The Social Gospel

Galatians 1:6-9

Dear Family Life Minister,

We are glad to announce that we have planned some programs for you. The following is a schedule of some programs that will take you through the season.

- September 7, 1974:

Best Family Life in the World.

As Christians, we should love and serve God and others. In this season, we will focus on how to love and serve God and others. We will have some programs that will help us in this direction.

Best wishes,

[Signature]

Blessings,

[Name]

Family Life Minister

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Family Life Schedule

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We encourage Family Life Coordinators to plan activities for each week. Please reserve a room in advance if possible.

You may check the Directory to see the spaces that the multi-purpose room or any other room will be reserved for.

You have not received a membership card to the Family Life Center. Please return it to the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please call the Family Life Coordinator.

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Arts and Crafts

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The Club is located in the basement. If you are interested in the program, please come and see us. All members will be able to attend.

[Signature]

Helen Jackson

Family Life Coordinator
PHYSICAL FITNESS
THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS HEALTH

"As God created you, in His own image, in the image of His Son, so He placed in you "...Rom. 5:12.

"Thank God, for making me an undesirable creation. That is why Christ died for you. That is why He rose from the dead, bringing glory to God in your body." ...1 Cor. 15:31

"For you are the Temple of the Holy Spirit, just as God is one with Christ and the Christ is one with God. For you have been consecrated as holy in the Lord, and nothing in the world will harm you. The Holy Spirit is the Temple of God in you; He is the Spirit of God..." 1 Cor. 6:19

"You are the Temple of the Holy Spirit; therefore, be holy in your body and in your spiritual worship." ...Rom. 12:3

A SPIRITUAL PRESCRIPTION:
To maintain a balanced body and spirit, it is very important to eat well and to be in good health, not only for your own health, but for the health of God's people in our body. God wants us to be healthy. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better. If we are healthy, we can serve God better.

PULL AND PULL AUTUMN, SPRING WORKSHOP
SUNDAY - BASKETBALL - FALL & WINTER SEMESTER
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COACHING

DATE: OCTOBER 3rd LUNCH - DINNER
WHERE: Multi-purpose Room - City Hall, Bristol
WHO: All girls

RETIREMENT

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May 18, 2003

Dear Brethren in Christ,

The Church of Christ in Santa Clara is planning a weekend of special activities for young adults from congregations throughout the state and beyond. The age range we are attempting to reach is Jr. High School through College ages. Both spiritual activities and recreational activities will be provided for the participants’ edification and enjoyment. Your assistance in publicizing this event would greatly be appreciated.

The theme for the weekend is “Relationships.” Flyers detailing the weekend’s activities are enclosed. We would appreciate the flyer being posted as an invitation to those who might want to take part. Registration forms for the young adults who plan to attend are also included. Please make copies as needed.

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Ours is a weekend of spiritual and recreational activities that will allow our young people to meet and enjoy the company of other young people who have chosen Christ as their Lord and His Way as their way in this life. The spiritual activities are being overseen by the Elders and Church of Christ here in Santa Clara. The recreational activities are being planned by some of our young people and several other individual members of the Church as well. While the recreational activities are an optional portion of the weekend, we do hope your youth will plan to attend them as well as the spiritual activities. Steve Wilson, one of our Deacons, has a major role in planning and will be a source of answers for your questions, 408-257-1634.

For all who plan to attend, please mail the enclosed registration form to the address indicated on the attached. Unregistered attendees will be welcomed but as much notification as possible will assist us in planning accommodations for our honored guests.

In Christian Love,

Jack Dent and Duane Garton
Elders who serve in Santa Clara

Attachments:
Flyers
Registration Form
Map
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.

Church A Spiritual Body With A Spiritual Mission

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

Church Has A Spiritual Mission


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- The work of edification. Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Colossians 2:6-7

Church Has A Spiritual Mission

- Work of benevolence. (Limited 1 Timothy 5:16)
  - This: Acts 2,4,6
  - Not This: Acts 11:27
  - 1 Corinthians 16:1-3
  - 2 Corinthians 8-9
  - Romans 15:25ff
  - Reason for giving: “That there might be equality.” 2 Corinthians 8:14
**Church Has A Spiritual Mission**

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

1. Place
2. Personnel

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**What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:**

- **Political...**
  The kingdom of Christ is not an earthly political force, John 18:33-38
  God ordained civil government to meet all such issues. Romans 13:11-7; 1 Peter 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.

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**What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:**

- **Economical...**
  Only evil men make "godliness a way of gain," 1 Timothy 6:5
  God gave the church a pattern by which to finance its work, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7

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

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**What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:**

- **Social.**
  The kingdom of God is not "eating and drinking," Romans 14:17; cf. 1 Corinthians 11:22,34

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

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**What The Mission Of The Church Is Not:**

- **Educational (In Human Wisdom).**
  The teaching of secular subjects such as science, mathematics, 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 Corinthians 1:20-21; 2:1-5

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**The Social Gospel**

- **NOTE:** Social activities, recreation, and benevolence were never offered in NT 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 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 1:16

Are these things worthy of the blood of Jesus Christ? cf. Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28
The "social gospel" is "another gospel"  
* cf. Galatians 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.

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- 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."

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- 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. James 3:13-17; 1 Corinthians 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.