

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Life in Rock



"Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, [and] there is nothing too hard for thee." - Jeremiah 32:17

Live things in Antarctica's Victoria Land arctic desert must be very special indeed. The 2,000 square mile arctic desert appears to be home to no living things. There is neither soil nor plants. All that seems to exist there is lifeless, windswept, glacier-scoured rock.

On a warm day the desert may warm up to near freezing. During the perpetual darkness of winter, temperatures plunge to 158 degrees below zero. Yet, we know that there are very few places on Earth for which the Creator has not, in His unimagined wisdom, provided life. Scientists have now learned that there is indeed life in Antarctica's desert.

One-tenth of an inch beneath the surface of the porous sandstone lives what biologists have called a miniature rainforest because of the various layers of life. A black zone made up mainly of fungi is closest to the surface of the rock. Just below that layer filaments of fungi and clusters of algae grow between the rock crystals. Several species of bacteria have also been found in this thin zone of life. They gain their food from the minerals in the rock as well as nitrogen released by the aurora australis, the southern lights. Together, these organisms provide a perfect ecological balance to continue life.

When the Creator decides that there shall be life, no matter how hostile the conditions, He is able to create not just life but a complete, ecological balance.

REF.: Bartusiak, Marcia. "Living in rock and lichen it." Science #83. p. 74.
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Memorial Baptist Church



October 26, 2025



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:45am - Discipleship classes

10:00am - Worship

10/28 - Beginning of 6-week Ladies' Bible Study

10/31 - Fall Fun Fest

Look Ahead

11/2 - Breakfast

11/6 - Veterans' Luncheon

11/10 - 15 - Women's Mission Trip
(See Kristin Cargill)

11/23 - Shoe Boxes Delivered
following worship

The Usher Ministry needs your help. If you are interested in joining, please contact Curtiss Cobb at (573) 604-0910.

October 26, 2025

Joy Junction

8:45am - Cindy S.

10:00am Svc. - Jamie B. - Christine G.

Wed. - October 29 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Chris S. - Thomas S.

The Way - Wed - October 29

6pm - 7:55pm in the FLC

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.

10:00am - Joe G. - Curtiss C., Lester O.

Wed. - October 29 - Tim R.

November 2, 2025

Joy Junction

8:45am - Linda W.

10:00am Svc. - Barb G. - Jennifer E.

Wed. - November 5 - Linda W.

Junior Church

NO JUNIOR CHURCH

The Way - Wed - November 5

6pm - 7:55pm in the FLC

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - John P.

10:00am - Jesse W. - Gary S., Bobby J.

Wed. - November 5 - Ed S.

Operation Shoebox

Boxes for Operation Shoebox are on the table outside the sanctuary along with labels. Instructions for packing boxes are on the labels along with ideas for packing boxes. You can also use a plastic box or shoe box. A plastic lidded box gives children something to store possessions in. The boxes will be delivered after worship on Sunday, November 23. Please contact Julie Conner if you have questions (573) 418-7068.

New Ladies' Bible Study

A new 6-week study of the book "Rest - From Eden to Eternity" written by The Daily Grace Co., will begin Tuesday October 28 in the old fellowship hall near the church office. Books are \$10.

With this study you will:

Trace the theme of rest from Genesis to Revelation;

Learn how to truly find rest in Jesus Christ;

Discover how God brings His people everlasting rest.

If you are interested, please contact Bekah Houston at (573) 690-1527 at your first opportunity.

Fall Fun Fest

Candy is needed for the Fall Fun Fest on October 31. Please put candy in the barrel outside the sanctuary. We will also need cookies, brownies and cupcakes. Please deliver those to the FLC by 5pm 10/31.

Please contact Chris Smith at 636-432-2286 if you are interested in operating a booth, or Laura Smith at 636-234-4985 if you can work in the kitchen or provide baked goods. There are signup sheets outside the sanctuary.

UPWARD REGISTRATION IS OPEN

UNTIL NOVEMBER 1

Upward registration is available online at:

<https://registration.upward.org/UPW89187>