

HOME CHURCHES

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All the churches of Christ in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossi, and Thessalonica were home churches. The churches of Christ in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea (Rev. 2-3) were also home churches.

It wasn't until the second half of the 3rd century AD, the first purpose-built halls for Christian worship began to be constructed. It could easily be said that home churches are the more scriptural pattern.

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YOU INSPIRE ME!

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thes. 1:3)

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PASSION FOR TRANSFORMATION

It doesn't matter where one has been,
Only where one is going
Not what one has done
Only what one is doing
Not what one has said,
Only what one is saying
Not what one has seen,
Only what one is seeing.
Not that one has been sad
Only that one is now happy.

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THE WINTER OF YOUR LIFE

AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

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The ease of simply meeting in someone's home, thus a home church, is a natural way to begin a congregation. Home churches offer a number of benefits:

1. Almost everyone will tend to be involved.
2. Most prospects may be within a small geographical radius, so inviting guests would not imply a long drive to a congregational building..

Some drawbacks of home churches are:

1. Pretty much everyone must be involved to survive.
2. There is a size limitation on the number of attendees who can reasonably fit in a home.
3. There is loss of inherent advertising without having a building with which to identify
4. Kid's programs tend to be very limited. This could be helped if multiple home churches work together. Teenagers could socialize with a local larger congregation in a building.
5. Lack of critical mass (with associated budgeting) to hire permanent staff, support missionary efforts, or to have multiple shepherds. Having a good preacher or song leader would be problematic in many or most instances.

As a home church grows, the choices would be to start multiple home churches or to move to a facility which would house more attendees. This could be a rented facility such as an elementary school or hotel, or could be your own building.

Being in a larger facility seems to be the typical move with numerous advantages, and would allow for growth of the congregation.

Over time in the typical congregation, there is a tendency for the motivated members of the home church to become simply an audience. Many of our congregations are in decline and will die soon. Some congregations are dedicated to doing what worked 50 years ago, but is not working today. Observations would say that there is a relatively common pattern in church growth/decline results. The following graphic represents what happens to many congregations. They start off hot and growing; after a while, they become lukewarm and the growth levels off, and then they go through a cold stage and die. Many of our congregations are in the cold stage and declining in attendance today.

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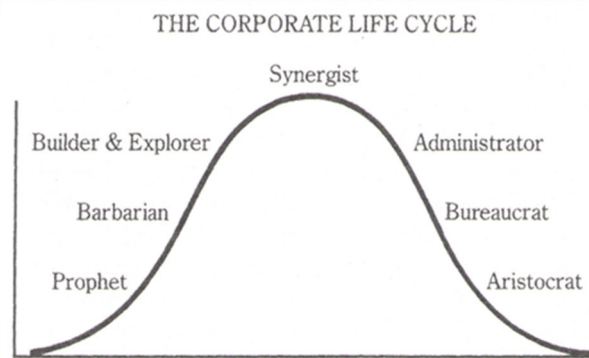


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In these congregations, the leaders in charge are typically convinced that things they are doing are the appropriate things to be doing. Someone might suggest doing something else (scriptural). However, the present leaders are in control and typically continue on their same pathway.

The CORPORATE LIFE CYCLE graphic from the Barbarians to Bureaucrats book shows a similar curve for many businesses. It characterizes those who build a church being Prophets, Barbarians, and Builder & Explorers. Synergists administer flatline businesses. Administrators, Bureaucrats, and Aristocrats maintain control as the business dies. The curve is very similar to the church growth curve with different names. The Barbarians to Bureaucrats book is an excellent book to read to help understand the relationships between leaders and followers. It is available on Amazon.



What that generally says is that anyone with the inclination to help start a new home church or a new brick & mortar church is functionally a "barbarian". Similarly, we will refer to those in charge of a declining church as a "bureaucrat".

It is likely that no one wants to be called either a barbarian or a bureaucrat, but lacking better names we will use them in this article.

The point of this is that when a congregation is in the cold part of the growth cycle, all that can be done to restore the congregation to a growth pattern needs to be done. It needs to be the first priority. However, history tells us that this is very difficult to do. If you characterize that

the "bureaucrats" are in charge, the "bureaucrats" are not likely to become 'barbarians'. As the "bureaucrats" in charge functionally appoint new leaders, it is likely that future leaders will be "bureaucrats" also.

