

The Social Gospel

Cf. Galatians 1:6-9

What Is The Social Gospel?

- There are many physical and social problems facing humanity -- sickness, abject poverty, slums, drunkenness, abortion, drugs, prostitution, juvenile delinquency, organized crime, gangs, divorce, racial and sex discrimination, etc.
- The expression "**ministering to the whole man,**" heard frequently among religious leaders, reflects the Social Gospel concept.

the family flyer

FALL/WINTER
1979-80

A SCHEDULE OF FUN
FOR EVERYONE!



LOOK IN HERE AND SEE
ALL THE POSSIBILITIES
OF JOINING IN PLENTY
OF ACTIVITIES!

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
MAUISON CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 1, 1979

Dear Family Life Member:

We are glad to introduce to you more of the Family Life programming for 1979-80. We hope we have planned some programs for you that you will be interested in and will be beneficial to you. We want to bring you programs that you have a need for. Many programs will be social events with some special programs that will serve you biannually.

The Maui congregation will grow in love and fellowship if we not only worship together, but as we participate in our daily lives with other Christians.

Involvement is an important concept in today's world. As Christians, we should love and not hate. So, please allow me to extend a personal invitation to you and your family to participate in our family life ministry.

In Christ,

Buck Doyon
Buck Doyon
Family-Vocals Minister

GOLDEN AGERS

We encourage all of our members in the Golden Years to participate in the Family Life Program for their age. We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. for fun and fellowship, with the exception of scheduled outings such as a few as follows:

September 18 - State Fair - Woman's Building
October 9 - Belle Carol River Boat Ride
27 - Cooperative Arts & Crafts Festival
30 - Halloween Party

November 13 - Clarksville
Christmas Crafts (Special Project)

December 4 - Hickory Hollow Shopping Mall
11 - Cheesecake Christmas Trees
18 - Covered Dish Luncheon (Due to Christmas being the following week)

January 29 - Covered Dish Last Tuesday
February 11 - Valentine Party
19 - 100 Oaks Shopping Center

There will be a covered dish luncheon every last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise scheduled. All other Tuesdays will be regular get-togethers. Watch the MARSHES for any changes in plans or added events.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY:	Closed
MONDAY:	6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging 8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open 10:00 P.M. - Closed
TUESDAY:	6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging 8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open 10:00 P.M. - Closed
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging 8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open 10:00 P.M. - Closed
THURSDAY:	6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging 8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open 10:00 P.M. - Closed
FRIDAY:	6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging 8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open 10:00 P.M. - Closed
SATURDAY:	8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open 10:00 P.M. - Closed

We encourage Sunday School classes, zones, and departments to secure Family Life Center reservations on Saturdays. Please make these reservations two months in advance if possible.

Please make it a habit to check the directory board in the hallway for times that the multi-purpose room or any other area will be reserved.


If you have not secured a membership card to the Family Life activities, please do so in the youth office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

MACRAME

Instructor: Frankie Gamble 833-1157
Beginning Date: September 17th
Ending Date: November 19th
Day: Monday
Times: 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Class Limit: 16 Beginners
Cost: Cost of materials that you use.


Anyone is invited to attend this ten-week course on macrame. The class is limited to 16 beginners, but if you are already experienced at working with macrame and would like to join the group to work on some of your own projects, you are welcome to come and be with all of us for fun and fellowship.



CERAMICS

Instructor: Madlyn Jackson
Beginning Date: September 18th
Ending Date: November 20th
Day: Tuesday
Times: 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Class Limit: 20 People
Cost: Cost of materials that you use.


Come and learn the art of working with ceramics and bring along to create something made by you. Hurry and register since we only have a limited number that will be able to attend.



PHYSICAL FITNESS

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS HEALTH

"So God created man in His own image, in the image (and likeness) of God created he him."---Gen.1:27
 "Thank you, God, for making me so wonderfully complex. It is amazing to think about your workmanship is marvelous."---Psa.139:14
 "Have you forgotten that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit...and is God's gift to you? Therefore, bring glory to God in your body."---I Cor.6:19
 "Do not neglect the spiritual endowment you possess." I Tim.4:14
 "Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."---Rom.12:1
A SPIRITUAL PRESCRIPTION:
 "Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." III John 1
 "God expects FITNESS, both SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL in everybody!"---Milton O. Rouse, M.D.




