

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

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Five years ago, the Churches of Christ in the USA were declining at -0.5% per year. The decline rate has now increased to -1.71% per year. Presuming the decline rate remains steady rather than accelerating more, the Churches of Christ would look like the Graph 1¹ on page 2 by the orange line. It has a bend or inflection above the 2010-2020 dates showing the change from -.5% to the -1.71% decline rate. The US population / 100 is shown by the gray line. It is divided by 100 for scaled viewing in the Graph 1.

With the decline rate remaining the same, the attendance never goes to zero, but simply gets a little closer each year. The graph also shows in the red line the effect if the decline amount remains the same rather than the decline rate. It says the Churches of Christ in the USA would disappear in about 2071. An actual prediction result would be somewhere between the red and orange lines.

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IF WE CONTINUE WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL, THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST WILL FUNCTIONALLY DISAPPEAR IN THE LIFETIME OF THOSE ALIVE TODAY!

THE PROBLEM OF CHURCH DECLINE

The problem of church decline is a problem of Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child.

The first generation founders of a church worked to gain converts and they did. However, the converts were not taught that they need to teach their own friends and relatives. They were taught to assemble in the building for worship services. (Worship services do not qualify as "Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.")

By the third generation, that church begins its decline.

The elders generally do not see that

their church has a marketing cycle that must be constantly renewed. TIDE laundry soap constantly advertises its "New and Improved" product with different colors, scents and packaging, but it is still just soap.

Our problem is lackadaisical training. Many of our pastoring-teachers represent the joke about elders being "apt to teach" The reply is "They are apt to teach just about anything." (Except the Bible).

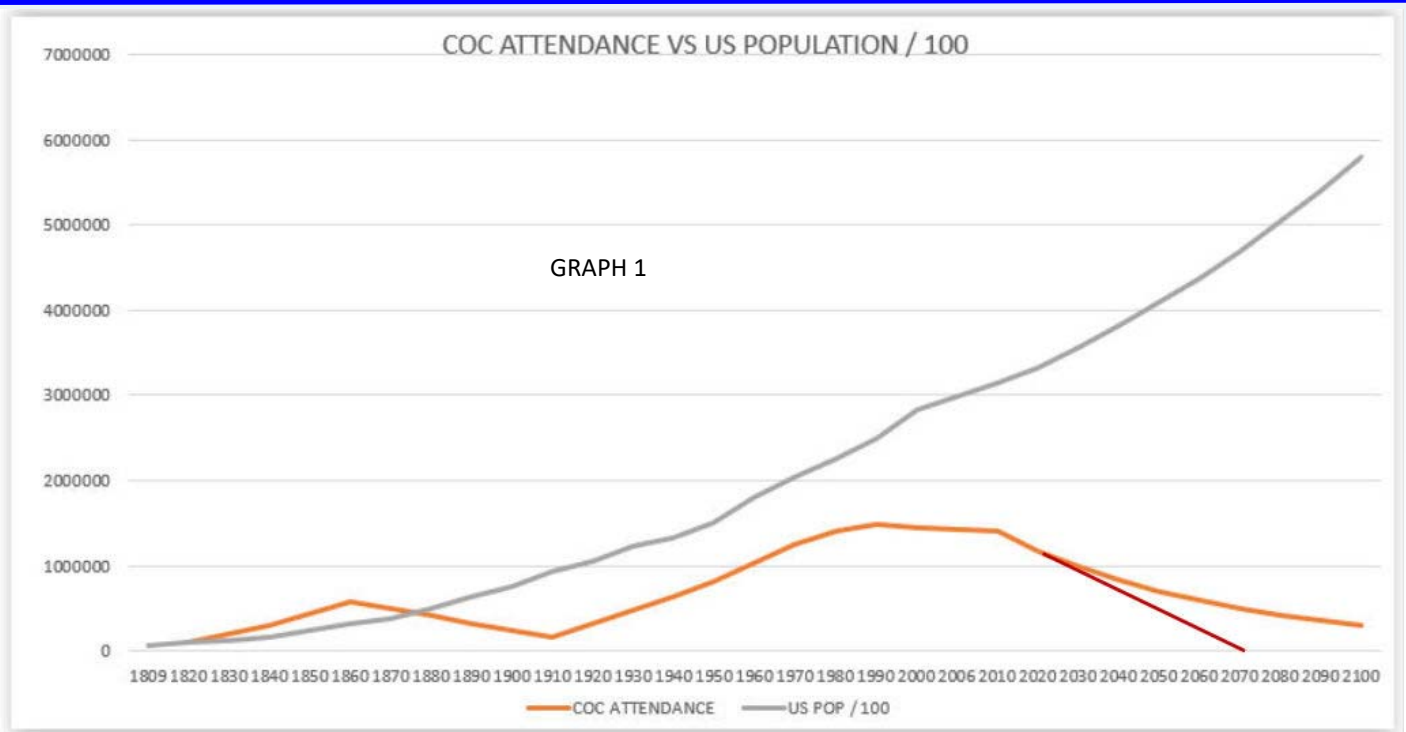
I almost wish that we had the fearful discipline of the Jehovah's Witnesses or the LDS (Mormon) church. Or the attitude of the Catholic Church, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic."

