

WHAT'S UP WITH THE P. BLACK BRETHREN?

On my way to the Houston airport I was following a yellow Dodge mini-van Taxi, #69. It had one of those advertisements on the back and I photographed it with my cell phone, and the picture follows:



A closer look shows



A few minutes later I noticed I was behind 2 yellow Dodge mini-van Taxis, and they both had the same sign:



I had already heard of the meeting which is advertised for the George Brown Convention Center from July 31st until August 3rd and it is a predominantly black event. The predominately black brethren apparently think it is good to get together and encourage one another – and don't mind saying it in public.

On page 2 of this newsletter there is more information and contacts for your participation. This is truly an event which merits your support.

On page 3 of this newsletter there is an advertisement about a city wide billboard program. In case you are not aware, this is being started and promoted by predominantly black brethren. Hopefully they will receive some help from the rest of us.

The largest congregation in the greater Houston area is predominantly black – Fifth Ward. The fastest growing congregation in the greater Houston area is predominantly black – Highland Heights.

What we are seeing in our midst is truly an aggressive and productive use of resources and dedication. Shall we ask the predominantly black brethren if we can tag along as they set an example for all of us?

THE CHRISTIAN ARRAY

DEDICATED TO SUSTAINED SCRIPTURAL CHURCH GROWTH IN OUR GENERATION

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COME EXPERIENCE THE *Love* OF CHRIST

- Planned Events -

Saturday, July 31st

Free Back to School Supply Drive 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Gospel Singing Musical 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Sunday, August 1st - "Bring Your Nation Day"

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Monday, August 2nd - "Young Adult's Night"

Nightly Service 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 3rd - "Youth Night"

Nightly Service 7:00 PM

Nightly Preaching Services

Counseling Services Provided

Prayers Offered

Outstanding Singing

Christian Love Extended

Nursery Services Provided

Houston Area Churches of Christ Welcome You!

For directory
www.houstonchurchesofChrist.org

Brothers in Christ,

How much do you think it would cost to advertise on 10 highway billboards in the Greater Houston Area? Try \$20,000 - \$40,000 a month. One billboard costs \$3000 - \$8000, depending on the location.

What if we could advertise on 10 billboards for \$1000, \$500, or even as low as \$250 a month?

Impossible! You might say. Not so! The answer is really quite simple, **NUMBERS & UNITY.**

There are over one hundred Churches of Christ in the greater Houston area. If every church contributed to the effort, we could expose our message to over 27 million views (looks) a month for \$250 a month. Wow! Have we ever unified and made a bold statement to the city of Houston that the Lord's church is alive and well? You know the answer, don't you? Everyone else is making statements. We have the truth. Let's make a statement, a **BOLD** statement. We are God's vehicle to save the world.

What can we accomplish with a Billboard Campaign?

- Revive our members
- Give positive exposure to Churches of Christ
- Attract non-members
- Drive traffic to our websites
- Create more opportunities for conversations about Christ and his church
- Bring more unity & fellowship to our brotherhood
- Save Souls

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Proposal:

Though 100% participation is ideal, 50 % participation would be fabulous.

100 churches - \$250 month for 4 months

50 churches - \$500 month for 4 months

30 churches - \$850 month for 4 months

25 churches - \$1000 month for 4 months

20 churches - \$1250 month for 4 months

- Every church of Christ in the Greater Houston area will be listed on the directory (www.houstonchurchesofChrist.org) with a link to your church website.
- The billboards will be located on major highways (59 north & south, 45 north & south, I-10 east and west, 290, Beltway 8, 610 loop, 225), and would rotate to new high traffic locations every 60 days.
- The pricing requires a four month commitment.

We are aware that the timing of this proposal may not be favorable for some. Please pray that God will bless our efforts. We want to avoid debating the merits of the proposal at this time, and if you choose not to participate, we fully understand. If we do not receive at least a 25% commitment of participation from all of the churches, we will not move forward.

With 25% or more participation, we will include **all** of the Greater Houston Area Churches of Christ in the directory unless exclusion is requested.

Who is the originator of this idea?

Brothers in Christ concerned about the Church of Christ, with no hidden agendas or financial motivation.

Questions may be directed to:

Gary Smith – Fifth Ward Church of Christ , 713-762-2654, garysmithdiscovery@yahoo.com

David Duncan – Memorial Church of Christ, 713-464-0271, dduncan@mcoc.org

John Tillman Jr. - Garden Oaks Church of Christ, call and get info to put in here.

Psalms 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION! - BALANCE

Stand on a sloping part of a sidewalk and close your eyes. Now, rotate completely around—360 degrees. You will find that you will be able to turn around without falling down.

Basic balance means that you have skin on the bottom of your feet which can measure not only touch, but force. You know that it does, you simply take it for granted. A common doctor's test is to tell you to close your eyes, extend your arms out, and then touch your nose with one of your hands. He isn't trying to show a miracle of God, he is simply seeing if the miracles are currently working properly.

The doctor is having you test the force feedback from the bottom of your feet, the communication of that information to your brain through your nerves, your brain's ability to calculate the signals and determine what needs to happen, your brain's ability to send signals down your nerves back to your legs, and your leg's ability to adjust in accordance with the signals. And you just thought you were standing there.

Standing stationary on a flat surface or turning on a flat surface is sort of maintaining status quo of an upright position.