FALL AND WINTER UPCOMING SPORT EVENTS

JOGGING/WALKING
BOWLING LEAGUE
VOLLEYBALL-MEN & WOMEN
LADIES GYMNASIATICS
BASKETBALL-MEN & WOMEN

FIRST AID

Everyone needs a basic knowledge of first aid. The course will acquaint you with life-saving techniques and the most common emergencies at work and at home. This course will be especially good for mothers of children.

Instructors: Buck Desier and Ron Cook
Dates: Thursday Evening - October 18 & 19



CPR

SPECIAL COURSE IN CARDIAC PULMONARY RESUSITATION:


Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States. A person having a heart attack needs immediate help. Your knowledge of cardiac pulmonary resusitiation (CPR) could save their life. Come learn the techniques.

Instructor: Carol Bradley
Dates: Tuesday - October 15 & 22
Times: 6:30 to 10:00 P.M.
Age: 15 or Older
Class Limit: 15 Persons
No Cost

You will be certified following this course in CPR. You will also learn basic anatomy, symptoms of heart attacks, and the basic risks that lead to heart attacks. Course will be taught by qualified instructors.

Roll up your sleeves to save a life. Be a blood donor and help us reach our goal of 100 pints. March in the WALKER for the exact date.

BLOODMOBILE COMING IN FEBRUARY



VOLLEYBALL

DATES: September 1st through
WHO: Men's League - (18 years old and up)
 Women's League - (18 years old and up)
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Room - Family Life Center


There will be a men's and women's league for those 18 years old and up. A captain will be appointed for each team with at least ten members per team. A round robin will be played to declare each league's champion. Be sure to get in on the beginning for some great intramural games each Monday night.

SPRING VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES BEGIN MARCH 9TH ALONG WITH OTHER SPRING ACTIVITIES - BE WATCHING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE FAMILY FLYER.

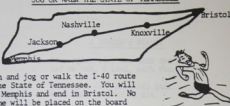
LADIES GYMNASIATICS

ALL LADIES COME-----
 WE NEED YOU AND YOU NEED US IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
 Are you physically out of shape?
 Do you feel old and just sitting walking up a few stairs?
 Does your body have poor circulation because of lack of exercise?
 Do you avoid shoes with heels?
THEN COME JOIN US-----

Instructors: Anna Haffine and Terry Gamble
Beginning Date: September 17th
Ending Date: November 21st
Class Limit: 35 Ladies
Days: Monday and Wednesday
Time: 7:30 to 4:00 P.M.
 Babysitting will be provided.



JOG OR WALK THE STATE OF TENNESSEE




Come join and jog or walk the I-40 route across the State of Tennessee. You will begin in Memphis and end in Bristol. No one's name will be placed on the board until you have jogged 50 miles. Total distance is 518 miles. Sign up for this new program and cover the State of Tennessee with us. Jogging cards are available at the Equipment Room desk in the Family Life Center. Stop watches and pedometers are also available there. A Jogging/Walking Manual is available upon request from the Youth Office on how to begin a jogging or walking program.

Jogging Clinic will be two Thursday Nights on Oct.4 & 11

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Jin Daniels is Captain of our church bowling team and Betty Armstrong is the team secretary. For further information on joining this, please contact Jin at 824-0961 or Betty at 824-2535. All games will be bowled at the Hendersonville Bowling Center on Monday nights.

