



THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Plants Call in Air Defenses



"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

Research shows that, when attacked, many plants make chemicals that give munching insects a bad case of indigestion. They also seem to warn their neighbors of the attack so that they, too, start up their defenses. Some plants even call in air defenses.

Some plants, when attacked by caterpillars, release a scent that scientists simply describe as "green leaf odors." These odors attract certain female wasps, who home in on the plant. The wasp will sting the caterpillar, leaving him paralyzed. She then lays her eggs in the pest, who remains paralyzed until the hatching young wasps consume it. That "green leaf odor" is a plant's way of calling in air defenses. It is communication between plant and insect!

Some evolutionary biologists are upset with this arrangement. Plants are supposed to be too simple to communicate. As one evolutionist put it, this is "not a defense against anything" ... it "just happens."

I remember trying that excuse as a child. The cookie jar fell to the floor while I was trying to sneak a cookie. "It just happened," I said, as if the cookie jar had come alive before my eyes and jumped to the floor. Science teaches us that things don't "just happen." Not only do we see here that God exists, we also see a bit of His love in providing for the plant and His intelligence as the author of communication.

Image: Parasitoid wasp pointing and cinnabar moth larva, Ian Alexander, CC BY-SA 4.0, Wikimedia Commons.

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Memorial Baptist Church



February 1, 2026



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday February 1, 2026

8:00am - Breakfast
8:45am - Discipleship classes
10:00am - Worship - Pastor Nathan Fanks

Look Ahead

2/10 - Karate Begins
2/15 - New Believers' Class Begins
3/1 - Breakfast
3/1 - 8 - Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
3/8 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
3/11 - Business Meeting

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you are visiting or have any prayer needs, please fill out the MBC Connect Card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

February 1, 2025

Joy Junction

8:45am - Bekah H.
10:00am Svc. - Cindy S., Sara W.
Wed. - February 4 - Linda W.

Junior Church

NO JUNIOR CHURCH

The Way - Wed - February 4
6PM - 7:55PM In the FLC

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Jim S.
10:00am - Curtiss C., James P.
Wed. - February 4 - Ryan W.

February 8, 2025

Joy Junction

8:45am - Cindy S.
10:00am Svc. - Christine G., Kim S.
Wed. - February 11 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Lisa R. - Mariah R.

The Way - Wed - February 11
6PM - 7:55PM In the FLC

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.
10:00am - Joe G., Bobby J.
Wed. - February 11 - Tim R.

UPWARD BASKETBALL CONCESSION STAND HELP & DONATIONS

Helpers are needed at the concession stand during games for three-hour shifts. Please add your name to the signup sheet at the Welcome Center if you can help.

Donations are needed for upward concessions. All proceeds go toward Upward Basketball. Place any donations in the mailroom or FLC kitchen.

Donations needed weekly are:

Little Debbie or Hostess Snack Cakes

Homemade pie

cupcakes, brownies

Cinnamon rolls

Cookies,

Chili

Soups

If you can commit to donating any of the above items, please contact Laua Smith at 636-234-4985.

Karate Classes Begin 2/10

Class registration is before class on February 10th or 17th. Classes are held every Tuesday for 13 weeks. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for further information or call Russ Gillis at 573-291-6272.

The Usher Ministry Needs Your Help

The Usher Ministry needs your help. If you would like to serve, please contact Curtiss Cobb at (573) 604-0910.