

DelCon - YOUR CONGREGATIONAL CEO

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This lead story is about a recently issued OCCG Think Tank paper of the same title. The paper is included as an attachment to this month's issue.

DelCon is an acronym for greater **DE**legation with more **CON**trol, combined with better member involvement. One would think those would be appealing characteristics to any church of Christ.

It is written by church of Christ members, for churches of Christ, and to support the scriptural structure of churches of Christ.

As you might imagine with chief executive officer (CEO) in the title, it attempts to help congregations operate on a more business-like basis. Some things it promotes are:

1. Written and measurable congregational goals rather than fuzzy goals,
2. Written job descriptions with annual reviews rather than verbal delegation,
3. Regular reports on committee progress in a standard format automatically summarized for the Shepherds,
4. Collecting member interest information for involvement recruitment,
5. Preparing lists of who has volunteered for each task,

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Building up one Another

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thes. 5:11)

The body of Christ was designed to function as a whole, each part helping the other. We want to find ways to accomplish this vision in our classes. As we study each of the, "one another," verses we will look for ways to make practical application of each concept.

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Before we can accept, encourage, built-up or serve one another we need to get to know each other. How can we become more relevant in each others lives? Relevance requires time to work with and actually associate with other women. We want to provide opportunities for more contact and to find or develop mutual interests.

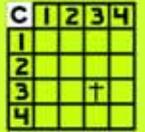
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HURRICANE HARVEY HELP

A number of congregations can assist in the distribution of assistance to Hurricane Harvey victims. One such congregation is Memorial Church of Christ in Houston. Click their website at mcoc.org for information on their home page.



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6. Preparing lists of who is actually involved and who is not and sending the information to the Shepherd,
7. Prepared directories, and
8. Most of the other things you would like your information system to do, except it does not handle financial information at the present time.

Rather than suggesting that you go out and hire a CEO, it is suggesting that in large part DelCon will perform the function of a CEO. In a simplistic form the Shepherds delegate by using written job descriptions and recruit leaders to the job description. The leaders send their reports back to DelCon which summarizes them and gives the information to the Shepherds.

This is pretty much what a conventional CEO does, except this one is free and doesn't talk back. It doesn't tell the leaders anything except what you want it to. If the leaders are not doing their job, it will be clearly reported to the Shepherds so they know what problem to address.

Again the program is sponsored by the OCCG Think Tank and is free to churches of Christ. Additionally, as long as practical we will come and help you set it up with no charge. For more information, contact us at info@thearray.org.

DelCon suggests one way to assist in engaging more of your members in the work of the church, and maintaining that engagement as your congregation grows. The concept of organized delegation and reporting certainly did not originate here. A review of this paper may suggest ways to upgrade your present systems to have improved, delegation, control and involvement, without having to change systems.

Building up one Another

In the process of encouraging others we will find ways to become more likeable, more empathetic, and learn to love and accept our own authenticity. Are you ready to make this a year of building something solid and worthwhile? Let's built up each other and the church.

Be sure to be in a class to form small, "one another," groups to do projects together.

Bring your family Christ-

mas photo for our family bulletin board. Plan to participate in class activities so that you can fulfill the Biblical message to encourage others.

The way to really get to know someone is to direct your attention to a project together and the acquaintance will follow along naturally. Besides, think of all we can accomplish when we set our mind to it! Are you ready to make time to encourage your brothers and sisters? Let's rekindle the embers, fan the flames and get on fire for Jesus!

Elizabeth Brown

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HALLOWED BE THY NAME by Misti Stevens

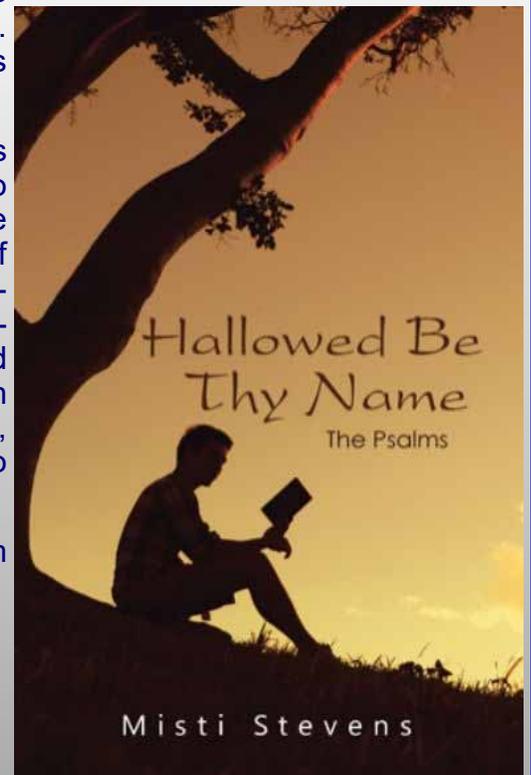
"Names are important in our culture. Families take great pains to name their children, often honoring previous relatives or friends who have made a difference in their lives. We even develop nicknames that express a person's character or the relationship we have with friends and family members, and we take great care when naming a child. It should be no surprise, then, that the names of God are just as important. Yet the Hebrew words for His names are most often just translated as "God" in English. Thus, we miss the fervor associated with each name unless we also happen to study the Hebrew text.

In Hallowed Be Thy Name: The Psalms, author Misti Stevens invites believers to know God by all His names so that we too can forge a special relationship with our Father in heaven. She offers a faithful translation and commentary of the book of Psalms, where God's names appear over 1,200 times in distinct forms and with distinct meanings—the God of Jacob, Adonai, Yahweh, Elohim, the Mighty God, the Great I AM, and more. Through a simple presentation of the text of Psalms with the meanings of names substituted in, you will be given a rich, meaningful look into who God is—and have the chance to draw closer to Him.

