

SILENT VOICES

Over the last several years we have seen a whole number of clear-cut attempts to get rid of any vestige of "Christianity" in a public place. Removing the Ten Commandments from a court house, prohibiting a teacher from having a Bible on his desk at school, removing a cross from the official seal of a town in California, and now removing a cross from a mountain top memorial in California where relatives come to pay respects to their loved ones killed in battle.

These are just a few of the ones I can remember. And there are many, many others, but then there was the case of a fifth grade teacher (again in California) who was required to submit all of his lesson plans to the principle for screening. This teacher is a professed "Christian" and he is the only one that was been required to turn in his lesson plans. But then it really gets interesting because he was prohibited from using, "the Declaration of Independence, George Washington's journal, John Adams' diary, Samuel Adams' "The Rights of the Colonists" and William Penn's "The Frame of Government of Pennsylvania." What did all these have in common?

They all happen to have clear references to God in them and were part of a history course that truthfully showed the kind of men that founded this country. And though his point was not to teach "religion" in the classroom these documents show how God was an integral part of the lives and beliefs of these men and equally a part of the founding of this nation.

A few years ago there was a public school that taught an absolutely "Godless" thanksgiving. There was teaching about how the pilgrims dressed, ate, about the history and, oh yes, how they were 'thankful' to the Indians who helped them out. But there was no mention whatsoever of God, when it fact, He is the reason they came up with Thanksgiving in the first place! It was because they were thankful to Him for seeing them safely through and blessing them.

All of these and many others like them have just one objective...to blot out any public display or reference to the spiritual underpinnings of this country and change it to be nothing more than a "secular" society. There are two passages in Proverbs that deal with this. Prov. 14:34

We cannot be the salt and light of this earth if we just sit quietly watching on the sidelines with silent voices.

"Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 11:11 "By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked."

What these passages say to me is that if we don't stand up, speak up, and live up to the righteousness of our God and our beliefs...then ungodly men will drag this nation into the gutter. We cannot be the salt and light of this earth if we just sit quietly watching on the sidelines with silent voices.

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IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION—ELOQUENCE

Shortly before the formal worship service at the Upper Valley church of Christ in Quechee, VT, a young man walked to the front of the auditorium. All of the elementary and preschool kids followed him as if he were the Pied Piper.

What happened the was graphic and was clear to all the children and the adults. The following were the words the children taught in song:

A fuzzy caterpillar wiggled down a tree.
He wiggled long, he wiggled short, he wiggled right at me.
I put him in a box. "Don't go away," I said.
But when I looked again I saw a butterfly instead.
Now I could never make one, even if I tried.
Cause only God in Heaven, can make a butterfly.

Wiggly little tadpole Swimming in a lake.
He wiggles here, he wiggles there, He wiggles like a snake!
Put him in a jar, "Don't go away," I said.
But, when I opened up the jar - a hopping frog instead!
I could never make one, Even if I try.
Hopping frogs are made by God, just like the butterfly.

The object of the Impossible for Evolution series is not to have along list of examples to convince someone with volume, but rather to find a single example which is convincing to each person. One example may seem significant to you and another to someone else.

The children sang eloquently in words which everyone can understand. It was truly inspirational.

MISSION WEBSITE

This mission website of the Upper Valley church of Christ, Quechee, FT is <https://sites.google.com/site/themountainlight/Home/what-s-new>



THE CHRISTIAN ARRAY

AN E-MAGAZINE DEDICATED TO SUSTAINED SCRIPTURAL CHURCH GROWTH IN OUR GENERATION

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FILL-IN PREACHERS AND SPECIAL SUBJECTS

The topics presented below are presently prepared programs intended to be available at a moment's notice. All expenses are assumed to be taken care of by the speaker unless specifically otherwise agreed in advance. The home congregation is identified for the speakers for your information, but it does not imply in any way that the home congregation is responsible for the content of the lessons.

If you have one or more (max. 5) lessons you would like to present on this basis, send the information to bbaugh@thearray.org and we will post it.

If you are interested in using the services of one of these brothers (or sisters in the appropriate context), contact them directly. If you use one of them, we would appreciate hearing of the results.

