

The Riddle of Kemp's Ridley

Psalm 119:140-141

"Thy word [is] very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. I [am] small and despised: [yet] do not I forget thy precepts."



In man's way of thinking, a small animal – especially one that lives in the ocean – tends to be regarded as unimportant. However, in God's view, all living things are His creation, and not one is ever unimportant. A good example is the smallest of the sea turtles. While most mature sea turtles weigh hundreds of pounds, the Kemp's Ridley weighs only 60 to 100 pounds.

So little has been known about Kemp's Ridley that it was not until 1947 that scientists knew that mature members of the species were found only on a beach on Mexico's coast. Because the eggs are prized by humans as well as by coastal creatures, the population of the Kemp's Ridley is down to less than a thousand egg-laying females.

However, the Creator has given Kemp's Ridley some advantages over other sea creatures. The female can lay fertile eggs for several years after she has mated just once. The hole she digs for her nest is 18 inches deep, and she may lay as many as 135 eggs at one time.

Although Kemp's Ridley was almost completely ignored and unknown to science, God has not treated

Kemp's Ridley as unimportant, nor has He neglected to give this creature special gifts for its survival. Christians may be considered unimportant by the world's standards, but God does not consider even one Christian as unimportant.

Notes: Peter Arnold, "Come Back Kemp's Ridley," October, Science 83, pp.68-71. Photo: Kemp's Ridley sea turtle.

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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, May 1, 2022

- 8:00am - Worship
- 9:30am - Discipleship Groups
- 10:40am - Worship

Look Ahead

- 5/8 - Parent/Child Dedication
- 5/8 - Breakfast at 9:00am
- 5/15 - Senior Recognition Luncheon following 10:40am Service
- 5/22 - Usher Luncheon following 10:40am Service
- 5/22 - Family Fellowship Night
- 5/25 - Student 7Up Party
- 6/26-7/1 - Youth Camp
- 7/9 - Smith Picnic
- 7/24 - Ghana Run
- 7/25-29 - VBS
- 7/31 - VBS Celebration

Week of May 1, 2022

Joy Junction

- 9:30am Sunday School - Brenda K.
- 10:40am Svc. - Rachel S., Lydia S.
- Wed. - May 4 - Mike C.

Junior Church

- Brenda K. - Jan K.
- Wed. May 4 - Kids' Connection

Megan B. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

- 8:00am - Dave G., Ben S.
- Sunday School - Dave G.
- 10:40am - Matt S., Tim R., Curtiss C.
- Wed. - May 4 - Dave M., Juanita H.

VBS Help Needed

If you are interested in serving in VBS this summer, please contact Amy Johnson at 314-378-7849 or amylyn.johnson@gmail.com. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center.

Current Discipleship Groups

- Esther - Duane Brune & Robin Graves - Room 101 (Jr. Church Room)
- Proverbs & Ecclesiastes - Bob Gerling - Room 109 in FLC
- Master Work - Kyle Kruse - Room 110 in FLC
- Parenting by Paul Tripp - Chris Smith - Room 213 on FLC upper level
- Radical by David Platt - Ryan Gerling - Room 214 on FLC upper level

7 Up Party

All upcoming 7th graders and current students are invited. The party will be May 25 from 6pm - 8pm at the Smiths' house, 3692 Grant School Rd., New Haven. Please contact Nathan if you plan to attend. The bus will leave the church at 5:45pm.

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

April 24, 2022

Sunday School	82
Sunday AM Worship	172
Last Year	206
Virginia Mines Campus	25
Last Year	40

Weekly Budget

Needed weekly	\$	7,638.09
Received	\$	5,743.56
Over (Under)	\$	(1,894.53)
Y-T-D Over (Under)	\$	(10,170.93)
Missions/FPG	\$	10.00
Annie Armstrong	\$	530.00

Week of May 8, 2022

Joy Junction

- 9:30am Sunday School - Christine G.
- 10:40am Svc. - Tracy K., Elaina K.
- Wed. - May 11 - Mike C.

Junior Church

- Jan K. - Ellie S.
- Wed. May 11 - Kids' Connection

Megan B. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

- 8:00am - Kevin M., Jim H.
- Sunday School - Kevin M.
- 10:40am - Jim S., Ed S., Beleta P.
- Wed. - May 11 - Steve G., Pat M.

Parent/Child Dedication

We will have a parent/child dedication on May 8 in the 10:40am service. If you would like to participate with your child, please contact the church office.

Senior Recognition Sunday & Luncheon

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 15. Luncheon following the 10:40am service. Ball & Bakery theme. Seniors will be recognized in both services.

Family Fellowship Night

On May 22 we will have a Family Fellowship Night on the grounds at 6:00pm. We will have food, bounce house, and games. Make plans to be here!