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This book can be purchased at:

<https://www.westbowpress.com/Bookstore/BookDetail.aspx?Book=764934>



NATIONAL RACIAL UNITY DAY

Churches of Christ National Racial Unity Day



Gary Smith
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David Duncan
Memorial Church of Christ



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By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

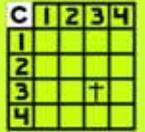
John 13:35

Sunday, November 26, 2017

A call for churches of Christ all over the world to reach out to congregations of different races for an evening of worship and fellowship.

Join us and report your fellowship to be listed in the January 2018 issue of the Christian Chronicle.

Contact Email: dduncan@mcoc.org or gsmith@fwcoc.org



IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION – MACRO-EVOLUTION

In the article “WHAT DOES MICRO-EVOLUTION MEAN?” in August 2017, we concluded that micro-evolution is something like changing existing data in a computer when you type. We also concluded that the DNA in your cells is like the data storage in your computer. Your DNA is functionally dead or inanimate data. It doesn’t compute it is simply data.

This would say that micro-evolution is like data in your computer, such as your name, street address, city, state, zip code, age, etc.

Data in a computer is nothing but a bunch of useless blips on a magnetic surface unless there is a computer program to read them. In computers, what you normally see is the “user interface”, which is generated by a “high-level programming language”. An example is seen in the graphic to the right. “High-level programming language” still cannot read the computer data. It talks to a “low level programming language” or “machine code language” which can actually read the data. In short, when you type on a computer, you are at least 3 programming levels away from reading or doing anything with the data.

This gives us some clarity as to what might be happening. **Micro-evolution is the adjusting of the existing data in the DNA which is read by the computer code equivalent to determine things such as what color your eyes will be. Macro-evolution is writing whatever is equivalent to new computer programming which will read the data new and do something.**

Accidents of evolution might vary the number equivalents for hair color to give someone green hair or change the size of a Finch’s beak. However, it will not write something equivalent to new computer code to provide the original design of a beak. (See graphic)

We said “might be happening” because this is an example of what seems generally equivalent. It is most likely not what is happening,

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; Global declarations
STATUS equ 3 ; Status register is File 3
C equ 0 ; Carry/Not Borrow flag is bit0
cblock 20h ; Number: high byte, low byte
NUM:2
endc
MAIN goto SQR_ROOT
; *****
; * FUNCTION: Calculates the square root of a 16-bit integer *
; * EXAMPLE : Number = FFFFh (65,535d), Root = FFh (255d) *
; * ENTRY : Number in File NUM:NUM+1 *
; * EXIT : Root in W. NUM:NUM+1; I:I+1 and COUNT altered *
; *****
; Local declarations
cblock
I:2, COUNT ; Magic number hi:lo byte & loop count
endc
SQR_ROOT org 200h ; Code to begin @ 200h in Program store
clrf COUNT ; Task 1: Zero loop count
clrf I ; Task 2: Set magic number I to one
incf I+1,f
; Task 3: DO
SQR_LOOP movf I+1,w ; Task 3(a): Number - I
subwf NUM+1,f ; Subtract lo byte I from lo byte Num
movf I,w ; Get high byte magic number
btfss STATUS,C ; Skip if No Borrow out
addlw 1 ; Return borrow
subwf NUM,f ; Subtract high bytes
; Task 3(b): IF underflow THEN exit
btfss STATUS,C ; IF No Borrow THEN continue
goto SQR_END ; ELSE the process is complete
incf COUNT,f ; Task 3(c): ELSE inc loop count
movf I+1,w ; Task 3(d): Add 2 to the magic number
addlw 2
btfsc STATUS,C ; IF no carry THEN done
incf I,f ; ELSE add carry to upper byte I
movwf I+1
goto SQR_LOOP
SQR_END movf COUNT,w ; Task 4: Return loop count as the root
return
end
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however we do not know what is happening. We just know something equivalent to this is happening. The point to this is that the people who are saying this is just an accident of evolution have no better idea than you are me about what is actually happening.

The terms micro-evolution and macro-evolution are not even recognized by atheistic evolutionists. The conventional teaching is that a lot of micro-evolution makes up macro-evolution, so they are basically the same thing.

Clearly the adaptation of an existing feature is a different subject than the invention of a new feature.

It is hard to imagine that an honest thinking scientist would teach that macro-evolution is possible. If you think this is hard to imagine, the really difficult subject will be addressed next month.

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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**

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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**

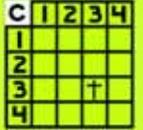
Kent Allen, Oklahoma Christian University
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- **CROSSING THE LINE IN ADDICTION**
Philip Bailey, Memorial Church of Christ, Houston, TX, 713-304-0011
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- **GOD IS SCIENTIFIC**
- **IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION**
- **WHAT ATHEIST ARE GOING TO TELL YOUR CHILDREN, WITH ANSWERS**

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NEW PAPERS ISSUED

DeICon - YOUR CONGREGATIONAL CEO

Discussion of a new church of Christ congregation information system.

Phillip Bailey and Benton Baugh
Memorial church of Christ, Houston, TX.

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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 Rancho King Buffet, 5900 N. Frwy., Houston, confirm with Gerald Fruzia fruzia70@sbcglobal.net for info.

11/26/17 Churches of Christ National Racial Unity Day, see page 4.

8/2018 Greater Houston Area Campaign for Christ

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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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