

COMMUNITY EVANGELISM TIME

Community Evangelism Time (**CET**) is the time you spend in the process of bringing someone from the community up to the point of assimilation in your congregation. It would clearly be doing personal evangelism discussions, but would also include activities such as teaching Bible classes to prepare other for personal evangelism discussions.

Alternately, Personal Religion Time (**PRT**) would be time you spend in your personal worship and your fellowship with other Christians. Maintenance Time (**MT**) would be infrastructure upkeep and support work. It is probably reasonable to classify all our religious time in one of these categories.

The reason for these somewhat arbitrary definitions is an attempt to discuss how much time it takes to do personal evangelism. This is the subject of a Project Paper issued by the OC Church Growth Think Tank titled **OCCG-036 Time Required for Community Evangelism**. It is attached to this newsletter mailing, and is posted to the occgthinktank.org website.

The reason for this paper is the apparent perception that there is little time required to do personal evangelism. The day of Pentecost, third world conversions, and what happens

sometimes when a new convert brings their friends are suggested as “**low hanging fruit**” situations, and we act as if that is the norm for all situations. Results tend to suggest that those are unique situations and that normally considerably more effort is required to do community evangelism.

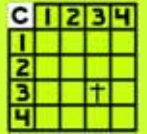
A lot of the congregations in the US spend all their time on personal religious time and maintenance time, devoting very little time to actual community evangelism.

The paper suggests that you look for a situation in which you have a clear idea of how much time is spend per conversion and how many conversions were made to get an actual estimate of the time required to make a conversion. A form is supplied for this and it is suggested that a missionary or group of missionaries are a good test case.

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My Highest Place

No one has to ask. You don't have to stand on a soap box and shout. Everyone can tell who we put in the highest place. From the first thought in the morning to the last whisper before we sleep, there is only one who belongs in the center of our universe. We worship with the fabric of our lives, every nuance of being belongs to God. Think of the song, Highest Place, by Ramon Pink.

*We place You
On the highest place,
For You
Are the great High Priest;
We place You
High above all else,
And we come to You
And worship at Your feet.
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Remembering now all the times I get in the way. All the other things that seem so urgent. Why can't I make this commitment absolute, never ending, never interrupted with earthy things? My eyes fail me, drifting off in other directions and pursuits. Even so, I am an overcomer, just like he overcame.

There he is in all his glory, power and majesty. How could anything or anyone else take his place? Can you picture our risen Lord? He is the First and the Last, the living one, once dead and now alive for ever and ever. His head and hair white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes like a blazing fire. His feet like bronze glowing in the furnace and his voice like the sound of rushing waters. His face like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

(From Rev. 1:13f)

Look into his eyes and melt, reach out your hand and be lifted up. "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20)

Elizabeth Brown

PREACHING SPECIALISTS

Congregations sometimes need fill-in preachers and speakers with special subjects which are difficult for the local minister to become proficient in. Following are a list of speakers with topics which may be of interest to you. Each of the speakers are known to us and reliably present the Word.

If any of the topics are interesting to you, contact information is provided. Some speakers may require expenses and/or stipends.

- **CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IMPACT ON CHURCH FAITHFULNESS**
- **CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IMPACT ON MARRIAGE**

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- **GOD IS SCIENTIFIC**
- **WHAT YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE TO BE AN ATHEIST**
- **WHAT TEENAGERS SHOULD KNOW BEFORE LEAVING**

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The last page of the paper provides the results for a **group of missionaries who went to Vitoria, Brazil** and felt the situation was reasonably similar to the US situation. Most prospects had an Christian background, so belief in Jesus was not the question. Most were Roman Catholic, so it was a major shift to join the church. Year 2 was selected for comparison as much of year 1 was spent getting there and becoming accustomed to the Portuguese language.

The result of their efforts was 1 convert per every 1416 hours invested. Compare that to our typical perception of 5-10 hours per convert. It is not even in the same ball park.

It is hard to imagine that that is a realistic number, but it sort of doesn't matter. You need to find your situation and get your own realistic number.

When you have your own number and you recognize that Jesus expects you to be taking part in the Great Commission, you will be sure that personal evangelism must be a team effort at your congregation.