God be with you,
 Alouis Franckowiak

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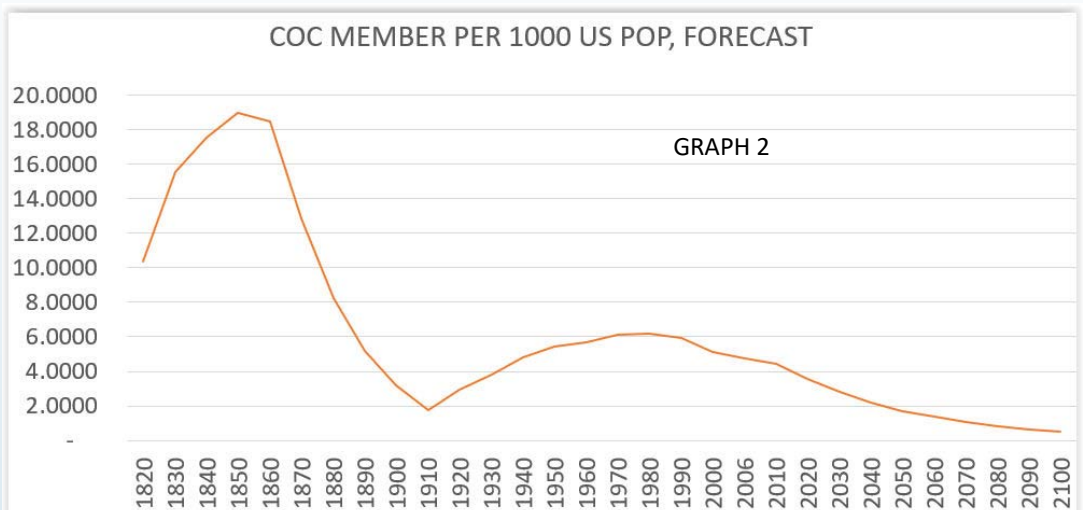
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Graph 2¹ below shows the same data displayed differently. It shows that in about 1860 19 in 1000 (or about 1 in 50) US citizens were a member of the Church of Christ, declining to 2 in 1000 in 1910 (or 1 in 500), increasing back to 6 in 1000 about 1980 (or 1 in 166), declining to about 4 in 1000 today or 1 in 250, and forecasted to drop to 0.51 per 1000 in 2100 (or 1 in 2000). That presumes a constant -1.71% decline rate (from the orange line) rather than the constant decline amount (from the red line).

Functionally, in the lifetime of someone born into the Church of Christ today, the Church of Christ will disappear as we know it if we continue with our business as usual. We should

keep in mind that the US population is only growing at 0.7% per year. If a 100-member congregation simply converted a net one per-



son per year (births cancelling deaths), it would be growing at 1% per year or keeping ahead of US population growth rate. Rather than converting a net one per year on average, two net per year are leaving. Cont. on p. 3

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This article is not about whether some future generation will wake up and stop the decline or whether Africa or India will send missionaries to help us. This article is about you and me. Is conducting business as usual in our generation going to be an acceptable excuse on Judgment Day? In the 1980s when we started growing less than the US population growth rate was that not a wake-up call. Apparently not, we continued with business as usual. In the 1990s when we collectively went flatline in our size was that not an adequate wake-up call? Apparently not, we continued with business as usual. In the early 2000s when we actually started to decline numerically was that not an adequate wake-up call. Apparently not, we continued with business as usual. Today as our decline rate is accelerating will that not be an adequate wake-up call. We are going to find out together and will be responsible for the results.