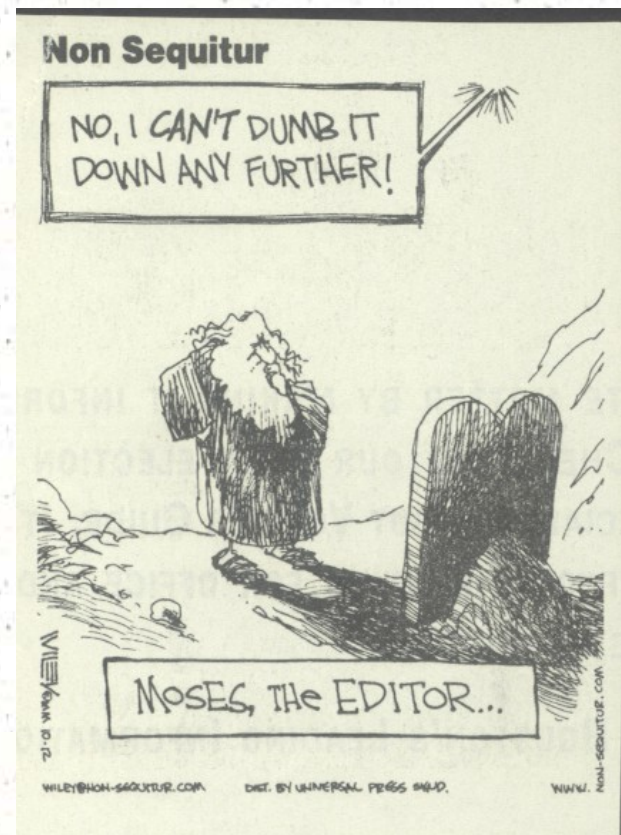
Rotating on a sloping surface is only slightly more complex. Calculating the extra considerations is not hard, but you would not want to spin around fast on a sloping surface.

Each of the activities listed in red above are impossible for a cell to learn, leaving the group of required tasks easily identified as impossible.



You will find that you will be able to turn around on a sloping surface without falling down

My wife has observed that men tend to lean on walls while they are standing still and women tend to not lean on walls. It is easy enough to say that this is because men are slouchy and like to fingerprint the walls. Being a man I would justify this as it requires focusing brain capacity to stand erect. Men are simply lazy and leaning on a wall allows you to turn the calculating capacity off and to use it to think about sports.



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1. A day without sunshine is like . . . night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
6. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
7. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
8. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

9. Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have.
10. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
11. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
12. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments
13. How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand
14. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
15. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane
16. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
17. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
18. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines
19. What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?
20. Why do psychics have to ask you your name?
21. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'
22. Just remember -- if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off
23. Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



Two Wolves: Life explained!!

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

"One is Evil - It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

"The other is Good - It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

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WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT

A local group of Christians who believe that the Bible can be updated by contemporary council decisions.

A church which receives the permission from an earthly headquarters to plant a new congregation.

A church which attempts to duplicate a 19th or 20th century pattern for a church.

A church which believes you can pick and choose what part of the Bible you want to believe and follow only those parts.

A church which believes that we should judge that we are all in a community of believers as long as we say we believe in Jesus, irrespective of what we do and preach. A church which should assure all others that they are saved.

A group who makes decisions based on popularity rather than scriptural basis.

A group which simply skips over Acts 2:38.

A group which finds more convenient ways to simulate baptism.

A group which votes on what it suits them to believe and preach or a group which believes that they are still getting direct revelations from God.

A group who believes we are here to entertain ourselves.

WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS

The church of Christ is a local group of Christians which try to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the first century pattern and teaching of the New Testament era at each location.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the scriptural organization of the church at each location.

The church of Christ has members who believe they are following the scriptural teachings as best they can.

Church of Christ members believe that we should not judge others' eternal reward, but that it is not reasonable to give comfort to others who follow their own preferences rather than teachings of the Bible.

A non-instrumental body as instruments were available in the first century and not used, and not used for several centuries.

A group who teaches Acts 2:38.

A group which teaches baptism by immersion for the remission of sins as that is what is taught in the Bible.

A group which believes all revelation was given in the first century.

A group which believes we are responsible to take the Gospel to the world.

MONEY PAGE

GUARANTEED CHURCH GROWTH

If your congregation does the following, BCE Publications guarantees that it will grow.

Poll your congregation three times at 6 months intervals with the following results:

- 50% of the members know who their elder is
- 50% of the members will say that a minister is their friend
- 50% of the members will say that they are uplifted by the song services
- 50% of the men will say that their input is considered before physical decisions are made
- 50% of the members will say they are an important part of the work
- 50% of the members will say they are aware of the goals of the congregation
- 50% of the members will say that they know what their part is in achieving your goals

GUARANTEE: For the first congregation which does this and does not grow by at least 10%, we will send \$1000 to the church related children's home of your choice in your name.

I have never met a person who said that if they did this their church would not grow. If your congregation is not growing, what have you got to lose? (Offer made since 2001)

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION?

We will offer \$100 to the first person who can explain how we could have violated the first law of thermodynamics and have come into existence without God.

We will offer \$100 to the first person who can explain how we could have violated the second law of thermodynamics and have existed forever without God. (Offer first posted 8/08)

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION!

This publication continues (since 1991) to make a standing offer of \$100 to the first person who can give any reason (1 or more) as to why atheistic evolution is a better explanation for the universe and/or life than creation by God, The Father of Adam, Abraham, and Jesus; as revealed in the Bible.

We will also give you \$100 if we cannot give you 12 reasons why atheistic evolution is impossible as an explanation for our existence.

We will discuss this any place, any time, and in any forum. (Offer posed since June, 1991)

RUN AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT:

We will offer \$100 to the first person who can refute the logic that a person can in fact run at the speed of light as presented in the September 2009 issue of this newsletter.

THE MONEY PAGE:

This page may seem odd, even irreverent to offer money for something like this. It is 3 simple statements on church growth, that we cannot be here without God, and evolution is not possible. The steadfastness of putting money on the line for this is to try to be of assistance against those who would discourage church growth, believe in atheism, or promote atheistic evolution.

The page is intended to be a continuing reinforcement.