

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Dormant Toad

Acts 17:25

Isaiah 43:20

"The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, [and] rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen."



Few deserts are more inhospitable than the Sonoran Desert of North America. Life is so hard there that even the Couch's Spadefoot toad must lie dormant for 11 out of 12 months.

Normally, the Spadefoot has only one month out of twelve to carry out the normal business of life. The Spadefoot has an internal clock that tells it when the violent desert rainstorms are near and when to begin

to near the surface of the ground. The toads, extremely sensitive to ground vibrations, can hear the pounding rains miles away. The distant rains bring the toads out of the sand so that as soon as pools have formed, the male toads are in them, calling for the females.

Mating and egg-laying are completed by morning, and dawn finds the toads safely protected from the sun's heat beneath the sand. But the desert pools reach 100 degrees and will not last long before they dry up, killing the eggs. Under ideal conditions it takes only nine days for the eggs to hatch. However, even in a good year, the young toads have only a few weeks at most to eat the food necessary to keep them alive for the next eleven months until the next rain.

Our Creator God not only creates life which can survive under the most extreme circumstances, but He is also the source of eternal life.

Notes:
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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:00am - Worship
9:30am - Discipleship Groups
10:40am - Worship
Usher Luncheon following 10:40am Service
6:00pm - Family Fellowship Night

5/25 - 6:00pm - Student 7Up Party

A Look Ahead

5/29 - Sunday School Promotions
6/1 - Summer Video Series Begins
6/5 - Membership Class
6/25 - Father/Child Fishing Day
6/26 - 7/1 - Youth Camp
7/9 - Smith Picnic
7/11 - 15 - Association Boys' Camp
7/18 - 22 - Association Girls' Camp
7/24 - Ghana Run
7/25 - 29 - VBS
7/31 - VBS Celebration

Week of May 22, 2022

Joy Junction

9:30am Sunday School - Laycie K.
10:40am Svc. - Chris S., Laura S.
Wed. - May 25 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Robin G. - Lydia S.

Wed. May 25 - Kids' Connection

Megan B. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:00am - Kevin M., Steve G.
Sunday School - Kevin M.
10:40am - Jim S., Jesse W., Beleta P.
Wed. - May 25 - Duane B., Kathy M.

Church League Softball

If you are interested in playing church league softball this summer, please sign up at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Zach Kosark at 573-259-0235.

Family Fellowship Night

Family Fellowship Night is this evening on the grounds at 6:00pm. We will have food, bounce house, and games. Please bring a side dish if you are able, such as potato salad, slaw, baked beans, pasta salads, chips.

Usher Luncheon

There is an usher luncheon today in the Family Life Center at 12:00pm for all current ushers and those interested in the usher ministry.

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.

MBC is always looking for more outreach opportunities. If you have ideas, please contact one of the pastors or put them on a connect card.

VITAL SIGNS

May 15, 2022

Sunday School	96
Sunday AM Worship	198
Last Year	179
Virginia Mines Campus	27
Last Year	44

Weekly Budget

Needed weekly	\$	7,638.09
Received	\$	7,515.56
Over (Under)	\$	(122.53)
Y-T-D Over (Under)	\$	(13,182.52)
Missions/FPG	\$	15.00
B.T.I.F.	\$	25.00

Week of May 29, 2022

Joy Junction

9:30am Sunday School - Brenda K.
10:40am Svc. - Cindy S., Mark S.
Wed. - June 1 - Mike C.

Junior Church

Chris S. - Laura S.

Wed. June 1 - Kids' Connection

Megan B. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:00am - Dave G., Ben S.
Sunday School - Dave G.
10:40am - Curtiss S., Ed S., Tim R.
Wed. - June 1 - Dave M., Pat M.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We still need the following volunteers:

preschool workers (2)
registration (2)
photographer (1)
crew leaders (2 over 18 yrs. old) and youth crew leaders
If anyone wants to work, we will find a place for you to serve. If you have questions, please contact Amy Johnson at 573-237-2699 or amy.rick.johnson@gmail.com.

Summer Video Series

Starting June 1 we will have a summer video series on Wednesdays at 6:45pm. There will be snacks and the video and discussion will begin at 7:00pm. Kids' Connection and students will meet separately after eating. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center for providing snacks.