 8/5**. The cost of the book and workbook is **\$23.05** payable at the first class. Please call the church office if you need books.

## Preschool Teacher Needed

The Light Academy is looking for a full-time teacher for the 4-year-old class beginning in August. If you are interested, please contact the church office for an application.

## Life Groups

Beginning in September, MBC will introduce Life Groups to build community and care for one another in the church. These Life Groups will meet twice a month in host homes and will include prayer, fellowship, and Bible discussion. More information about connecting with a Life Group is forthcoming.

## Church Wide Cookbook

We are working on a church wide cookbook. If you are interested in contributing, please turn in recipes in print to Rachel's mailbox or Laura Smith's. Please include your name on the recipe(s).

## VITAL SIGNS

**July 25, 2021**

Sunday School	95
Sunday AM Worship	173
Last Year	171
Virginia Mines Campus	31
Last Year	20

### Weekly Budget

Needed weekly	\$	6,976.15
Received	\$	6,878.25
Over (Under)	\$	(97.90)
Y-T-D Over (Under)	\$	19,297.46
BTIF	\$	0.00
Missions / FPG	\$	20.00
Buddy Bags	\$	0.00

## Week of August 8, 2021

### Joy Junction

**9:30am Sunday School** - Laycie K.  
**10:40am Service** - Robin G., Katelyn T.  
**6:45pm** - Cindy S.  
**Wednesday, 8/11** - Mike C.

### Junior Church

Corley - Beleta P.

### Wed., 8/11 - Kids' Connection

Wendi N. - Rachel S.

### Usher Ministry

**Early** - Dave M., Ben S., Anderson M.

**Sunday School** - Dave M., Anderson M.

**10:40am** - Lester O., Matt S.

**6:45pm** - Pat M., Sue R.

**Wednesday, 8/11** - Duane B., Ed S.