

Love Your Anemones



He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. (Psalm 46:9)

The world that God created for us and intended us to live in had no wars and no death because there was no sin whatsoever. Once the first man, Adam, brought sin into the world, murder, wars and disease descended upon the entire creation, including the animal world.

While sea anemones might seem to be relatively peacefully creatures, researchers have discovered that they have a sophisticated army with warriors as well as scouts. The California anemones that were studied live in colonies of genetically identical individuals. Often, another colony of such clones, but genetically different from the first colony, lives quite close. The colonies are separated by a narrow patch of non-clone anemones. While genetically identical individuals get along with each other within each colony, they engage in warfare with the neighboring colony. Some of the individuals, the warriors, have tentacles that are not used for catching food, but rather for lashing invading anemones with stinging cells. Sometimes, scouts will enter the non-clone no-man's land between the colonies. The non-clones appear to be guards that sting any scout that enters their territory from either colony. Researchers were flabbergasted to find such a complex social system and penchant for war among anemones.

While warfare is something we added to the creation when we sinned, only Jesus Christ can bring us true peace with God.

Ref: Science News, 6/4/05, p. 355-356, S. Milius, "Anemone Wars." Illustration: Various examples of sea anemones. (PD)

Memorial Baptist Church



December 17, 2023



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:45am - Discipleship Classes

10:00am - Worship

- Baptism - Aiden Daugherty

12/20 - Youth Christmas Party

A Look Ahead

12/24 - Christmas Eve Svc. 8pm.

12/27 - NO SERVICE

12/31 - Youth Bowling and Lock in

1/7 - Breakfast

1/8 - Upward practices begin on Monday,
Thursdays and Fridays.

1/10 - Business Meeting

1/27 - Upward games begin on Saturdays.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The International Missions week of prayer was December 3 - 10. As of that date, \$485 was donated, which was short of our \$500 goal.

December 17, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Cindy S.

10:00am Svc. - Ben S. - Kim S.

Wed. - December 20 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

NO JUNIOR CHURCH

Kids Connection - Wed.

Amy Johnson - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Joe G.

10:00am - Gary S., Jesse W., Jim H.

Wed. - December 20 - Tim R.

December 24, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Jamie B.

10:00am Svc. - Julie & Ryan S.

Wed. - December 27 NO SERVICE

Junior Church

NO JUNIOR CHURCH

Kids Connection - Wed.

NO SERVICE

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.

10:00am - Chris S., Ed S., Lester O.

Wed. - December 27 - NO SERVICE

Created for God's Purpose

2 Peter 1:3-11

Application Questions

Q1: In VS 3-4, tells that God, "Has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him!"

- If you were to be critical in your self-examination, on a scale of 1-10 (1 being "none"), how well are you doing at pressing into the knowledge of Christ? This is done through spending time with God in the Word, Prayer, as well as the corporate gathering and bible studies.
- Have you read all of the Holy scriptures at least once?
 - o If so, do you desire to continue to do so more and more?
 - o If not, do you hear God calling you to know Him more though the reading of His word?
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Q2: In VS 8-9 we see what God wants for those who are in Christ. God wants you to be an effective witness of the grace that you have received. God wants us to be effective and fruitful!

- How would you say you are being an effective witness, discuss a specific example.
- How might God be calling you to evaluate and perhaps change something(s) to become more effective and fruitful?
- How might God be calling you to press into Memorial and the service of the church to become an effective member for the kingdom of God?