

Church Socials

The New Testament authorizes every act and activity of the church. Scripture provides us with all that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). It completely authorizes us in every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We must not go beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6).

Social activities are not included in the authorized acts of the church. True, the church building is not sacred. But, on the other hand it is not a carnal, worldly place either. Money for the building was given to be used in spiritual work (Romans 1:16). Too many churches try to invite people to attend based on the recreation and social activities the church can provide, thinking those things are the power unto salvation. Often members of the Lord's church feel comfortable inviting people to recreational activities rather than inviting them to Bible studies or worship. Then we wonder why visitors never grace the front door when it comes to picking up their cross and following Jesus. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Churches would be expedient, and are authorized, to use money from the treasury to pay for such things as pews, classrooms, lights, etc., because of their usefulness in aiding us to do what God has told us to do. The hope of the gospel, in the first century, was still "proclaimed in all creation under heaven" (Colossians 1:23). Churches in the New Testament understood that the world needed the gospel and its eternal benefits, not temporary distractions.