The Social Gospel

"Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Check Out Crosspointe"

- #10 It's kinda cool telling people you go to a church where "Shawn Penn" is the pastor!
- #9 Where else can you experience "humorous singing vegetables" in church?
- #8 If you get bored with the presentation...the Mariners posters are always entertaining! (we meet in the Silver Lake Elementary Gymnasium)
- #7 No less than 4 different flavors of coffee creamer are available on any given Sunday!
- #6 The music is sincere and almost 'rocks!'
- #5 Its one of the best values found in the value pack...good friends, free food, free movies, free coffee, free coffee mugs, and friendship with God all from 1 little coupon!
- #4 At Crosspointe, its always fashionable to wear...pretty much whatever you want!
- #3 Coffee, coffee, and more coffee!!!!
- #2 God is here, God is For Us, and God wants the Best for us all!
- #1 If you attend often enough, it's a sure thing that everyone on your Christmas list will get one of those hard to find "Crosspointe coffee mugs"! (Free to everyone who brings in this Coupon!!)

Free Commuter Coffee Mug With This Flyer

Childcare provided birth through 6th grade

(advertisement from Val-Pak of Western Washington/Central)

Among "churches of Christ"

- Day care centers
- Kindergartens
- Elementary schools
- Colleges
- Hobby classes
- Talent shows
- Building lock-ins
- Nursing Homes
- Homes for unwed mothers
- Basketball teams

Among "churches of Christ"

- "Ministry Leaders" for...
 - Basketball Ministry
 - Children's Ministry
 - CPS Family Needs Ministry
 - Donut Ministry
 - Financial Peace
 - Foster/Adoption
 - Funeral
 - Giving Gown
 - Harmony Garden
 - Major Elementary
 - Prime Timers
 - Youth Ministry
 - 34 in one church in the Houston area

Among "churches of Christ"

- Craft-weekends
- Halloween parties
- Teen weekends
- Kitchens
- "Fellowship" Halls
- Gymnasiums
- Life Centers
- Medical Evangelism
- English Language Evangelism

"Medical Evangelism"

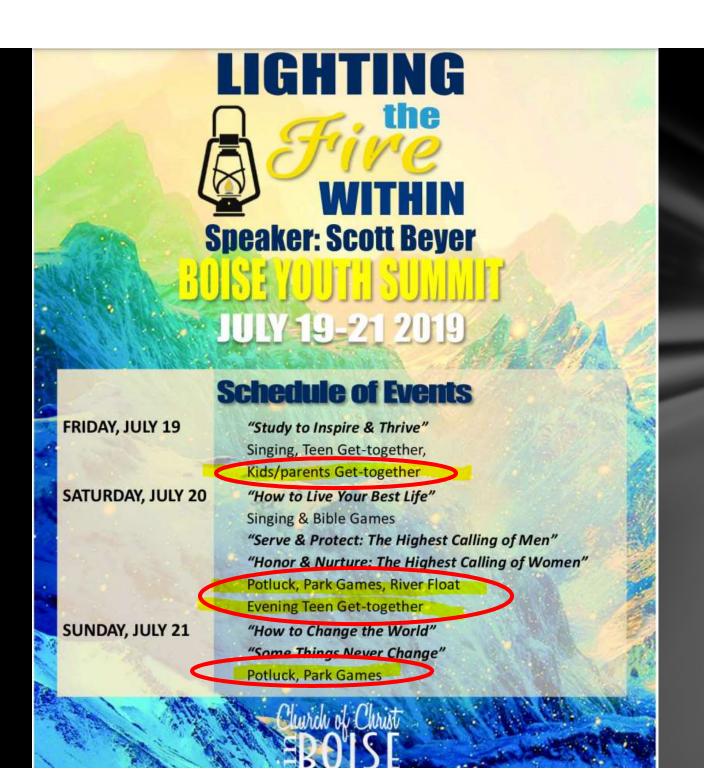
"As we read of the ministry of Jesus, we can see that it was indeed one of both teaching and healing. Jesus' life and his teaching were the greatest revelation from God, and without this our understanding of the nature of God and his will for us would be incomplete. But Jesus also spent much of his time healing those who suffered from various diseases. In the same chapter of Luke's account we can read of Jesus healing several individuals. Summarizing, Luke recorded: "When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them" (Luke 4:40).

Unfortunately, we can no longer heal by laying our hands upon the sick as Jesus and others at that time were able to do. We can, however, still pattern our ministry after that of Jesus. Medical missions is one way that we, as the church, can combine a ministry of both healing and teaching.

Mission programs often emphasize evangelism, which seeks to reach the spiritual needs of individuals primarily through teaching. This is, of course, a part of the Great Commission—to go and "make disciples of all nations." The approach of medical missions, or perhaps a more descriptive term, medical evangelism, is broader, seeking to reach both the spiritual and physical needs of those who are served.

Today medical evangelism continues to open doors not only in developing countries, but in other places as well. Medical missions programs sponsored by the Churches of Christ have allowed Christians to enter places once thought to be impossible, such as the countries formerly controlled by Communism in Eastern Europe and Communist countries such as Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. Opportunities abound in much of the world for the sharing of the good news through the compassionate ministry of medical evangelism."

(Philip Eichman, Medical Missions Among the Churches of Christ, Second Edition, Chapter 1)



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 - Luke 19:10
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - 1 Corinthians 15:19
 - John 18:36-37
 - Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15
 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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 - John 6:44-45; Romans 1:16
 - John 6:26-27
 - Acts 20:28, 32

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 - 1Timothy 3:15
 - Acts 13:3; Philippians 4:15-16
 - Ephesians 4:11-16
 - 2 Corinthians 8, 9; 1 Corinthians 16

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 - Hebrews 13:1-2
 - Acts 2:46
 - James 1:27
 - Acts 4:34-35

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The social gospel is without the authority of Christ!