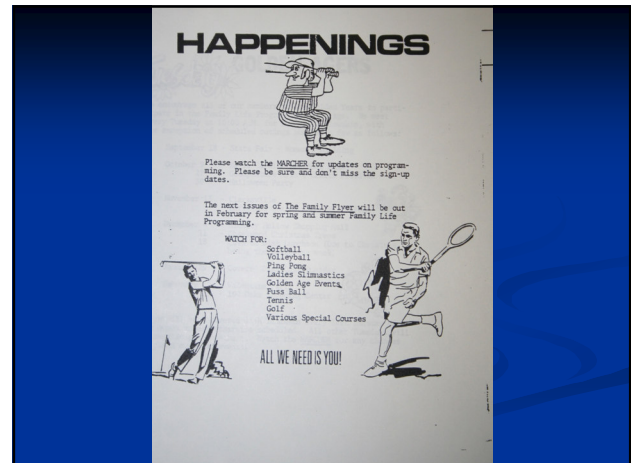
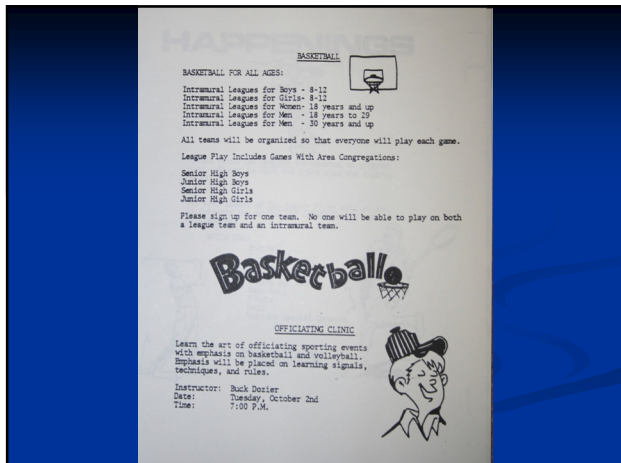


BOWLING LEAGUE

A JOGGER'S PRAYER

Step after step and into the miles
 Let me run, O Lord, with You.
 Each pace is a possible fall
 All I can depend on now.
 Faith is my feet, and there is no fall.
 Oursaid, I go.
 Over the miles and across the years,
 Let me run into You, O Lord.
 Each footfall on Jesus Christ alone,
 All I attach to the road.
 Faith is my Lord, and there is no fall.
 Oursaid, I go.

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Matthew 21:23

“And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?”

The Social Gospel

In this lesson we shall see....

1. What the "Social Gospel" is...
2. How it began...
3. Its effects on the church...
4. What the mission of the church really is.
5. What is wrong with the social gospel concept.. and how it contrasts to the gospel of Christ.

Questions...

- How did the social gospel concept get started?
 - History...
- What effect has the social gospel had on the church?

Church A Spiritual Body With A Spiritual Mission

- The Church is the spiritual house of God. **1 Pet. 2:5**
 - It is the family of God built by Christ. **Mt. 16:18; Acts 20:28**
 - It is the spiritual body of saved people. **Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23-27**

Church Has A Spiritual Mission

- **The work of evangelism.** **1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Thess. 1:8; 1 Cor. 9:14; Acts 11:22; Acts 13:3; Phil. 4:15; 2 Cor. 11:8-9.**

This:

Not This:

Church Has A Spiritual Mission

- **The work of Edification.** **Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 14:26; Col. 2:6-7**

1. Place
2. Personnel
3. Provisions

Church Has A Spiritual Mission

- **Work of Benevolence. (Limited, 1 Tim. 5:16)**

■ **This:**

■ **Not This:**

Reason for giving:
"that there might be equality"
 2 Cor. 8:14

Acts 2,4,6
 Acts 11:27
 1 Cor. 16:1-3
 2 Cor. 8-9
 Rom. 15:25ff

Church Has A Spiritual Mission

- **Assemble & Worship God.** **Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Cor. 11:20, 22, 34**

1. Place
2. Personnel
3. Provisions

What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:

- **Political...**

The kingdom of Christ is not an earthly political force,
Jno. 18:33-38

God ordained civil government to meet all such issues.
Rom. 13:11-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17

Although individual Christians are subject to the powers that be, the church and state are distinct in mission and separate in function.

What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:

- **Economical...**

Only evil men make "godliness a way of gain,"
1 Tim. 6:5

God gave the church a pattern by which to finance its work,
1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7

Farming, manufacturing, or merchandising is simply not the function of the church.

What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:

- **Educational** (In Human Wisdom).

The teaching of secular subjects such as science, mathematics, history, literature, etc.... does not come within the scope of the mission and work of the church and should not be made a part of its work.

