

News & Notes

Sunday, November 19, 2006

Remember in Prayer: Alton Lee Alberson; Daryl Alberson; Sandra Albertson; Jerry Bennett; Vikie Cobb; Tyler Curtis; Diane Cox; Sally Etta Crawford; Zach Hopkins; Carolyn Jordan; Francis Joyner; Bill Kelly; Dot Ketchum; John and Deliah Mann; Helen Miller; Diane Mize; Dorothy Nutt; Shirley Ortiz; Calvin Ursery; Roger Winstead; Charles Womack; Several in the congregation have had the virus lately;

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lillie Mae Shelby.

Pantry item for the month of November is decaffeinated tea bags.

Sunday evening service will now begin at 5:00 PM until otherwise noted.

There will be a **prayer meeting** today at 4:00 PM.

As always, be sure to check the **bulletin board** for area events and other information.

Sermon In Preview:

AM: No Hair and Two Bears (2Kings 2:23-25)

PM: Eating Meats Sacrificed to Idols (1Corinthians 8 and 10)

For the Record (November 12, 2006):

Attendance: 71 Contribution: \$1088.00 Budget: \$1352.00

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Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Shepherds:

Barney King
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"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14)

NUMB, DUMB AND LOST

Jay Yeager

Beloved, even without the Bible, the observant would notice the destructive nature of alcohol in the lives of people. Marriages are ruined, even if one spouse out of duty and commitment remains in the relationship. Here is why. It is extremely difficult even for the most devoted spouse to continue to love and respect a mate controlled by alcohol. Of course the drunks adamantly deny that alcohol controls them!

What about the children? I just wonder friends, how many children live in dread of a parent whose personality turns hateful and violent while under the influence of alcohol? We may never know the horror some children live through because they are ashamed or afraid to tell anyone.

Deaths are virtually a daily occurrence because one driver's judgment and reflexes are sluggish due to the effects of drinking. One does not have to be a Christian to recognize how devastating alcohol is in our society. **Countless homes, dreams and lives are destroyed because of the influence it has in the lives of those who drink it.** Only honesty is required to acknowledge it!

I oppose the drinking of alcoholic beverages, not only from experience, but because God condemns it in no uncertain terms. “**Numb, Dumb and Lost**” are descriptive of what the scriptures reveal.

Numb in body and mind. *“Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without a cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in a cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange woman, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again”* (Proverbs 23:29-35).

The six hard hitting questions of verse 29 are answered in verses 30-35, as the consequences of drinking alcoholic beverages are discussed. In brief summary, allow me to make the following observations:

1. Drunkards seek mixed (strong) wine. They develop a craving for it (addiction follows)
2. Alcoholic beverages are likened to the poison of a serpent that slowly destroys the body and mind.
3. Drunkards look upon strange women. Alcohol brings about moral decay.

4. What drunkard has not felt as though they have been tossed to and fro in the sea until they vomit?
5. Physical abuse is hardly felt.
6. The drunkard awakes only to go and seek it again. How sad!

Dumb. *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise”* (Proverbs 20:1). Strong drink mocks; it makes a fool out of those who drink it. One could not be any less wise than to take up the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Lost. *“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”* (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murder, drunkenness, revellings, and the 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).

Friends, if you drink alcoholic beverages, please quit for your mate, your children, for yourself. All deserve better than following a lifestyle that will lead to ruin. **Drunkards are numb, dumb and lost!**