

The Fragile Rattlesnake

John 3:14

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up..."



The rattlesnake is a dangerous creature, but surprisingly vulnerable. Believe it or not, rodents, rather than being easy victims of the rattlesnake, are one of the rattlesnake's greatest enemies. Ground squirrels will sometimes attack rattlers, lunging and biting them. Ground squirrels can inflict wounds that become infected and cause the snake's death. They often get away with this because their reflexes are so much faster than the snake's.

Those who handle rattlesnakes must be careful of their bite. But they must be equally careful about how they pick the snake up because its neck is easily broken. If a rattler is trapped for only 20 minutes in the noonday sun, it can go into convulsions. And if it is placed on ground with too steep an incline, its heart, unable to pump uphill, may fail. In fact, simply handling a rattler may cause it to starve itself to death.

Scripture refers to the devil as the "serpent" many times. However, just as the rattlesnake is deadly yet vulnerable, so too is the devil – truly deadly, yet vulnerable. All who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior from sin, death and the devil have that victory through Christ, even though the devil would like us to forget that he is a beaten foe.

Notes:

Photo: By looking at it, you'd never imagine that a California ground squirrel can be a rattlesnake's worst nightmare. Courtesy of Benefactor123. Licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported license..

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Memorial Baptist Church



March 27, 2022

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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00am - Worship
9:30am - Discipleship Groups
10:40am - Worship
GAP Mission Meetings after the
8:00am and 10:40am services
(sanctuary)

Look Ahead

4/1-7 - GAP Mission Trip
4/17 - Easter Breakfast (Replaces
first Sunday breakfast for April.)
4/22 - (New Date) Yesterday's Kids -
Long Row Lavender Farm
5/15 - Senior Recognition Luncheon
6/26-7/1 - Youth Camp
7/24 - Ghana Run
7/25-29 - VBS

Week of March 27, 2022

Joy Junction

9:30am Sunday School - Laycie Kosark
10:40am Svc. - Robin G., Jamie B.
Wednesday - March 30 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Linda Warner - Jesse Warner

Wed. March 30 - Kids' Connection

Brenda K. - Beleta P.

Usher Ministry

8:00am - Steve G., Kevin M.
Sunday School- Steve G.
10:40am - Jim S., Ed S., Beleta P.
Wednesday - March 30 - Duane B., Tim R.

Pastor Tim will be on vacation this week. If you have an immediate need, please contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons.

GAP Mission Team

Please be in prayer for our GAP mission team serving in Eastern Kentucky April 1-7. The team includes Nathan Franks, Ryan Gerling, Joe Gleeson, Anderson Menz, John Plummer, Ben Schaeffer and Jesse Warner

Youth Ice Skating

On April 8 the student ministry will be going ice-skating in Pacific. We will be leaving the church at 5:30. Cost is \$7 plus money for food.

Wisconsin Mission Trip

We will have a short meeting for anyone interested in participating in the June 26-July 2 Wisconsin mission trip after both services on April 3rd in the sanctuary.

Bahamas Mission Trip

The Bahamas trip is July 9-16.

Easter Worship Invitation

Please take the devotional books from the Welcome Center and pass them out as invitations to our Easter worship and free breakfast at 9:00am

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 17 following the 10:40am service. We need lots of candy for this event. Candy must be individually wrapped, fit into an Easter egg, and not melt. We will be collecting candy in the barrel in the lobby.

I am God Designed Ladies' Conference

The conference is April 29-30 at Central Baptist Church in Eureka. Please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you are visiting or have any prayer needs, please fill out an MBC Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

VITAL SIGNS

March 20, 2022

Sunday School	74
Sunday AM Worship	162
Last Year	176
Virginia Mines Campus	37
Last Year	37

Weekly Budget

Needed weekly	\$	7,638.09
Received	\$	6,357.56
Over (Under)	\$	(1,280.53)
Y-T-D Over (Under)	\$	(6,623.99)
Missions/FPG	\$	65.00
B.T.I.F.	\$	75.00

Week of April 3, 2022

Joy Junction

9:30am Sunday School - Brenda K.
10:40am Svc. - Cindy S., Mark S.
Wednesday - April 6 - Chris S.

Junior Church

Jan Kent - Christine Gleeson

Wed. April 6 - Kids' Connection

Ryan Gerling - Megan Barrett

Usher Ministry

8:00am - Ben S., Dave G.
Sunday School- Ben S.
10:40am - Ed S., Sue R.
Wednesday - April 6 - Dave M., Pat M.