

Just So Stories



*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
(Romans 1:25)*

Have you ever read Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories*? The idea of each story was to give a fictional account of how certain features of various animals came to be. Of course, Kipling was not presenting a scientific thesis. He expected his stories to be received as works of imagination. So in his "The Elephant Child", we learn about a button-nosed young elephant who was bothering a crocodile. The crocodile caught the Elephant Child by his nose and pulled, and his nose stretched into the long trunk we have today.

What we find so interesting is how similar many evolutionary ideas are to Kipling's imagination. For example, there are those zoologists who maintain that giraffes developed gradually longer necks in order to be able to get food from higher branches of trees. The idea is that of a multi-generational "Just So" story, and it does not account for the many extra features found in a giraffe's neck and anatomy – not just the neck's length.

A recent academic account has suggested that flight developed in theropod dinosaurs by the creatures flapping their arms, and that is how their arms eventually became wings as they evolved into birds. Of course, the evolutionary articles are much more sophisticated than these examples. But they are really not much more than clever "Just So" stories. We do not need such stories because the Bible explains clearly how God put life on this Earth.

Ref: Kipling, R. (Candlewick edition 2004), *Just So Stories*. Image: Public Domain.

Memorial Baptist Church



June 9, 2024



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, June 9, 2024

8:45am - Discipleship Classes

10:00am - Worship

Look Ahead

6/16 - Breakfast 8:00am (Father's Day)

6/17 - 21 - Student Camp

6/31 - Fifth Sunday

7/5 - 6 - NH Youth Fair

7/7 - VBS Worker Luncheon

7/8-12 - Boys Camp

7/12 - L.I.F.T. (T2W)

7/15-19 - Girls Camp

7/22 - 26 - VBS

7/29-8/1 - Boys & Girls Day Camp

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.

New Discipleship Class

Ryan Gerling's class has started a study on John MacArthur's book, "Genesis 1-22". His classroom is located on the second level of the FLC to the right of the Pastor's Office. Start time is 8:45am.

VBS Worker Lunch & Training

There will be a VBS worker lunch and training July 7 following service. This training is for everyone who will be working during VBS. We still have positions to fill.

Contact Amy Johnson at 314-378-7849.

Boys and Girls Camp Information

Information and enrollment packets are on the Welcome Center. Enrollment is online and the deadline is June 16.

June 9, 2024

Joy Junction

8:45am - Linda W.

10:00am Svc. Julie S., Ryan S.

Wed. - June 12 - Linda W.

Junior Church

Jamie B., Mariah R.

Kids Connection

Summer Break

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Jim S.

10:00am - Gary S., David D., Jesse W.

Wed. - June 12 - Tim R.

June 16, 2024

Joy Junction

8:45am - Alana C.

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

Wed. - June 19 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

NO JUNIOR CHURCH

Kids Connection

Summer Break

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - John P.

10:00am - Joe G., Ben S., Matt S.

Wed. - June 19 - Ed S.

Junior Church is on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Children aged 4 -Second Grade

Donations Needed for VBS

See the list on bulletin board in hallway outside the sanctuary.

Kid's Connection

Classes will resume mid-August.