What does that say to you if you are in the graph position of being a "barbarian" and want to see changes to help the church grow? Observations of history says you cannot wait until the "bureaucrats" stop being bureaucrats. The most likely outcome is a continued decline until the congregation goes out of existence. A commercial example of this is Church's Fried Chicken, which is in decline. Even though Chick-fil-A has provided a good growth model, Church's has been unable or unwilling to adapt. Sears, Bed Bath & Beyond, Radio Shack, Kodak, Blockbuster, and Toys R Us are other companies which have gone out of business. Many of our congregations are similarly "going out of business."

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WHAT THAT GENERALLY SAYS IS THAT ANYONE WITH THE INCLINATION TO HELP START A NEW HOME CHURCH OR A NEW BRICK & MORTAR CHURCH IS FUNCTIONALLY A "BARBARIAN".

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Is it acceptable to do nothing for the rest of your life because your Brick & Mortar Church of Christ is in decline? What can you do if you are that “barbarian” and want to help make something happen in a bureaucratic world, after you have made your best efforts to help the Brick & Mortar Church of Christ where you are? If you have the ability to do more, it should not be acceptable not to do more.

A home church may be your answer. It is likely that the shrinking congregation is mostly comprised of older members and is in an older part of town. You always have the option of starting a home church in a newer, growing part of town a good distance away from your present Brick & Mortar Church of Christ. You don't require anyone's permission.

Starting a home church is as simple as preparing a weekly lesson, getting someone to lead singing, getting someone to pray, and getting communion supplies. If you are reading this you are likely capable of doing any of these activities. What happens next depends a lot on who else you can convince to attend.

If you are a “barbarian” in a congregation controlled by “bureaucrats”, the “bureaucrats” are probably tired of listening to you. They might be happy to see you go. New churches have historically been planted in geographical areas needing a closely located church. A closely located church has the potential to reach out to the nearby community to share the Gospel, rather than counting on growth by taking existing members away from an existing congregation.

PRESENT RESOURCES

Most of our efforts have been focused on restoring declining congregations. Most of the things which would tend to restore a congregation would also be useful for starting a home church.

That being said, we have already done a number of things which are presently posted on our website: <https://occg.institute/>.

25 **Short Answers** to Biblical questions (<https://occg.institute/short-answers/>)

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Before they died



Muhammad said:
I don't know
the purpose of life.



Buddha said:
Seek for the truth.



Confucius said:
I am not the way.



But Jesus said:
I am the way, the truth, and
the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me.

**Jesus is the only one who rose
from the dead. The other three
are still in their grave.**

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Also, there are 72 paperless hymnal songs online for free download and use at <https://www.paperlesshymnal.com/tph/free/freesongs.htm>. That should be plenty of songs to get you started.

FUTURE RESOURCES

Additionally, we are starting a project to provide worship service pieces that a home church can use to present a worship service when there are not enough talented leaders available. Some of the things we are planning to prepare are:

Recording the 72 available paperless hymnal songs in videos. They will show the words while recording a singing congregation. They will also show the song leader with the directing arm movements.

Collecting individual sermons. We will be parsing video sermons out of existing online sermons, with permission.

Collecting video communion services either from online services or possibly generate specific ones.

Collecting video prayers, including opening, contribution, and closing.

Collecting video welcome greetings.

In addition to the pieces of a worship service, we will be providing complete worship services as a single video. All a congregation will need to do is play it without needing to join the pieces together.

To accomplish these goals is a major project. If you know of anyone already providing these resources or if you are willing to help us collect the resources, let us know at bbaugh@occg.institute.

Typically, in a home church the preparation of the lessons is a major time-consuming task for

even the most committed members. With this assistance, a quality video service would easily be able to be presented and you can focus your time on personal evangelism.

If you are a barbarian, go forth and be a barbarian!

Benton F. Baugh, Houston, TX

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... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.

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Only that one is now happy.
Not what one has thought
Only what one is now thinking.
Not that one was once alone,
Only that one now has a constant
companion, Counselor, teacher,
guide, Coach, motivator
who inspires one to:
love the unloved, forgive others
as we have been forgiven,
share the joy of truth,
be graceful amid strife,
be patient in suffering,
be kind to the unkind
do good where there is evil,
be faithful where hope fades
be gentle, not brash,
and be self-controlled
when there is temptation.