**BUSINESS AS USUAL IS DOING
WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING
LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN DOING IT!**

**A SYSTEMIC CHANGE HAS
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MODE TO A LUKEWARM OR**

We have gotten this far by effectively criticizing "business as usual" but haven't defined it. We will slow down at this point and define business as usual for you as what you have been doing. That should be an obvious statement, and most likely what you have been doing has resulted in a flatline (lukewarm) or declining (cold) congregation. **Business as usual is doing what you have been doing like you have been doing it.**

If what you have been doing has resulted in a flatline or declining congregation, continuing what you have been doing will continue to result in a flatline or declining situation.

QUESTION: The question at this point is whether there is some part of how we are operating which is the custom or tradition of the Churches of Christ, but which is not actually

scripturally mandated which is preventing us from growing?

PREDICTION: We (or you) can almost automatically go into a Church of Christ and predict whether they are growing or are declining on one single factor. Would it be amazing to have that clear an indicator? That is not to say it is that simple to fix, but to recognize the common factor to declining congregations would be a serious start to fixing it.

That factor is the age of the congregation. If the congregation is more than about 30 years old, it is most likely flatline. If it is over about 50 years old, it will be in decline. These are not positive indicators but are probably 95% sure.

A major problem with the Churches of Christ is that most of our congregations were started in the 1950s and are over 50 years old. As we go further, more of our congregations will continue to age, so a more accelerated decline rate is likely until we collectively wake up.

WHY AGE IS A FACTOR: And why is being an older congregation a problem. It is business as usual. The typical congregation naturally builds up restrictive customs and traditions on how they operate, they have passed their crisis point where most of the control becomes consolidated within the eldership, the elderships have aged along with the congregation and individual members, and most middle management members have become frustrated and left. Easy to identify, not easy to fix. It has been this way a long time, it is accepted as the correct way and the way is has to be, and it is choking our congregations.

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Basically, a systematic change happens in the way a congregation operates at a point in time. The operating practices before and after the change were and are most likely completely scriptural so they are not necessarily "noticeable". They are within the range of discretion in operation, but not in the range of discretion in results.

HOW TO CHANGE THE IMPACT OF AGE:

A systemic change has happened to your congregation as it aged to change it from a growth mode to a lukewarm or declining mode. Any change which does not reverse or at least substantially change that systemic change will at the most provide a temporary patch to your situation.

As the systematic change typically happened a long time ago, it is ingrained in the leaders, members, and procedures. The current procedures are frequently not only seen a normal, but as the only scriptural way to do things.

It is frequently not practical for leaders in the midst of the congregation which has become lukewarm to objectively evaluate the situation. If the current leaders knew how to make the required changes, they would have already done it. It is far better to seek outside help than to continue to be flatline or in a decline mode.

It is also frequent that someone offering advice on your situation will:

1. Accept your systemically changed congregation as the scripturally mandated model. The natural tendency of someone who accepts your post-change congregation as normal is to address the symptoms of your problem rather than the causes
2. Have the same problems at their congregation so are hesitant to make suggestions they would not make at their home congregation.

This means their best efforts will at most provide a temporary boost to your situation but will not fix it.

There is no reason the age of the congregation needs to be a factor in the growth rate of your congregation. It naturally tends to be, but you can overcome that tendency just like most other tendencies. You can and it is appropriate to do so and not sit back and simply let it happen.

Anyone with ideas different enough to actually turn most congregations around today will of necessity be out of step with our usual business practices.

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AROUND AND BECOME A GROWTH
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YOU WILL BE A PIONEER IN OUR
BROTHERHOOD!**

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1. Graphs are from data collected and combined from various sources by the OC Church Growth Institute.
2. This article is from an organizational paper on the occg.institute website of the same name.

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What kind of person was Ahab, king of Israel?

Ahab, the son of Omri, reigned over Israel from Samaria for twenty two years. He did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh above all the kings before him. He repeated the sins of Jeroboam, the first king of the northern Kingdom of Israel, "who caused Israel to sin."

Ahab married Jezebel, the Baal-worshipping daughter of the king of the Sidonians. She seems to have steered Ahab toward worse treachery than he could have conceived on his own.