The example given for those numbers was that if you had a 300 member congregation and you encouraged them to do 3 hours of personal evangelism and personal evangelism support activities each week, that would give 900 hours. At that rate you would be baptizing someone about every week and a half. That would approximate about an 11% annual growth rate (Presumes births cancel deaths and move-ins cancel move-outs).

Characteristically we have a well intended focus on personal evangelism without comparable focus on the other parts of engaging, maturing new members, and support organi-

zations.

This biggest story here is that to effectively engage members of your congregation in 3 hours of personal evangelism each week probably means you need to be more organized that you are. That your organization used to be adequate and workable doesn't necessarily make it adequate and workable for today.

Turns out that a considerable part of the work of the OC Church Growth Think Tank is studying how to organize for this work. This work is compiled in the Church Leaders Workshop, which is discussed on page 5 in this e-magazine.





INNOVATION ARRAY—AN APPEAL FOR HELP!

If we are to effectively **use our service time** for Jesus, there are a number of factors which need to be supported. Friendship evangelism is a great way to “get the ball rolling” on doing personal evangelism, but some substance needs to follow up. If we only attract people because we are friendly, they will leave when someone else is friendlier.

When a prospect asks why should I become a member of the church of Christ, you can make positive statements regarding what we do is scriptural. This can work, but most people believe the denomination they are in or came from was also scriptural.

It would seem beneficial to positively state what the church does or believes that their denomination did not do or believe. The ability to do that would **focus your limited contact time** on something which might strike a responsive cord in someone.

The **INNOVATION ARRAY** which is a component of the online **CHRISTIAN ARRAY NOTEBOOK** is an attempt to do this. This package is posted on thearray.org website under the CHRISTIAN ARRAY tab.

An attachment is being mailed with this newsletter titled “**INNOVATION ARRAY SAMPLE**” includes a blank form and one filled out as a sample. This section is intended to give a quick ready access to the basic beliefs of other religious groups in a standardized, quick access format. When getting ready for a contact, anyone can quickly review this information online to assist their efforts.

The intent of this is to give specific information which is not inflammatory and is supported by a specific source. Hopefully the will be book, chapter, and verse type information, but their book rather than the Bible.


This information can be an important part of our fulfilling the Great Commission, but developing it is time consuming and adequate progress has not been made.

This is a request for more help in developing the Innovation Array section. We are looking for members who will study a denomination or other religious group and carefully document them. This will most easily be done by someone who was formerly a member of such a group, but anyone can do it.

If you are willing to help in this area, send an email to bbaugh@thearray.org, We will tell you if someone else has volunteered for the same group and put you into contact so you can work together, or you can take another group.

We appreciate your consideration of assistance on this project.

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IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #68: WHITE BLOOD CELLS

“White blood cells are an important component of your blood system, which is also made up of red blood cells, platelets, and plasma.

Although your white blood cells account for only about 1% of your blood, their impact is significant. White blood cells, also called leukocytes, are essential for good health and protection against illness and disease.

Think of white blood cells as your immunity cells. In a sense, they are continually at war. They flow through your bloodstream to battle viruses, bacteria, and other foreign invaders that threaten your health. When your body is in distress and a particular area is under attack, white blood cells rush in to help destroy the harmful substance and prevent illness.

White blood cells are made inside the bone marrow and stored in your blood and lymphatic tissues. Because some white blood cells have a short lifespan of one to three days, your bone marrow is constantly making them.”

“These broadest categories can be further divided into the five main types: neutrophils, eosinophils, basophils, lymphocytes, and monocytes.”

The previous is from the University of Rochester Medical Center Health Encyclopedia (online)