KIRK EASON, Memorial Church of Christ,
Sermons: "Report on the work of Southern Africa Bible College", First Five Chapters of Mark Wisdom Literature, Ephesians, Old Testament Narratives. Kirk is Director of Development for Southern Africa Bible College, cell 512-965-0382.
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Southern Africa Bible College is instrumental in spreading the Gospel across Sub-Saharan Africa. During late April/early May the College will be hosting benefit dinners in various cities. The keynote speaker will be Fred Bergh former South African Ambassador to the UN and current Director of the College. We will also be honoring several people who have contributed greatly to the College's success over the years. Below you will find a complete listing of the events and honorees. Attached is an invitation to the Houston area event

To RSVP for any event please email ceason@southernafricabiblecollege.org or call 512-965-0382.

Austin	April 23, 2012	Honoring Tex & Mary Jane Williams
DFW	April 24, 2012	Honoring Al & Donna Horne; George & Ela Beth Bailey
OKC	April 26, 2012	Honoring Al & Donna Horne
Knoxville	May 1, 2012	Honoring Jerry & Ann Hogg.

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SAVE THE DATE!
RALLY FOR HOUSTON AREA WIDE
CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST @ MEMORIAL
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June 24, 2012, 6:00 P.M.
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Please join us as at Memorial Church of Christ for our second rally as we prepare for the August 4-8 Campaign for Christ.

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SPIRITUAL GENEALOGY

Every year I publish a new family genealogy book for our summer reunions. Someone invariably asks, "Is this any different from last year's edition?" Stifling the urge to mention the hundreds of hours spent on ancestor.com and Family Tree Maker, I usually reply, "Yes, it has new data and corrected information." I assure them that someday a grandchild will need this information for a term paper!

The real, but unasked question is, "What are you going to do with it?" If you are going to stick it in a drawer or on a shelf, then it doesn't much matter whether you have the latest edition or last years edition.

I spend a lot of time studying my spiritual ancestors. Every year I discover things in my character that don't match up to my heavenly family. I long to look just like my Father! So, I make little corrections and updates in my attitude and behavior. I know my grandchildren are already reading my book and will someday face that eternal term paper.

You may not see much change in my character from year to year, but with the help of my spiritual family, here and in heaven, I think I'm making progress. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, Texas

Prepare/Enrich Seminar

May 5, at the Memorial church building. Anyone, professional or not, who works with couples would be benefited by the training and tools offered by this seminar. It is especially important that anyone who conducts weddings or seeks to assist marriages have the knowledge to do this effectively (Rom. 15:14). The training offered in this seminar can open doors to effective evangelism. Please look at the P/E website or contact Kirk Castleman, 832-458-4470, kirk.castleman@gmail.com Enrollment deadline is April 29.

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Foster's Home For Children

2012 GOLF TOURNAMENT



BlackHorse Golf Club

12205 Fry Road (1.4 Miles South of 290, Cypress)

11:00 Registration

11:30 Blackhorse Deli Lunch

1:00 Shotgun Start

5:30 The Mixed Grill Dinner and Awards

Sponsor a team: \$500

Individual Players: \$125

May 24, 2012

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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.

For those bound & determined to change the church of Christ to be the Christian Church, wouldn't it be easier to simply join the Christian Church.? Is the problem that your conscience won't allow you to join the Christian Church, but if you can reduce the church of Christ to being the Christian Church you will not offend your conscience?

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.

AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

May 22 Foster's Home for Children Golf Tournament, NW Houston

June 24 Rally for Campaign for Christ at Memorial Church of Christ, 900 Echo Lane, Houston, Texas 77024, 6:00 p.m.

**Aug 4-8 Area Wide Campaign for Christ
George R. Brown Convention Center**

**2nd Tues. Preacher's Luncheon at Golden Island Buffet, 901 N. Shepherd,
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December Annual Sacred Harp Singing

YAHOO GROUP

HoustonCofC is a Yahoo group hosted by Steve Sandifer [steve.sandifer@sbcglobal.net] for the purpose of communicating Houston area news among the brethren. It is open to any member of the church at no cost.

The Christian Array Newsletter

This newsletter will be sent to members of the church on a monthly basis as an attempt to promote area wide activities and church growth. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, send an e-mail to info@thearray.org and it will be stopped.

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E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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1. Your forwarding the church member e-mail addresses which you have.
2. Sending the directory of the congregation you attend or any other directories which you might have.
3. Give us an idea of how to collect church member e-mail addresses.

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