SEE 1 Cor. 1:20-21; 2:1-5

What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:

- **Social**

Paul taught that if a man became a Christian and was a slave or a master, it was to make a better one out of him. **1 Cor. 7:20-22**

The kingdom of God is not *"eating and drinking,"*
Rom. 14:17; Cf. 1 Cor. 11:22,34

NOTE: Those who followed for the "fishes and loaves" turned back when the word seemed "hard" to them, **Jno. 6:26, 60-66, cf. Jno. 6:26-27**

The Social Gospel

- NOTE: Social activities, recreation, and benevolence were never offered in N.T. days as the means by which to get people to become Christians. THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S DRAWING POWER BY WHICH TO CALL MEN. **2 Thess.2:14; Rom. 1:16**

Are these things worthy of the blood of Jesus Christ? **Cf. Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28**

Proposal For Discussion Implies Confusion

- **"Is there authority in the N.T. for Christians eating a common meal together in the church building or on church grounds?"** (Hesperia, CA March 28, 1996)

Eating In The Building *The Issue:*

Was Not:

Is the bldg sacred?
Can one eat inside the Building?
Can one eat on church property?



Was & Is:

Is it the work of the church to provide a common meal for social and/or recreational purposes?

THE ISSUE IS... WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE CHURCH?

- Proposition: "The Scriptures teach that it is the work of the church to provide for common meals on church property, namely in the building or on church grounds when said meal is designed for social and/or recreational purposes."
- **This is what I deny. This is what the issue is!**

How To Determine What Is Authorized

<p>Acts 15 <i>Circumcision</i></p> <p>vv. 13-21</p> <p>v. 7</p> <p>vv. 12</p>	<p>Command/ Direct Statement</p> <p>Approved Example</p> <p>Necessary Inference</p>	<p>Illustrated <i>Lord's Supper</i></p> <p>Observance <i>1 Cor. 11:23-24</i></p> <p>Time of Ob. <i>Acts 20:7</i></p> <p>Frequency <i>Acts 20:7</i></p>
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Note: Respect for Silence

DEFINITION OF THE PROPOSITION:

- *"The Scriptures teach that it is the work of the church to provide for common meals on church property, namely in the building or on church grounds when said meal is designed for social and/or recreational purposes."*
- *Affirm* _____
- *Deny* *Micky Galloway*

DEFINITION OF THE PROPOSITION:

Definitions:

- By **"SOCIAL"** I mean: "An informal gathering of people for recreation or amusement; party. (Webster's New World Dictionary)
- By **"RECREATIONAL"** I mean "Amusement, diversion, entertainment, relaxation, repose, ease, play, sport, frolic, rollic; mirth, jollity, hilarity," (Webster's dictionary of Synonyms, Pg. 686)

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Acts 2:42,44,46

- I can admit these verses say and still deny their eating was a common meal for social and recreational purposes.
- NOTE: Vs. 46 says they assembled in the temple, yet they broke their bread (common meal) **"AT HOME."**

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Acts 20:7-11

- The congregation assembled "to break bread" (i.e. to observe the L.S.)
 - The meeting was broken up after Eutychus fell out of the third floor window.
 - Knowing that he was to leave early the next morning, Paul ate (common meal) before departing.
- **This passage does not teach that a common meal was eaten by the congregation or provided by the church for social or recreational purposes.**

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- It is assumed that these "agape" or "love-feasts" were held as a work of the church for "social and recreational purposes."

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- **Thayer-** "... feasts expressing and fostering mutual love which used to be held by Christians before the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and at which the poorer Christians mingled with the wealthier and partook in common with the rest of food provided at the expense of the wealthy."
- **Are these feast today held in connection with the Lord's supper?**
- **Is it a meal provided by the wealthy for the benefit of the poorer Christians?**

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- **Everett Ferguson**, a professor at Abilene Christian College, said in his book: **Early Christians Speak**, pg. 133 "It is an AGAPE because it benefits the needy; special consideration is shown for the lowly... The sharing of food by the wealthier with the poorer was an important means of charity. The host provided food for those chosen who sometimes did not eat at his house, but received the food at home or accepted it to take home."
- **Does this sound like they ate as a function of the church for social or recreational purposes?**

