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I really don't like picking ticks off a dog, or my skin! I know that mosquitos are actually the most dangerous of insects, killing a million people a year transmitting deadly diseases, but ticks really creep me out. Mosquitos suck blood and turn red; ticks suck blood and turn into bags of blood with their heads buried in my skin. I really don't like ticks. And I didn't think I liked 'possums.

When I was in the 9th grade I came to Chatham to get a couple of heads from a guy who bought and skinned fur-bearing animals. No, it wasn't for a Satanic ritual. They were for a biology project.

When I compared the brain size of a raccoon and a 'possum, I discovered that 'possums had tiny brains. That, and a couple of bad experiences with 'possums, sealed the deal. Even though I had seen cute pictures of mama 'possums with babies hanging from their tails, I thought they were ugly and stupid. They became my least favorite wild mammal. But, as they say, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

Today I read an article in the "Dandy Designs" section of *Does God Exist?*, a periodical that Jonathan Sperry introduced me to several years ago. It's good, and it's free. If you want to subscribe, send a request for it to: Does God Exist? PO Box 2704, South Bend, IN 46680-2704.

Back to the article. "Recent studies have shown that opossums protect us from ticks. Opossums are fastidious in their grooming, scratching, licking, and chewing to remove any tick that is in their fur. Recent studies have shown that opossums may kill as many as 4,000 ticks a week, reducing the chance of Lyme disease being spread."

The article also noted that scientists have recently found a peptide in opossum blood that neutralizes toxins so well that it is like a miracle, and concludes by saying, "God's design of all life is a miracle, but the lowly opossum may be one of the most under-appreciated of all of God's creatures."

The next time one crawls out of our dryer vent I'll not only thank it for cleaning it out, I'll apologize for under-appreciating it.

God Bless, Rick



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SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 5/21/17

Greeters Debbie Sanner
Visitors' Stand Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
Kirk Polley
Ushers Scott Bales
Paul Hunley
Chad Formea
Rich Mann
Brad Stirmell
Bob Williamson

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Kristin Polley
Jake Divjak
Infants Dixie Williamson
Courtney Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Rhonda Luzio

Let Us Pray For...

--Bob & Dixie's grandson having tests done to determine source of developmental problems.

--Renee Bales' co-worker beginning aggressive chemo.



To Chatham Christian Church,

Please see the enclosed donations in memory of Deanna Langheim. Thanks again for all of your support for mom, the use of the church, and the wonderful luncheon. We greatly appreciated all your kindness. Pete Langheim and family



Gods & Kings is the book ladies will be discussing around the Huber pool this summer beginning June 20th. Those who want to participate are asked to sign up on the bulletin board, and indicate if they would like to order a book.



Check out the new CCC aprons that were worn for the first time at last week's funeral luncheon. A big thank you to Kristin Polley for embroidering them, and to the ladies who served the meal wearing them.

Kim Deiro, who oversees the meals, wears a special apron her sister made for her when she volunteered to lead our meals program.

An unnamed preacher has said aprons are his favorite outfit for a particular gender to wear, but wisdom precludes us from repeating his chauvinistic statement in print.

GALACTIC STARVEYORS

June 5-8 6:15-8:30

Thank you to all the volunteers for this year's VBS! If your schedule didn't allow you to participate in a specific role, feel free to come around the church anytime to experience a little of this year's program.

Each day, kids will rotate through a series of activities to reinforce the point of the day. They will be attending a Bible lesson, putting together a craft item, learning about a missionary family and playing fun Galactic Starveyor games. Of course, they will begin with an opening rally of upbeat songs and end together with a summary of the day. Below is a brief summary of what the kids will be learning as Galactic Starveyors.

Monday: The Relationship Began

In the beginning, there was nothing...only the triune God consisting of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God created the world and everything in it, including man. God made man to enjoy relationships with one another and with Him. (Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31; John 1:1,14)

Tuesday: The Relationship Broken

Eve was tempted to eat the fruit from the forbidden tree. Eve ate and offered some to Adam who also ate. Sin entered the world and every person who has ever lived has chosen to disobey God in some way—except for One, Jesus. (Genesis 3)

Wednesday: The Restoration Promised

Before sin even entered the world, God had a plan to fix everything sin would mess up. In Isaiah, God promised to send the Messiah. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to pay the penalty for sin. Simeon and Anna recognized that Jesus was the Messiah God had promised. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 2:22-38)

Thursday: The Relationship Restored

Jesus literally was Immanuel—God with us. When Jesus was 33, He was put on trial, convicted of sins He did not commit, and hung on a cross to die. When Jesus died darkness covered the land and the veil in the temple was torn in two. Jesus was buried and on the third day He arose. Jesus provided the way for our relationship with God to be restored. (John 21:1-19; Acts 1:4,8)

Now that is a great VBS message!!!!



I still don't have the schedule so sorry I couldn't relay this on Sunday, but there are no games scheduled over Memorial Day Weekend