

## CHURCH RAISING!

Having been a member of predominantly Caucasian churches of Christ for the past 70 years, when a new congregation has been started in the same city it has been treated as if a competitor had come to town. Good news when it happens someplace else, but not in our city.

An event happened on February 9 which was simply spectacular. A new predominantly black congregation was formed in north Houston and they had a church raising at 2:30 on that Sunday afternoon. At this event about a dozen representatives from other congregations made 3-5 minute speeches of encouragement, and then most walked over to Tom Foster, evangelist at the new congregation, and handed him a check from the congregation they represented. There was no indication of how large the checks were, but no matter how large, the personal support was probably greater.

Granted, Tom Foster was a prime mover in starting this congregation and he is an icon in Houston, but this is an example of support and cooperation which we can all learn from.

The congregation is acquiring a 300 seat church building for this work and had just taken possession of it. The composite photo across the bottom of this page shows those in attendance at the "church raising".

One of the most interesting things about the day was that they had just taken possession of the building and the sign is shown below as it was.



It has to give a good feeling when a Church of Christ takes over a Baptist building. We need more of that.





## 2014 DAY OF GOOD WORKS

### DAY OF GOOD WORKS ORGANIZATION:

After a very successful 2012 Day of Good Works, we are preparing to be of service again before the 2014 Campaign for Christ. Our day of service will be Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the Campbell Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Road (Just south of the Intercontinental airport).

We are presently looking for workers and leaders to take control of areas of service, assist in budgeting, collecting supplies, recruiting volunteers, and organizing volunteers for activities such as:

**MAKING REGISTRATION PACKETS  
BACKPACKS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS  
MARRIAGE COUNSELLING  
IMMUNIZATIONS  
VISION SCREENING  
HEARING SCREENING  
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK**

**CHILDREN'S DENTAL EXAM  
DIABETES TESTING  
CHOLESTEROL TESTING  
BLOOD DONATIONS  
DOCTOR CONSULTATION  
IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE  
ATTORNEY LEGAL ADVICE  
SIMPLE WILL PREPARATION**

If you would like to take charge of any of these activities, would like to support one of these activities, or know of another service which we might provide, please fill out the attached form and e-mail to [bbaugh@thearray.org](mailto:bbaugh@thearray.org), e-mail the information, or text the information.

We will be passing out the registration packets to local congregations so that our recipients will be pre-registered and we will have a general idea as to the number to be provided a service. Additionally, we will be participating in Participation Work Day (7/12) & Mission Aldine Day (7/19) when we will be informing those in the greater Aldine area of the Campaign and the Day of Good Works.

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**NAME OF AREA YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER IN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR DESIRED ROLE:** AREA LEADER: \_\_\_ ASST. LEADER: \_\_\_ VOLUNTEER: \_\_\_  
ASSIST WITH FUNDING: \_\_\_ HELP RECRUIT WORKERS: \_\_\_

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We look forward to working with you on this event. In His Name,  
Benton F. Baugh, Chair, Day of Good Works, [bbaugh@thearray.org](mailto:bbaugh@thearray.org), 713-419-8683

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## ACTIVITIES AT THE 2012 DAY OF GOOD WORKS



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INSIDE QUE AND GREETINGS



SCHOOL BACKPACKS



BLOOD PRESSURE



LEGAL ASSISTANCE



IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE



DOCTOR CONSULTATION



BLOOD DRIVE



VISION CHECKING



FIRST AID ASSISTANCE



BIBLE DISTRIBUTION



SPORTS PHYSICAL

## A READY ANSWER: FOREKNOWLEDGE

We believe in God's foreknowledge as it is taught in the Bible in Acts 2:23 and I Peter 10:5. However, other teachings in the Bible indicate God does not have foreknowledge as the word is commonly used today. Today it commonly means God knows everything, including whether you are going to heaven or not, although you are still a free agent to decide what you are going to do. That is not logical.

Gen. 6:6-7 (sorry He had made man), Gen. 22:12 ("now I know"), Exodus 32:-10 (God became angry because of the golden calf), Jonah 3:1-10 (God changed his mind about Nineveh) and similar verses indicate God did not have the kind of foreknowledge the word implies today.

I Peter 1:20: "For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world," certainly teaches that God has some form of foreknowledge.

Perhaps God can foreknow something because He can declare it, and then He can make it happen. God can foreknow you are going to die tomorrow as He can keep you alive today and see that you die tomorrow. That would be foreknowledge, but would not interfere with your free moral agency, unless he was specifically going to focus on you. It would also be compatible with the other verses in the Bible.

## LOOK UP!

Everything is a matter of perspective. Things could be better or they could be worse. It all depends on our point of view. We seem to be naturally inclined to see the positive or to view life from a negative outlook. So how do we strike a balance and is there any way to change our perspective?

We can decide where to look. "Two men looked out from prison bars. One saw the mud, the other saw stars." (Dale Carnegie) When we find ourselves overwhelmed with stress and dread of things that might happen we can choose to look up!

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (Col. 3:2) The world crashes in on every side but we are not powerless. Our citizenship is in heaven and we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has all power over everything. Trust God and look up!

If the perspective we have is sabotaging our work and our relationships it's time to move on. Chained in the darkness of his prison cell, Paul said, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6, 7)

Look up in gratitude and see the wonder, the possibilities, and the positive things. Trust God. "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)

## TELL IT TODAY

### CHURCH OF CHRIST ON VACATION

If you need to know the local congregations while on vacation, let us know the town or zip code(s) you are travelling to. We will send you a printout showing the congregations, size, and characteristics of that congregation for your area. The same would apply if you are shopping for a new congregation in your home area.