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- **ISBE** Says the AGAPE was "a common table at which the wants of the poor were supplied out of the abundance of the rich" (Acts 6:1ff; pg. 70)

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- **Guy N. Woods** "They (agape mg) appear to have had their origin in the practice of wealthier members of the congregation providing food for the poorer ones, and eating with them, in token of their brotherliness." (Commentary on Peter, John and Jude, p. 395)

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- **Lenski** comments on 1 Cor. 11:34 saying "The AGAPE did not take the place of an ordinary meal as the modern church suppers do at which people eat to satisfy hunger..."

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- **Albert Barnes** has quite a large discussion of the AGAPE and suggests the Lord's supper better meets the demands of these two passages. 1 Cor 11:34
- [And if any man hunger ...] The Lord's Supper is not a common feast; it is not designed as a place where a man may gratify his appetite. It is designed as a simple "commemoration," and not as a "feast." This remark was designed to correct their views of the supper, and to show them that it was to be distinguished from the ordinary idea of a feast or festival. (from Barnes' Notes, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1997 by BibleSoft)

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

Jude 12; 2 Pet. 2:13 Agape- Love feasts-

- "Agape" --benevolent function or the Lord's Supper?
- Both of these could be appropriately designated as "love-feasts."
- **Neither case would constitute a common meal provided by the church for social or recreational purposes.**

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

1 Cor. 11:20-34

- We are told that the church in Corinth was eating a common meal intending to use the elements of their common meal to observe the Lord's Supper.
- However, the context indicates they had corrupted the Lord's Supper into a common meal... for social and recreational purposes.

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

1 Cor. 11:20-34

- *Vs. 22-- "What, have ye not houses to eat and to drink in."*
- **Indicates that the Corinthians had some place for conducting their congregational assembly other than one's home.**

A STUDY OF THE PASSAGES INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY

1 Cor. 11:20-34

- *Vs. 34--* Paul said meals for social and or recreational purposes are to be eaten at home as a function of the home, not a work of the church.
- **NOTE: That the only time such a meal for social and recreational purposes is mentioned in the scriptures it is condemned. Paul told them to STOP!**

EDIFICATION ARGUMENT

Is social/recreational activity spiritual edification?

- **Cf. Eph. 4:11-16; Acts 20:32**
God's word is adequate for spiritual edification!

EDIFICATION ARGUMENT

- To slip social activities in under the guise of spiritual edification opens the floodgates to apostasy.
- While some enjoy suppers and parties, others enjoy gyms, golfing, fishing, hunting, camping, working on old cars, woodworking, etc.
- If such things truly provides spiritual edification, why can't we read of the N.T. churches providing such things?

The "social gospel" is "another gospel."
Cf. Gal. 1:8-9

- The gospel of Christ is to save the soul for eternity... The social gospel calls for the improvement of social conditions for the here and now.
- The gospel of Christ treats the disease while the social gospel treats only the symptoms.
- The gospel of Christ seeks to convert people to Christ; the later simply to a better more pleasant way of life.

The "social gospel" is "another gospel".
Cf. Gal. 1:8-9

- The gospel of Christ seeks to make society better by making Christians while the social gospel seeks to make Christians through social adjustments.
 - For example, educators are urged to combat social diseases, unwed motherhood, and other related problems by teaching and making arrangements for "safe sex," whereas the gospel of Christ simply says "Flee fornication."

The "social gospel" is "another gospel".
Cf. Gal. 1:8-9

- The standard of authority for each is also different.
 - For the gospel of Christ, it is the Scripture, the wisdom of God;
 - For the social gospel it is human wisdom (Cf. **Jms. 3:13-17; 1 Cor. 1:20-25**)

CONCLUSION:

- No man has the right to prostitute the energy, strength, zeal or resources of the church of our Lord to serve human aims or purposes.
- We must let the church be distinct as the church, so adorned as to glorify the head—even Christ.
 - God gave His Son for it.
 - The Lord of glory died for it.
 - We must not bring its lofty mission down to serve the outward man, but rather we must keep it pure to serve the interest of heaven for which we must strive.