

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Jumping Tomatoes



And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: (Exodus 8:2)

"What a delicious-looking tomato," you say to yourself. But as you reach for it, that bright red tomato suddenly comes to life and jumps away in pursuit of its own lunch! That "tomato" you almost grabbed is actually a tomato frog, a creature found only on the island of Madagascar.

Just before the frog jumped out of your reach, it puffed up its shiny red body because it regarded you as a threat. Fortunately for you, the frog came nowhere near your lips. You see, when a predator bites down on a tomato frog, the frog's skin secretes a thick substance that gums up the predator's mouth and eyes – a superb defense mechanism that reminds us of the mucus secreted by hagfishes.

According to a book called *Astonishing Animals*, evolution is the reason why the tomato frog is bright red in color. The authors say it is mimicking the bright color of the poison arrow frog of Central America. But wait a minute! There are no poison arrow frogs on the island of Madagascar, so how could the tomato frog's bright color be attributed to mimicry? It can't mimic a frog that no creature on the island has ever seen!

Once again, when you're an evolutionist, evolution accounts for absolutely everything in nature. Creationists reject that kind of thinking. We believe that God blessed the island of Madagascar with many unique and colorful creatures. And each one was given just the right combination of characteristics by its Creator.

Ref: "Tomato frog," *Astonishing Animals*, T. Flannery and P. Schouten (Atlantic Monthly Press, New York), pp. 122-123. Photo: Tomato frog. Courtesy of © Alfeus Liman.

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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:45am - Discipleship Classes

10:00am - Worship

9/10-17 - Missouri Missions Wk. of Prayer

9/12 - Karate Begins

9/13 - Nursery Workers Meeting

9/13 - Christmas Program Practice Begins

A Look Ahead

9/22 - L.I.F.T.

9/23 - Youth Activity - Zoo

10/1 - Breakfast

10/11 - Business Meeting - No Wed.

Activities

10/8-14 - Kentucky Mission Trip

10/20 - L.I.F.T.

10/29 - Fifth Sunday

10/31 - Fall Fun Fest

Save the Date

11/7 - Veterans' Luncheon

Missouri Missions Offering

This month we have the privilege of praying and financially supporting Baptist mission efforts throughout the state of Missouri. Please use the prayer guide in your bulletins this week during the MMO Week of Prayer.

Christmas Program Practice

Practice for this year's Christmas Program begins September 13. Practice will be each Wednesday from 6:00pm - 6:45pm, with the exception of October 11 and November 22.

Nursery Worker Meeting

There will be a nursery worker meeting at 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 13 in the classroom closest to the restrooms in the FLC. We will be going over policies and invite anyone that might be interested in helping to join us.

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Joy Junction

8:45am - Jamie B.

10:00am Svc. - Chris & Thomas S.

Wed. - September 13 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Bekah H. - Alana C.

Kids Connection - Wed.

Amy J. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Joe G.

10:00am - Jesse W., Curtiss C., Lester O.

Wed. - September 13 - Ed S.

September 17, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Cindy S.

10:00am Svc. - Julie C. - Alana C.

Wed. - September 20 - Linda W.

Junior Church

Lisa R. - Levi J.

Kids Connection - Wed.

Amy J. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Kevin M.

10:00am - Jim S., Ryan W., Ben S.

Wed. - September 20 - Jim F.

Welcome