

Deception of the Bola

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

*"[Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."*



The bola spider is said to have evolved its amazing abilities all by itself. Why, then, is it smarter and why does it have more abilities than mankind?

The bola spider's favorite food is moths, but it doesn't weave a web. The bola spider produces the same scent produced by a female moth. Male moths are attracted to this scent, and the spider waits for the inevitable appearance of a male moth.

As the male moth nears, the bola senses the vibrations from its wings. At just the right moment, the spider casts out its bola. The bola, after which the spider is named, is a special spider-silk thread with a sticky glob on the end. Scientists

who have studied this glue-glob say that modern chemistry could not equal it. The silken line is so elastic that it can stretch up to six times its original length. This allows the spider to conserve its energy while the moth struggles. Once reeled in, the bola wraps the moth in silk for storage until it's hungry. The bola's method works so well that it is not unusual for one spider to catch up to eight moths a night.

Normally, a species is unable to detect the mating scents of other species. How could the bola spider devise its plan? Once the plan was invented, how could the spider learn how to duplicate the female moth's chemistry? How could the bola spider be more clever than our best chemists? Of course, the only answer to these questions is that the bola spider was designed and created by God, Who invented chemistry in the first place.

Notes:

D. Franklin. 1983. "Prey Caught with a Smell and a Stinker." Science News, Dec. 17, p. 389.

Photo: Bola spider producing a bola. Courtesy of Judy Gallagher. (CC BY 2.0)

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# Memorial Baptist Church



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**This Week at Memorial**

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

8:00am - Early Worship  
9:30am - Discipleship Groups  
10:40am - Worship - Junior Church (PK -3<sup>rd</sup> grade after music)  
12/16 - Yesterday's Kids Christmas Lights

**A Look Ahead**

12/19 - Cantata & Christmas Luncheon  
12/22 - No Service  
12/29 - No Service  
12/24 - Christmas Eve Service at 9:00pm  
12/31 - Youth Lock-in

**Week of December 12, 2021**

**Joy Junction**

9:30am Sunday School - Christine G.  
10:40am Svc. - Julie & Lindsey S.  
Wednesday - 12/15 - Mike C.

**Junior Church**

Jesse W. & Linda W.  
Wed. 12/15 - Kids' Connection  
Wendi N. - Lisa R.

**Usher Ministry**

8:00am - Dave G., Joe G.  
Sunday School- Dave G.  
10:40am - Matt S., Lester O., Tim R.  
Wednesday - 12/15 - Duane B., Pat M.

**MBC Cookbooks**

Our MBC Cookbooks are ordered and will arrive very soon. The cost will be \$14 each. You can purchase as many as you want and even prepay for them by contacting the church office. Please make checks payable to Memorial Baptist Church with "cookbook" in the memo line.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Please pray about giving generously to support our almost 4,000 international missionaries and their ministries. \$1,485 has been given so far.

**Christmas Luncheon**

Our MBC Christmas Luncheon and Fellowship is on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in the FLC. There will be a dessert competition with two categories: decoration and taste.

**Christmas Eve Service**

Christmas Eve service will be December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm. This is a great time to invite unchurched friends and family to come hear the gospel in the Christmas story. Please take some of the devotionals at the Welcome Center that include an invitation to the Christmas Eve service.

**Yesterday's Kids**

Yesterday's Kids will be going to Tilles Park on December 16 to see Christmas lights. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 6:00pm. Please call the church office if you would like to go. This is a free event.

**Bible Reading Plan**

Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> we will begin year two of our "Two-Year Bible Reading Plan." Please join us on the You Version bible App by scanning the QR below or pick up a paper copy of the plan at the Welcome Center.

scan me



*MBC will be providing Christmas cards for the residents of the New Haven Care Center. The envelope is to be blank but you can sign the card and perhaps write a note. Please place cards on the table in the lobby by 12/19 and they will be delivered that afternoon.*

**VITAL SIGNS**

**December 5, 2021**

Sunday School	76
Sunday AM Worship	160
Last Year	178
Virginia Mines Campus	27
Last Year	33

**Weekly Budget**

Needed weekly	\$	6,976.15
Received	\$	10,370.81
Over (Under)	\$	3,394.66
Y-T-D Over (Under)	\$	39,224.93
International Missions	\$	960.00
Missions/FPG	\$	10.00

**Week of December 19, 2021**

**Joy Junction**

9:30am Sunday School - Ben & Kim S.  
10:40am Svc. - Cantata  
Wednesday - 12/22 - No Svc.

**Junior Church**

Cantata - No Jr. Church  
Wed. 12/22 - Kids' Connection  
No Svc.

**Usher Ministry**

8:00am - No Service  
Sunday School- Kevin M.  
10:40am - Jesse W., Ed S., Anderson  
Wednesday - 12/22 - No Svc.