

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Eating That Can Result in Starvation



By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin. I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert. (Psalm 102:5-6)

The creosote shrub is common in the desert of the American Southwest and northern Mexico. This remarkable plant is not only well designed for life in the desert, but also it protects itself from those who would munch on its leaves.

Creosote bushes grow in stands because they reproduce by sending shoots out from a collective root system. One stand measured over 60 feet across at its widest point! Stands can be hundreds of years old. The bushes produce several hundred chemicals that evaporate into the air. Stands are said to smell like chemistry laboratories. Other desert plants avoid growing near them, probably because of the smell. As a result, stands do not have to share scarce water supplies with other plants. Compounds called phenols and phenoloxidas are among the chemicals produced by the leaves. These chemicals must be stored in different compartments within the leaves so that they do not react with each other. However, when the leaves are chewed, these compartments break down. They react in the stomach, producing chemicals called quinones. The quinones then react with the plant proteins, changing them into a form that cannot be digested. The result is that whatever tries to eat creosote leaves can have a full stomach and be starving at the same time!

The creosote's advanced chemical warfare could not possibly be a product of mindless evolution. Its methods of protection reveal a well-thought-out design that can only be credited to a wise Creator.

Ref: Bombardier Beetles and Fever Trees, pp. 25-27. Photo: Creosote bush, Death Valley National Park, California. Courtesy of Eric in SF. (CC-BY-SA 3.0)

Memorial Baptist Church



November 5, 2023



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:00am - Breakfast

8:45am - Discipleship Classes

10:00am - Worship

11/6 - Upward Evaluations. 6-8pm

11/7 - Veterans' Luncheon

11/9 - Upward Evaluations. 6-8pm

A Look Ahead

11/12 - Pastor Pat's Last Day

11/22 - No Service

12/3 - Breakfast

12/3 - 10 - Lottie Moon Week of Prayer

12/8 - Youth Italian Dinner Concert

12/10 - Christmas Program & Luncheon

12/20 - Youth Christmas Party

12/29 - Youth Lock in

Please complete a Nominating Committee Survey if you are currently serving in a church ministry or are interested in serving and return to the church office.

November 5, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Linda W.

10:00am Svc. - Jamie B. - Alana C.

Wed. - November 8 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Bekah H. - Mariah R.

Kids Connection - Wed.

Amy J. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.

10:00am - Chris S., Joe G., Curtiss C.

Wed. - November 8 - Tim R.

November 12, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Cindy S.

10:00am Svc. - Julie C. - Thomas S.

Wed. - November 15 - Linda W.

Junior Church

Jamie B. - Alana C.

Kids Connection - Wed.

Amy J. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Kevin M.

10:00am - Jesse W., Jim S., Lester O.

Wed. - November 15 - Ed S.

Operation Christmas Child

Help us reach our goal of 100 shoe boxes. Boxes are on the table outside the sanctuary. Julie Conner is the contact person and can be reached at 573-418-7068. The last day to bring boxes is Sunday, November 19. Boxes will be delivered after the worship service.

Pastor Pat's Last Day

November 12 is Pastor Pat's last day with us. Please join us in the FLC after worship to say goodbye. Cake will be served.

Upward Basketball Registration Open

Upward evaluations are 11/6 and 11/9 from 6-8pm. Please scan the QR code below to register. Grades K-4 will be participating.

Participant registration <https://registration.upward.org/UPW85209>

Volunteer registration <https://registration.upward.org/UPW85209/volunteer>



L.I.F.T.

Ladies, we will not be meeting during the months of November and December and plan to resume in January. Enjoy spending time with your families.

Youth Dinner Concert

There will be a youth Italian dinner concert Friday, December 8 at 6:00pm to benefit the youth camp fund.

We are blessed with talented young people that love the Lord and desire to serve him. Please come out and support our youth, they are the future of the church.