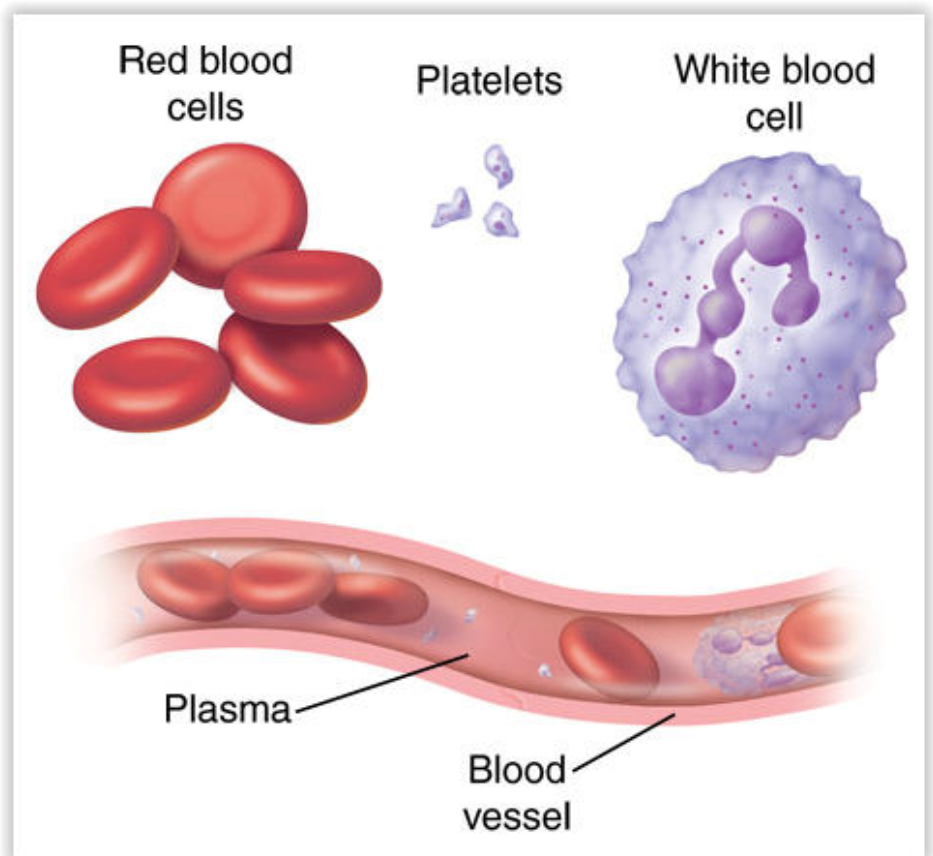
White blood cells had no reason to exist until beings existed which were complex enough to have a closed circulation system, and they were attacked by some virus type cell which would harm it.

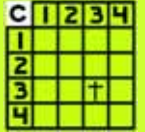
When the being was attacked, it did not have a million years to develop a white blood cell type warrior to defend itself. It either had to develop it immediately or already have to have it due to the foresight of a designer.

To complicate this further it would appear that they are 5 types of white blood cells to fight off 5 different types of virus type things. This means that the impossible for evolution situation not only existed, but it existed 5 times with respect to white blood cells alone. One has to wonder how you write impossible to the fifth power.

Clearly white blood cells are impossible for evolution and are an indication of a designer, and that designer is Jehovah.

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OCCG THINK TANK CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOPS

Members of the OCCG Think Tank would be pleased to come to your area and present our Church Leaders Workshop with some of the information we have been studying and developing.

Real and practical suggestions will be made on how to better engage your members in accomplishing our part of the Great Commission in our time.

Workshops are formatted as:

Area Wide Workshops meeting at the location of a host congregation,
or Individual congregational workshops.

If you would like to host a workshop for your area or would like one scheduled for your congregation, go to the occgthinktank.org website, contact us tab, and send your information.

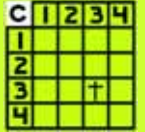
The **OCCG Think Tank** is studying how to promote methods which will return the churches of Christ to a growth mode while maintaining a firm scriptural basis. We solicit everyone's ideas on how to do this, but even more than this we need your assistance in making this a reality.

It is clear that having some ideas is different than translating the ideas to a beneficial form and communicating these ideas to the our congregations.

Whereas we would encourage all to dedicate your service time to your local congregation, if you have extra service time and energies, we need your help. There are many ways to help including:

Working on Webpage design
Microsoft Access programming
Phone app for ready access to Bible teachings
Develop Bible teachings into a standardized format
Develop standardized information regarding denominations

If helping in these areas is interesting to you, contact bbaugh@thearray.org



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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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE: www.thecatalystinitiative.org

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AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

Each Wed. Northeast Houston Preacher's Meeting, Darien Loop CofC, 7014 Darien St., Houston, 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., Houston, confirm with Dale Foster at dalefost@gmail.com for info.

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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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