

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Dispiriting Truths About SPIRITS

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In one of those statistics so massive that it is hard to comprehend, Gallup reports that 187 billion liters (there are 33.8 ounces in a liter) of beer are drunk across the world each year. There are 24 billion liters of wine drunk globally each year. The U.S. ranks second in beer consumption and first in wine consumption, with no reports of hard liquor even included in

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

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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PREACHER

Clifton Angel

this report (Andrew Soergel, US News, 10/2/14). Not only is alcohol a common feature at holiday parties and family events this time of year, it is woven into the fabric of just about every event you can think of in society.

The Washington Post relates that 33 million Americans are problem drinkers, which amounts to 14 percent of our population. Almost 69 million Americans report that they had been problem drinkers at some point in their lives, while 40 percent said they had engaged in binge drinking at least once in the past year (via Associate Press, 6/8/15). We may be ignoring the fact that a sizable number of Christians—whether new converts or longtime members—struggle with serious problems with alcohol. This is startling, given the Bible's clear teaching and warning about drunkenness (cf. Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; 6:10; Gal. 5:21; 1 Pet. 4:3).

The Bible warns us about at least four clarion facts regarding alcohol:

- Alcohol can be addicting (1 Tim. 3:3,8; Titus 1:7).

- Alcohol can be enslaving (Titus 2:3).
- Alcohol can make one reckless (Eph. 5:18).
- Alcohol can be costly (Prov. 23:29-35).

It seems wise to think about these sober warnings God communicates to us through Scripture. There should be a vigilance, in view of eternity, about a substance that not only can but endlessly has done so much harm to individuals, their families, and society. May we wake up to the problems alcohol is already causing in too many homes, including the homes of those trying to live the Christian life. May we help each other to overcome any obstacle that bars the way to heaven. Nothing here is valuable enough to sacrifice what awaits us there.



NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Upcoming India mission; Jared Brown; Seth Daniel; Sutton family; Wadsworth family; Wiley Tuggle & family; Clarence & Faye Edwards.

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Family & Friends

Ernest Russell family, Dana's cousin recently died; **Wayne Cooper family**, Jan's brother died; **Marilyn Walker**, Inez's daughter; **Amber King family**, Tyler's aunt that passed; **Faye Lipford family**; **S.J. Edwards' family**; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's sister; **Darrell Martin**, Chris' father, leukemia; **Marci Cox**, Dana's cousin; **Jeff & Janie Brister**; **Fernando Casacuberta**, Jared's friend, MS; **Macadden Easley**; **Robbie Patterson**, Terry Bland's sister; **Lyla Childers**; **Lee Davis**; **Matt Brooks**, stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel**; **Judy Dowelling**; **Ray Maples**; **Becky Latimer**; **Kristie Deffenbaugh**; **Raleigh Wood**; **Carole Livsey**; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**; **Sharon Brewer**; **Mac Owen**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **Renee Loya**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

12/03	Kevin Miller
12/06	Sammy Williams
12/17	Kaiden Ferrell
12/22	Dalton Owen
12/23	Jeremy Moore
12/24	Daniel Owen
12/30	Renee Davis
12/31	Eli Martin

Anniversaries

12/13	Jerry & Renee Davis
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Get Involved!

Coldwater Singing Night — Dec 27 — 7 PM

5th Sunday Service — Dec 31 — 1 PM

New Year's Eve Devo & Game Night — Dec 31
8 – 12, Bring finger foods & games, etc.
Give \$\$ for fireworks to Tim or Monica Meredith

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Jan 7
Between services

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo — Jan 24 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — Jan 31 — 7 PM

Nesbit Lectureship — Jan 26 – 28

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 24

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Chris Martin
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Wilkes II
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Assist	Kevin Dixon
	John Wofford
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Billy Bland
Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Sermon	Billy Bland
Lord's Supper	Tim Wilkes II
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Wednesday, December 27

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jared Brown
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Meredith

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	Andy & Molly Ratliff