We have a copy of the CCUSA Database and would recommend it to you to purchase if you have more than a local area need to understand the trends in the Churches of Christ. The database can be purchased at [carlr@21stcc.com](mailto:carlr@21stcc.com).



**WE IS FRIENDS!**  
Me and You is friends  
You smile, I smile...  
You hurt, I hurt...  
You cry, I cry...  
You jump off a Bridge  
I gonna miss your E-Mails.

**THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IS THAT:**

- 1. ALL CHRISTIAN REVELATION WAS GIVEN IN THE FIRST CENTURY, &**
- 2. FIRST CENTURY REVELATION INCLUDES SOME INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE NOT OPTIONAL TO IGNORE.**

**ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THIS IS "SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS, AND REMAIN SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT".**

**ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THIS IS REV. 22: 18-19: I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.**

**The old law tells us of the seriousness of God's judgment.**

**The new law tells of God's expectations of us today.**

**The church of Christ attempts to follow God's instructions rather than contemporary preferences to be sure you will be pleasing to God on judgment day.**

**Would you want to be anyplace else?**

**All we need to do is to effectively communicate that.**

## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION: ELECTRIC EEL!

The **electric eel** (*Electrophorus electricus*) is an electric fish, and the only species in its genus. It is capable of generating powerful electric shocks of up to 600 volts, which it uses for hunting and self-defense. It is an apex predator in its South American range. Despite its name, it is not an eel, but rather a knifefish.



The electric eel has an elongated, cylindrical body, typically growing to about 2 m (6 ft 7 in) in length, and 20 kg (44 lb) in weight, making it the largest species of the Gymnotiformes. The coloration is dark gray-brown on the back and yellow or orange on the belly. Mature males have a darker color on the belly. They have no scales. The mouth is square, and positioned at the end of the snout. The anal fin extends the length of the body to the tip of the tail. As in other ostariophysan fishes, the swim bladder has two chambers. The anterior chamber is connected to the inner ear by a series of small bones derived from neck vertebrae called the Weberian apparatus, which greatly enhances its hearing capability. The posterior chamber extends along the whole length of the body and maintains the fish's buoyancy. *E. electricus* has a well-developed sense of hearing. This fish has a vascularized respiratory organ in its oral cavity. As obligate air-breathers, electric eels must rise to the surface every 10 minutes or so to inhale before returning to the bottom. Nearly 80% of the oxygen used by the fish is acquired in this way.

Despite its name, the electric eel is not closely related to the true eels (Anguilliformes), but is a member of the neotropical knifefish order (Gymnotiformes), which is more closely related to the catfish.

The electric eel has three abdominal pairs of organs that produce electricity: the main organ, the Hunter's organ, and the Sach's organ. These organs make up four-fifths of its body, and are what give the electric eel the ability to generate two types of electric organ discharges: low voltage and high voltage. These organs are made of electrocytes, lined up so a current of ions can flow through them and stacked so each one adds to a potential difference. When the eel locates its prey, the brain sends a signal through the nervous system to the electrocytes. **This opens the ion channels, allowing sodium to flow through, reversing the polarity momentarily. By causing a sudden difference in electric potential, it generates an electric current in a manner similar to a battery, in which stacked plates each produce an electrical potential difference. In the electric eel, some 5,000 to 6,000 stacked electroplaques are capable of producing a shock at up to 500 volts and 1 ampere of current (500 watts). It would be extremely unlikely for such a shock to be deadly for an adult human, due to the very short duration of an eel's discharge (<2 ms).**

The preceding description is from Wikipedia.

Can you imagine a zero I.Q. fish developing a 500 volt electrocution system by trial and error without killing itself along the way? That would take a serious intelligent designer—and that designer is Jehovah.

## Foster's Home for Children

*"More than a home,  
A sanctuary."*

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Applications and donations accepted.  
online at  
[www.fostershome.org](http://www.fostershome.org)  
Stephenville, Texas

## FAILING A TEST WITH DIGNITY

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

*Around Hadrian's garden*

DO  
YOU  
BELIEVE  
THE  
BIBLE?

The Bible teaches baptism is immersion,  
not sprinkling or pouring (Acts 8:38)

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If your religious group teaches something else,  
you might like to visit your local Church of Christ.

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The Churches of Christ attempt to speak where  
the Bible Speaks and remain silent where the Bi-  
ble is silent. (Rev. 22:18-19)

## Quotable Quotes

Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.

## 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 the 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 posted since June,

### **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 a "technical paper" on our website. This strikes at the erroneous belief that of the relativity theory based on the "constant" speed of light.**

### **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.**



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## AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

2nd Tues. Preacher's Luncheon, confirm with Dale Foster at [dalefost@gmail.com](mailto:dalefost@gmail.com) for address.

5/22/14 Foster's Home For Children Golf Tournament, Blackhorse

July 12 DOGW Preparation Day—at Memorial Church of Christ

July 19 Mission Aldine

July 26 Day of Good Works

July 27-30 Houston Area Wide Campaign for Christ

## YAHOO GROUP

*HoustonCofC is a Yahoo group hosted by Steve Sandifer [[steve.sandifer@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 scriptural teachings, area wide activities and church growth. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, send an e-mail to [info@thearray.org](mailto:info@thearray.org) and it will be stopped.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, send their e-mail addresses to [info@thearray.org](mailto:info@thearray.org). All past copies of the newsletter can be found on the website "thearray.org".

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

A goal of this newsletter is to develop a mailing list of as many members of the church as possible and to communicate church related information to as many members as possible. In that light, we would appreciate it if you would:

1. forward the church member e-mail addresses which you have,
2. send the directory of the congregation you attend or any other directories which you might have, and
3. give us an idea of how to collect church member e-mail addresses.

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