Come, let me introduce you
To the One whose passion is transformation
The One who lifts our weary spirits-
By gifting us the personal Counselor –
The Holy Spirit
Who will live within one forever;
From here to eternity
In fraternity with the Trinity!
Gracing one with the power of
Love, knowledge, wisdom

Discovered by the sages of the ages.
Rejoice in the victory won
By the SON of the FATHER,
Almighty God, Creator of the Universe.
The One, Immanuel who declared His
Mission: to seek and save the lost.
Reconciling all sinners to God,
The Good Shepherd testifies
"Take heart, because I have overcome the
world!"

This is why one can declare:
Nothing in this world matters,
Because we know that Jesus cares.
Jesus has the Passion for Transformation

Now is the time for passionate choice.
Even now Satan hurries to deceive,
urging his surrogates to draw away the unwary,
increase misery, pestilence, hate and chaos
throughout the world and scatter those being
called to salvation.
For Satan knows that God will snatch back every
believer whom He calls His own.
Their cries and twisted bodies testify to
the wicked who attempt to claim victory over
God by denying His power and sowing the
same seeds of doubt sown in the Garden of
Eden after Creation.

O – that the righteous faithful
Would reclaim their courage,
Put on the armor of God,
and with the passion of transformation, Expose
the wicked and
Expel them from the
Halls of Freedom
Established by God
For His humble servants.

Larry S. Grubbs, Harrison, Ohio

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THE WINTER OF YOUR LIFE

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER:....

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

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~Your kids are becoming you.....
~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!
~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything
~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... "what?" .
~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
~Everybody whispers.
~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.
~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!
Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!
It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

From Ray Scott, Houston, TX

YOU INSPIRE ME!

We love to be inspired. Just that little spiritual lift makes our lives richer. We often go to great lengths to find inspiration. We may travel miles to hear an inspiring speaker, or maybe to hear great music. From the stars above to the depths of the ocean, we are inspired by God's creative wonders. And nothing could be more awe inspiring than our Lord Jesus Christ living among men and sacrificing himself so we can live in the spirit with him.

What inspires? Inspiration is a byproduct of living for Jesus and walking in the Spirit. Listen carefully. Pay attention. What are the things that inspire you? My spirit is lifted when you are present in spirit and engaged in the lesson, thinking, asking questions and contributing to the discussion. Often it's not something we do consciously, but we can appreciate inspiration when we notice it.

Prayer connects us and inspires us. The faith of our saints, from young to old, gives us hope and inspiration.

Our labor in the Lord and endurance in trials is inspiring. What an inspiration that people care. Going that second mile, that little extra, that says I'm doing this for Jesus.

What inspires you? We could all make a list a yard long. Try noticing every nuance of inspiration in your world this week. Show someone you notice them and thank those who truly inspire you. When we are living in the Spirit, we have a profound influence on others. What will you do to live your best life this week?

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, TX

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #135 - PITCHER PLANT

Pitcher plants are carnivorous plants that have modified leaves known as **pitfall traps**. A prey-trapping mechanism featuring a deep cavity filled with digestive liquid. The plants attract and drown their prey with nectar.

Foraging, flying, or crawling insects such as flies are attracted to a cavity formed by the cupped leaf, often by visual lures and nectar. Many pitcher plants exhibit patterns of ultraviolet coloration which may play a role in attracting insects. Some species use camouflage to trap insects. Their coloration matches that of the surrounding environment.

Olfactory cues can also play a role in attraction. For example, *Nepenthes rafflesiana* uses flower-scent mimicry to attract insects to its pitchers.

The rim of the pitcher is slippery when moistened by condensation or nectar, causing insects to fall into the trap. The walls of the pitfall may be covered with waxy scales, protruding crystals, cuticular folds, downward-pointing hairs, or lunate cells, to help prevent escape. The small bodies of liquid contained within the pitcher traps are phytotelmata. They drown the insect, whose body is gradually dissolved. This may occur by bacterial action, or by digestive enzymes secreted by the plant itself. Pitcher trap fluids vary in their viscoelasticity and acidity, which then dictates which type of prey they can target. Increased viscoelasticity promotes insect retention to help capture flying insects such as flies. Increased fluid acidity decreases insect killing-time to help capture crawling insects such as ants. Some pitcher plants contain insect larvae, which feed on trapped prey, and whose excreta the plant absorbs.



