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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Social Drinking

“Minus any argumentation to the contrary or any quibbling by way of countering plain truth, the consuming of alcoholic beverages is one of the greatest, gravest evils of our era. It is a rampaging evil of iniquitous proportions. Its victims are now numbered among multiplied millions. More and more it is extended socializing grace and entertaining approval. To offer a person an alcoholic beverage upon entering one’s house or at a planned party is now considered by the masses to be ‘thoughtful hospitality’, More and more alcoholic consumption is being accepted as a way of life.” From: Social Drinking: Unjustified, Unsocial, Unwise, Unscriptural by Garland Elkins and Robert R. Taylor Jr. (Tract)

The words quoted above from these Gospel preachers are as true today as when they were penned in 1986. Many today accept social drinking of alcoholic beverages as a normal part of everyday life. Religious people, and even some in the Lord’s church, have accepted this idea and even joined in the practice. In this article, let us examine a few passages from the Bible regarding social drinking.

Many people see the word “wine” in the Bible and automatically associate the word with its modern usage denoting an alcoholic beverage. While wine is used specifically today, originally it was a generic term used to refer to either fermented or unfermented juice of the grape. The word “wine” is used in the Bible generically as well and the context must determine whether fermented or unfermented is being referred to. For example, Jeremiah 48:33, “And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.” Wine does not come from winepresses, so the “wine” referred to here is clearly unfermented (nonalcoholic).

Some would say “Drunkenness is what is condemned, not the moderate use of alcoholic beverages.” Notice a couple passages of Scripture:

- 1) Proverbs 20:1, *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”* Most would agree this passage speaks of intoxicating beverages. Note: mocker...raging (a brawler – ASV) ...unwise. Question: Where is reference made in this passage to excessive drinking? God’s indictment here is not on excessive drinking, but on the beverages itself. Regardless of the quantity used alcoholic wine is a “mocker”.
- 2) 1 Peter 4:3-4, *“For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you.”* This “excess of riot” (flood of reprehensible behavior) of their past life included 1) “excess of wine” – drunkenness, 2) “revellings” – a nocturnal and riotous procession of half drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honour of Bacchus (Roman god of wine) or some other deity, and 3) “banquetings” – this is defined as “a drinking bout” or a drinking party, the same as what today is called “happy hour”. So, this verse refers to the sinful practices of drunkenness, being half drunk, as well as social drinking.

Clearly, social drinking is unjustified, unsocial, unwise, and unscriptural. Alcohol destroys internally, externally and eternally.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- *"The Plea of the New Testament Church"*

PM- *"God Is So Good"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

A New Sister In Christ

Last Sunday afternoon, Deanna McKinney was baptized by Mark Day. Please, make Deanna feel welcomed. Contact information will be in next week's bulletin.

2016 Dates to Remember

Dec 6- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 10- Kathy Hall's Ladies holiday party- her home- 6p- sign up on bulletin board

Dec 13- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 18- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Dec 20- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 27- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Dec 31- New Year's Eve Watch- 9p

Mark Your 2017 Calendars

Feb 5-9- Freed-Hardeman U. lectureship

Mar 26-29- 'Biblical Apologetics' Gospel Meeting with David Lipe here

Apr 14-16- Lads to Leaders convention- Nashville

Jul 2-8- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Jul 24-28- Vacation Bible School here

Sep 8-9- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole

Nov 4- Ladies Day with Sheila Butt-8:30a

Nov 5- Bring A Friend Day

Dec 2- Scotts' Pancake Breakfast- annex- 8a

Meal Volunteers Needed

Meals are being coordinated for the Day family 2 or 3 times per week. Please, call Bev Conley at 606-923-7073 to assist. Thank you.

Ladies Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6pm, Kathy Hall is hosting the Ladies Party at her home. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board with details. For planning purposes, please, sign if you plan to attend. If you need a ride ask someone on the list.

Food Basket Donations

We need to stock our food pantry for people who may need holiday baskets this year. A list of suggested donation items is on the foyer table. Please, leave donation items beside the food closet in the sound room hallway.

Benevolence

With our new benevolence program, you can direct assistance to a family in need. You may speak with Nathan Parks or J.C. Hughes for details, approvals & procedure to access funds.

New Cookbook- 2017

We are making a new cookbook for our 2017 November 4th Ladies Day. Please, pick up the form and submit your clearly printed recipes to the office. See Ann Hughes, Jane Isaacs or Patti Reaves for details.

Prime-timers Group

This group is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?**



Gauging Our Faith

	11/27/16	Goal	11/29/15
Bible Study	103	110	98
AM Worship	162	150	156
PM Worship	86	110	98
Mid Week	84	110	76
Contribution:	\$5717.74	\$5600.00	\$4941.04

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: David Smith

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
Nathan Parks, Denny Deskins,
Phil Degelia, Shelby Steele,
Michael Sprague, David Castle

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Edgar Phillips

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under, but everyone is welcomed. Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★ Dec. 10th ★★

Ladies (of all ages) Holiday Party

6pm- at Kathy Hall's home-

You may participate in an optional gift exchange (\$10 limit)

★★ Dec. 31th ★★

New Year's Eve Watch

Bring snacks to share and games- 9p-12a



Memory Verse

Dec. 4- Psalm 100:5

your name _____

witnessed by _____

Preview:

Dec. 11- Romans 12:1

Dec. 18- Acts 20:35