In the first meeting between Elijah and Ahab, Elijah warned the King that several years of drought would begin and not end until Elijah said so. Ahab's reaction is not recorded, but he obviously was opposed to Elijah's warning of famine.

"It happened after many days that the word of Yahweh came to Elijah, in the third year [of the famine], saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain on the earth. Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. The famine was sore in Samaria.

"Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the [palace] household. (Now Obadiah greatly feared Yahweh: for it was so when Jezebel cut off [killed] the prophets of Yahweh, Obadiah took one hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)" 1 Kings 18: 1-4 (WEB)

The king sent Obadiah to find springs of water to save the animals. Obadiah met Elijah out walking. He bowed before Elijah.

"Is it you, my lord Elijah?"

"[Elijah] answered him, 'It is I: go tell your lord [Ahab], Behold, Elijah [is here].'" 1 Kings 18:7-8 (WEB)

"Elijah said, 'As Yahweh of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.'" 1 Kings 18:15 (WEB)

"It happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, 'Is it you, you troubler of Israel?'

"[Elijah] answered, 'I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of Yahweh, and you have followed the Baals.'" 1 Kings 18: 17-18 (WEB)

Elijah challenged Ahab to bring together the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, along with Israelites from everywhere in Israel, to Mount Carmel. There an altar would be prepared. Two bulls would be sacrificed, one for the Baal prophets and one for Elijah. The Baal prophets would call on their god to consume their sacrifice by fire. Elijah would call on the Lord to do the same to his sacrifice.

The prophets had no success awakening Baal. But when Elijah called on Yahweh, fire fell on the altar and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, the dust, and licked up the water in the trench.

"When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, 'Yahweh, he is God; Yahweh, he is God.' And Elijah said to them, 'Take the prophets of Baal; don't let one of them escape.' They took them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there." 1 Kings 18: 39-40 (WEB)

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The young men of the provinces lead the army out and began the attack. Each young Israelite killed his foe. The remaining Syrians fled. Ben-Hadad rode away on his horse, and escaped.

The prophet told Ahab that Ben-Hadad of Syria would return the following year. . The fight turned into another rout. Ahab conquered

again. This time Ahab and Ben-Hadad concluded a peace treaty. Ahab let Ben-Hadad go. The prophet told Ahab that Yahweh said, "Because you have let go out of your hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life and your people for his people.' The king of Israel went to his house sullen and angry, and came to Samaria." 1 Kings 20:42-43. (WEB)

After some time had passed, a vineyard near Ahab's palace came to his attention. He found out the vineyard belonged to Naboth the Jezreelite. Ahab offered to buy it, but Naboth refused the offer because it had been owned by his ancestors.

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Ahab became morose and sullen over Naboth's refusal. Jezebel came to see what was wrong with him. Ahab related how Naboth had refused to accept money for the vineyard. Jezebel told him to perk up. She would help him.

Jezebel sent letters to the elders and leaders of the city where Naboth lived. The letters declared a day of fasting. When Naboth arrived, he was to be given a seat of honor. But two scoundrels would make accusations that Naboth had cursed God and the king. They were to carry him out and stone him to death.

The leaders and elders did as the letters proposed. They carried Naboth out of the city and stoned him to death. Ahab took possession of the vineyard.

"The word of Yahweh came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwells in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he is gone to take possession of it. You shall speak to him, saying Thus says Yahweh,' have you killed and also taken possession? You shall speak to him, saying, Thus says Yahweh, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even yours.'" 1 Kings 21:17-19 (WEB)

"Ahab said to Elijah, 'Have you found me, my enemy?' [Elijah] answered, 'I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in the sight of Yahweh.'" 1 Kings 21:20 (WEB)

Three years passed. War broke out between Israel and Aram. During the battle a stray arrow struck Ahab at a chink in his armor. Blood flowed and ran down from the wound to the floor of the chariot. He died that evening. As Yahweh had said, dogs came and licked up Ahab's blood.