Pitcher plants grow in **tropical habitats in warm locations like Australia, Madagascar, and South Pacific Islands**. American pitcher plants (*Sarracenia*) have a different shape of pitcher, and grow in wetland areas in the eastern part of the US and Canada.

Can you imagine a plant which can form an upward facing pitcher shape, fill the bottom with digestive fluids, put an umbrella on the top to keep rain water out, secret scents to attract insects, and be so slippery on the sides that insects fall into the digestive fluids? That is not a bunch of accidents of evolution. It is the plan of an intelligent designer. That intelligent designer is God!

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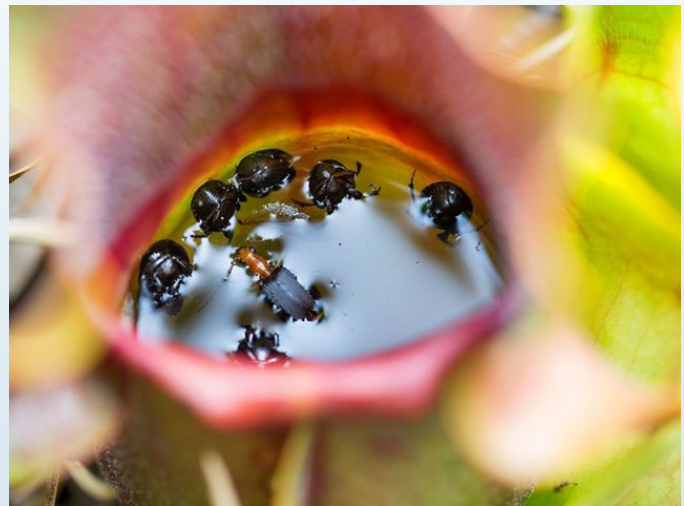


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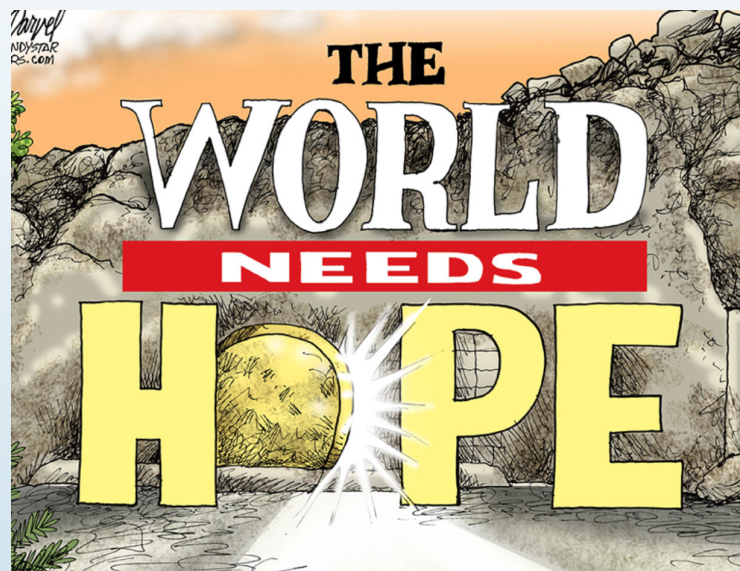
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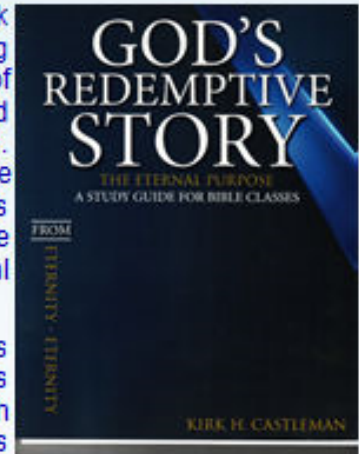
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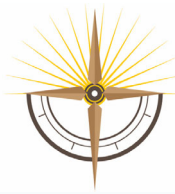
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