

TEACHING POSTERS

The attachment to this newsletter is a paper called Teaching Posters. It is a method being suggested by members of the OC Church Growth Think Tank. It is an attempt to assist in the personal evangelism process by a low pressure presence of information which support the basic tenets of the churches of Christ.

As a first thought, if we can convince someone God said something in the first century, He meant it, and He is not likely to like us ignoring it; we have gone a long way towards them following the New Testament plan.

That would be called successful personal evangelism, if they are a community prospect or our own kids.

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THINGS TO AVOID

The best time to handle a problem is before it begins. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could always nip it in the bud! Some things appear fairly benign in the beginning. Who knows if it will fade away or blossom into something horrible?

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We know who the bad actors are. Whether friend, school or work associate, we know. Can we influence them for good – or will they influence us in the wrong direction? “Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” (1 Cor. 15:33) Sometimes the strongest message is to avoid associating with those who can derail our souls.

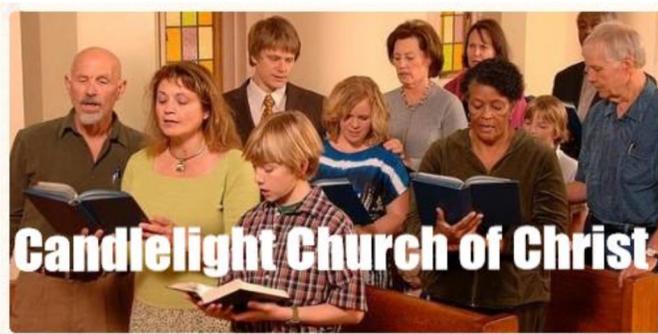
Or another way of putting it, just don't go there. “Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way.” (Proverbs 4:14, 15) “The highway of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.” (Proverbs 16:17)

We need to watch our conversation and be sure we are saying something worthwhile, encouraging and positive. “Avoid godless chat-

ter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.” (2 Tim. 2:16) “A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.” (Proverbs 20:19)

Ask God for spiritual wisdom and understanding. “Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit.” (Col. 1:10) “Stay alert! Watch out of your great enemy, the devil... stand firm.” (1 Pet. 5:8)

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TEACHING POSTERS

There is more detail in the paper on the subject and the posters are ready for you to download in high resolution on the www.occgthinktank.org website. They are posted with BLUE, RED, and GREEN at the end of the files to allow the user to select their color format.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #65: CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

As soon as enough cells decided to get together to be a multilayer group, something had to be done to keep the ones in the middle alive. **Taking in oxygen, exhausting carbon dioxide, taking in fuel, getting rid of fuel wastes are basic cell functions which must happen for life as we know it to survive.**

When these supplies and waste disposal means are cut off from the cell, it dies. This is done by a circulatory system as is shown in the diagram. In a human as shown the circulatory system picks up oxygen from the lungs, picks up food from the stomach and intestines, gets rid of the carbon dioxide back in the lungs, and gets rid of the food waste products in the kidneys.

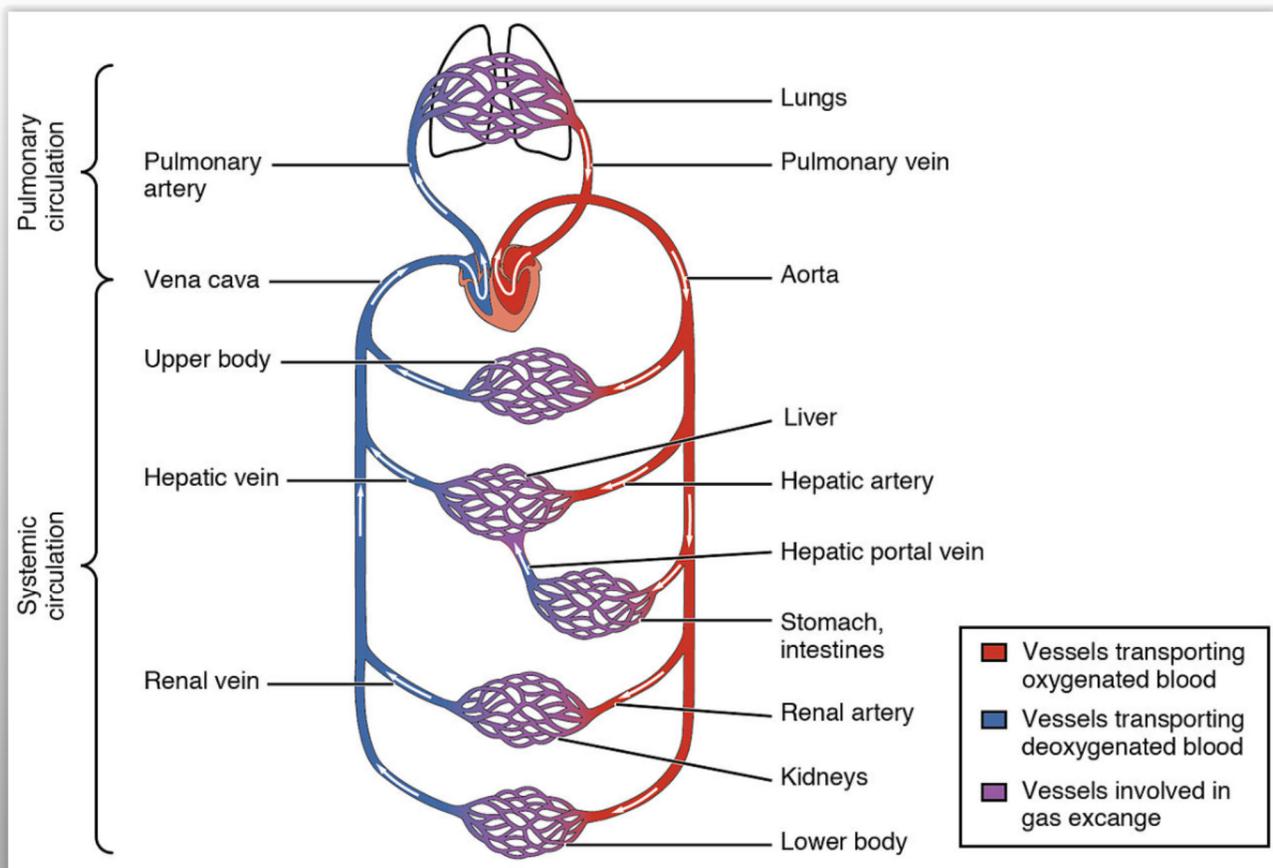
When the cell structure came together and became voluminous enough to need all of these

