

The Caller

A Weekly Newsletter of the Elizabethtown church of Christ

Confidence Corner

In this week's *Confidence Corner* we want to consider some thoughts regarding cockroaches. Most of the 4,600 cockroach species are performing a vital ecological job of cleaning up the earth. In the Garden of Eden, roaches probably did what they still do best—break down plant matter. But since sin and death came into the world, roaches now also consume dead animal matter.

But roaches do more than clean up the debris of death. Decaying matter holds nitrogen. After eating the decaying carcass the roaches release that nitrogen into the soil thus nourishing plants and trees.

Consider how God has designed these wonderful creatures. A flexible exoskeleton allows roaches to withstand pressure more than 900 times their own weight, explaining how they can sometimes crawl away even after being stomped.

They also don't easily drown. By closing the holes in areas of their bodies, roaches can hold their breath for up to 40 minutes, which can explain why it is so difficult to wash them down your bathroom drain.

If you think roaches are fast—you are correct. Roaches have been clocked at 3.4 mph—that's equal to a person running 210 mph.

But rather than vilify cockroaches, we should recognize that the Creator equipped them to bring Him glory. The next time you step on a roach in your house, remember, it might be in the wrong place at the wrong time, but it's the right creature for the job God gave it to do.

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March 15-18

Gospel Meeting

"THIS I KNOW"

With

Ron Stough

from East Side Church of Christ

Duncan, Oklahoma

Sunday 9:30, 10:30, 6pm

Monday—Wednesday 7pm

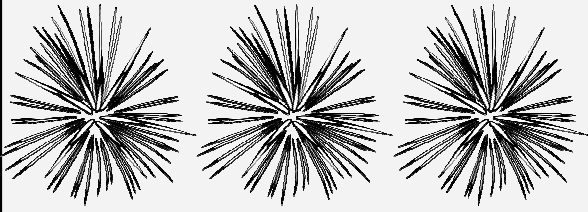
Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — Miraculous Knowledge

Luke 22:7-13

P. M. — The Compassion of Jesus

Matt 26:36-46



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Workshop