What sort of person was Ahab? Scripture an-

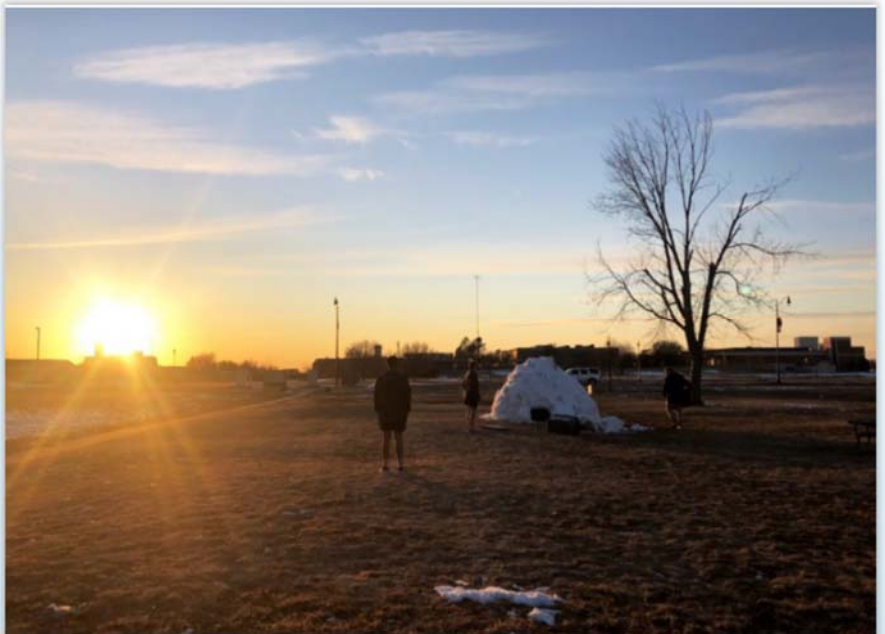
swers that question for us.

"(For there was none like Ahab, who did sell himself to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. He did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel.)" 1 Kings 21:25 (WEB)

Jezebel was so domineering, she even wrote the letters inviting the inhabitants of Naboth's city to witness his stoning. She took that treachery on herself rather than letting Ahab get involved.

At least on one occasion Ahab showed a glimmer of repentance. It was when he put on sackcloth after hearing Yahweh's pronouncement of doom to his household. Perhaps he was sincere when he publicly expressed his remorse. But with Jezebel around, Ahab's remorse probably didn't last.

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YOUR FOLLOWING

A notice appears in my email occasionally that a certain number of people are following me on Pinterest. I wish them well. I haven't posted anything on Pinterest in a long time. But my past choices still appear and someone is looking at them. It's a reminder that we all have a following. Someone is still following choices we made years ago along with the ones we're making now.

Whether we are aware or not, we have a following. So what are they learning from us? We can't change our past choices but we can make better ones now because of the experience. Let's focus on where we are today and where we're going.

First, Jesus gave us a direction and pattern to follow. He said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12) If we are going to serve Je-

sus Christ we must first set our minds and hearts to follow him closely.

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Look back at your albums. What do the pictures of your life say? Have your interests, passions, work and play helped others find the way? We never know our entire audience or followers but they are out there. We need to make sure they see Jesus Christ in all we do and say. Will they see Jesus in the choices you make today?

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In a hail storm Canadian Geese (and some other birds) point their beaks directly up as a survival technique. A direct hit on the flat part of their beak stands a good chance of shattering their beak, with deadly consequences for the goose. A shattered beak would literally mean the duck could not eat. Turned upward, it not only provides a much smaller target, but is also structurally better to withstand the impact.

In some cases as the geese are actually facing and seeing the hail coming, they actually dodged the hail.

The normal thought when being hit by hail is to duck rather than to turn your face up and look directly at the hail.

Robins in Kansas, Pintail ducks on the Rio Grande River, Gulls, and Turkey Vultures have been seen with this talent.

It may be that in some circumstance in a flock of geese some of the geese looked up instead of ducking (an appropriate word here), and survived better. Did they put in an e-mail to all the other geese as a good tactic to follow? Does the knowledge the geese learned from this get embedded into their DNA to be passed onto future generations? There is simply no way that a learned characteristic can be passed on to a future generation.

This talent is particularly interesting as it is not obvious to a normal person or thought process. A normal consideration to hail stones coming at you like small meteorites would not be to face them. After someone sees it happen, the



logic of the situation is clear in cases like this, but who among us would have suggested this to a goose if we hadn't observed it? Who among us would not be telling them to get under something instead of looking up?

Surely, this is just one more way in which God takes care of His creations.

This information was from an August 2, 2018 article by Rafi Letzter, a staff writer for Live Science.

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