service functions to happen, it did not have a million years to evolve the system, it all had to have it right now or the cells died.

The attached figure shows blood vessels and veins in a reasonably simplistic form. The actuality of this is that the **arteries divide into arterioles which divide into capillaries which join into venules which join into veins.** It is difficult to determine how many cells there are between capillaries, but the human body has **40 billion capillaries**, so there must not be many.

Then all this is of no effect unless there is a reliable pump to circulate the delivery fluid (blood). Truly an intelligent designer figured this out.

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MARRIAGE SURVEY MESSAGE

Purpose:

The Oklahoma Christian University Think Tank & Memorial Church of Christ (Houston) want to assess marital health's impact on Church growth and/or Church decline. The group thinks that a survey will help us quickly assess the outcome. We are, therefore, including a link to the Marriage, Church Growth Survey which we would like for you (the congregation) to disseminate to all your members who are eligible to take such a survey. Note: the survey targets married couples.

Time Frame

The survey will be kept open for completion until October 15, 2016. Following the collection and analysis of survey data, a short paper will be written to summarize the results. The paper will be posted for viewing via another link by the end of 2016 for you to see the results.

Logistics

We suggest you publish the link in your Church bulletin (until October 15, 2016) and electronically send the link to your eligible membership. If your congregation has a Facebook group set-up, then please appoint someone to post this message and the survey link on this social media site.

The Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maritalandchurchgrowth>

Thank you for helping us to learn some ways to "Close the back door," – i.e. losing members from the Church of Christ.

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THE CATALYST INITIATIVE

GOAL: Help the kingdom grow by encouraging those without a neighborhood congregation to start one.

PREMISE: The difficulty of doing personal evangelism is proportionate to the distance you are from your congregation.

If you live far enough from your established congregation that it makes it difficult to do personal evangelism and would like to consider starting a new local autonomous scriptural congregation, let us know.

We have experienced volunteers available to assist you in starting your new congregation or to discuss the possibility.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE: www.thecatalystinitiative.com

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Vacationers

As you travel this summer, you can be of assistance in local congregations in helping them to understand how they are seen by potential visitors and prospects.

On the occgthingtank.org website, Project Papers tab is a paper titled:
MYSTERY GUEST PROGRAM

This paper and the forms included will help you anonymously communicate with the congregation and improve their "curb appeal".

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Programs

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AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

- Each Wed.** Northeast Houston Preacher's Meeting, Darien Loop CofC, 7014 Darien St. 11:00—1:00, Contact Cecil Herndon, aj10@ridemetro.com for more details
- 2nd Tues.** Northwest Houston Preacher's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ranchero King Buffet, 5900 N. Frwy., confirm with Dale Foster at dalefost@gmail.com for info.
- 9/17/16** Area wide singing at Candlelight church of Christ, see page 2 for more Information
- 10/15/16** Due date for Marriage Survey, see p. 4
- 8/2018** Greater Houston Area Campaign for Christ

The Christian Array E-Magazine

This e-magazine is 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 e-magazine, send an e-mail to bbaugh@thearray.org and it will be stopped.

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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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