

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 29, 2012



Announcement from the Elders:

For the month of May, our PM services will be held at 1 PM every Sunday. May will be a "trial" month for this new schedule. The elders are seeking honest and **kind** feedback for this potential schedule change.

Alcohol: What Does the Bible Really Say? (Part 3)

by Clifton Angel

The Bible DOES NOT say it is ok to drink alcohol as long as one does not get drunk. Consider some passages concerning drunkenness:

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess [ASV, "riot"]... (Ephesians 5:15-18a).

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions,...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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...heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21).

On the surface, it seems that the only sin involved with drinking, according to these passages, is the sin of actually being drunk, but concerning drunkenness, a couple of things must NOT be overlooked in the passage of Galatians 5. Also, concerning drunkenness, common sense questions must be asked.

In Galatians 5, directly following “drunkenness” are the sins of “revelings” and “such like”! As I stated in “Part 1” of this series of articles, “revelings are the social gatherings where the process of drinking often takes place”. Now, let us all ask ourselves this question: What is included in “such like”? Whatever is included in “such like” must have some association with the “works of the flesh” preceding. Is the drinking of alcohol “such like” taking part in a drinking party (reveling)? Is the drinking of alcohol “such like” the process of reaching drunkenness?

Consider other questions of great significance concerning the drinking of alcohol: At what point is a person drunk? Where is the fine line? Is it not true that the rate of intoxication varies from person to person? If this is true (and it is), how is a person to know at what point he is “drunk” so that he will have a benchmark to never cross again? Are these questions becoming absurd? I hope they are because the attempt to justify “social” drinking or drinking for personal pleasure at any time is just that--absurd.

A few years back, while working at Porterfield Tire, Inc. in Athens, Georgia, at least one of my co-workers, very sadly, would drink a beer on his drive home from work. One day, concerning his desire for beer even in small quantities, I asked something to this nature: “The stuff smells horrible; does it not taste bad?” His reply: “Not after the first one!” Although I despised his practices, I am thankful for his response. He proved to me that just ONE drink can alter a person’s judgment--in this specific case, taste buds.

In all honesty, what benefit are we going to bring to our lives by drinking, even in small amounts, alcoholic beverages? Now, in all honesty, what harm are we going to bring to our lives by drinking alcoholic beverages? Paul said “such like” will keep us out of Heaven. To God be the glory!
(To be continued)

This Week’s Daily Bible Reading:

Sunday:	2 Kings 23-25
Monday:	1 Chronicles 1-2
Tuesday:	1 Chronicles 3-5
Wednesday:	1 Chronicles 6
Thursday:	1 Chronicles 7-8
Friday:	1 Chronicles 9-11
Saturday:	1 Chronicles 12-14

10 Little Christians

Author Unknown

10 little Christians standing in line,
1 disliked the preacher, and then there were 9.

9 little Christians stayed up very late,
1 overslept Sunday, and then there were 8.

8 little Christians on their way to Heaven,
1 took the low road and then there were 7.

7 little Christians chirping like chicks,
1 disliked the singing, and then there were 6.

6 little Christians seemed very much alive,
but 1 lost his interest, and then there were 5.

5 little Christians pulling for Heaven's Shore,
but one stopped to rest, and then there were 4.

4 little Christians each busy as a bee,
1 got his feelings hurt, and then there were 3.

3 little Christians knew not what to do,
1 joined the sporty crowd, and then there were 2.

2 little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done,
differed with each other, and then there was 1.

1 little Christian can't do much it's true;
Brought his friend to Bible study, and then there
were 2.

2 earnest Christians, each won one more.
That doubled the number, and then there were 4.

4 sincere Christians worked early and late,
each won another, and then there were 8.

8 desirous Christians, if they doubled as before,
In just so many Sundays, we'd have 1,024.

In this little jingle, there is a lesson true;
You belong either to the building up or to the
wrecking crew.

-Adapted from the Bulletin of the Nesbit Church of Christ

SPECIAL THANKS to our Bible Bowlers, the Bible Bowlers' Parents, our Bible Bowl Supporters, and especially, Jeffrey Ferrell.

The season was great, and the potential new format was exciting, motivating, and much more involving for the supporters!

Sermon Review

I'm a Youth...Now What?

(Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7)

- I. REJOICE
- II. REMOVE
- III. REMEMBER

Mark Your Calendars!

Coldwater VBS

June 10 - 14

Sardis Lake Christian Camp June 17 - 23

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

**Nora Boling; Herbert & Helen Bowman;
Sue Cobern; Shirley Yarbrow; Wiley Tuggle & Betty
Tuggle.**

**Far East Missions
OpenDoor Ministry
Fishers of Men**

Family & Friends

Wayne Cooper, Jan Daniel's brother, is recovering from pneumonia. **Lucille Stephens**, mother of John Stephens, died 4/19 and her funeral was on 4/28. **Angel Family**, in loss of James Angel (Clifton's uncle); **Missy Kelsay** had surgery and is currently cancer-free! **Andrew Hagewood**, 2-month-old infant that has already had a heart transplant, is improving slowly. **Mary Brett Baird**, 8-year-old child experiencing multiple health issues. **Gary Daugherty**, cancer. **Sheena Hunt**, various health problems. **Terry DeBerry**, **Nicole Blagburn**, co-worker of Molly, has breast cancer. **Chuck Tharp**, prostate cancer. **Eli Williams**, and his battle with cancer. **Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, has cancer. **Ray Maples** undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia. **Janie Brister; Renee Loya; Lavon Holden; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; Charles Easley; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**

May Birthdays

5/6 -- Dylan Moore
5/7 -- Rebecca Brown
5/15 -- Andy Ratliff
5/22 -- Brisa Davis
5/24 -- Anna Johnson
5/25 -- Davis Johnson

May Anniversaries

5/15 -- Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/22 -- Troy & Sue Cobern
5/23 -- Johnny & Stephanie Bayless
5/24 -- Bill & Claire Easley
5/26 -- Jimmy & Virginia Sowell
5/31 -- Billy & Terry Bland

Get Involved!

Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2012
Let's continue to read and study together!!

5th Sunday Singing & Devotional
Tonight during PM Service.

Southaven Ladies Day -- May 5
See Announcement in Foyer.

Nesbit Gospel Meeting -- May 6 - 9
Preacher: Jason Holladay; See flyer in foyer.

Sunday "Night" for the Savior -- May 6
After the PM service which is at 1PM this month.

Providence Place Devo -- May 13 -- 2PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, April 29

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Seth Daniel
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Joe Owen
Assist	Wiley Tuggle
	Jimmy Yarbrow
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Evening

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Joe Owen
Closing Prayer	Jason Bayless

Wednesday, May 2

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Billy Bland