

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: **51**
Contribution: \$ 2123.00
Weekly Budget: \$ **2854.00**

Thought For The Day

"Our attitudes are a direct
result of what we are thinking."

Church of Christ of Venice

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MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Marty Wingo
Songs: Tim Simmons
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Joe Austin

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell
Songs: Tim Simmons
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Delbert Leavens

COMMUNION

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The Great Hypocrisy ... Alcohol

Tom Moore

Hypocrisy, as defined by Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, means "a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; especially the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion." We are living in a time in which our society involves themselves in hypocrisy almost as often as they take a breathe of air.

Many "claim" to be concerned about moral issues, and yet, other moral issues of equal or more importance are viewed as unimportant. For example, "Save the whales," or, "Save the condors," have been screamed for years by the animal activists, and yet, many of these have no problem with the murder of unborn children through abortion. Friends, this is hypocrisy!

Another hypocrisy that is viewed on television by nearly every American on a daily basis is alcohol commercials. Several years ago a law was passed that made it illegal to advertise tobacco on television because the Surgeon General said smoking was

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a nursery available at the rear of the auditorium. Bible classes for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

Elders
Delbert Leavens
Wayne Vowell
Ted Wheeler

Minister
Ted Wheeler

Sunday Services
Bible Study-10:00 am
Worship-11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday
Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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hazardous to one's health. I believe that to be a good law! But the hypocrisy is seen every time an alcohol commercial is aired on the television. Alcohol has done far more damage to individuals and our society than tobacco could ever begin to do. But what do we see on television everyday? You got it - alcohol commercials!

To bring this hypocrisy even clearer in our minds, carefully consider the following facts concerning the evils of alcohol (the following are 1993 statistics - and we know things have not improved).

- ∩ Nation-wide there are 97,000 alcohol-related deaths each year, That is almost 8,125 every month!
- ∩ About three out of ten traffic deaths are related to alcohol.
- ∩ More that three out of ten homicides, suicides, fire and drownings are alcohol related.
- ∩ Alcohol is a factor in more than 50% of all violent crimes and 40% of all property crimes in the United States.
- ∩ There are 18 million "problem drinkers" in the United States. That is roughly the population of the state of New York.
- ∩ Alcohol is the #1 killer drug in America.
- ∩ Our greatest drug problem is alcohol.
- ∩ Because of alcohol, over \$117 billion is lost each year in industry because of loss of time, cost of treatment and other business related problems.
- ∩ In Texas alone, the cost of alcohol related problems is \$629 per person, per year - enough to build and maintain 2,500 schools.
- ∩ About 50,000 babies are born every year with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a disease causing retardation, deformity and genetic disorder.
- ∩ Evidence has shown that even casual social drinking causes birth defects, Alcohol Organic Brain Syndrome, peptic ulcers and heart muscle damage. These problems tend to be permanent - even for the casual drinker.
- ∩ Because of a genetic "predisposition" to alcohol problems, many become addicted by consuming only minimal amounts of beer or wine.

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- ∩ Alcohol is the number one killer among teenagers.
- ∩ The Center for Science in the Public Interest estimates that children see 90,000 incidents of drinking on television by the age of 21.
- ∩ Because of alcohol, the only age group in the United States that has gained in life expectancy is 15 to 24 years old. Their death rate is now higher than it was 20 years ago.
- ∩ Next to heart disease and cancer, alcohol is the #1 killer in the United States.

The GREAT HYPOCRISY! Need I say more?

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— THANKS FOR THE HELP —



A preacher was suddenly called out of town and he asked the new youth minister to conduct services on Sunday. When he returned, he asked his wife how the young man had done. *"Not so well,"* she reported. *"It was the poorest sermon I had ever heard--nothing to it at all."*

Meeting the youth minister later, the preacher asked him how he had managed. *"Pretty good, I guess,"* replied the young man. *"As I did not have time to prepare anything myself, I just used one of your sermons."*

Remember in Prayer

VALERIE FINLEY
NITA BRAGA
PATRICIA SMITH
FRANCIE LEAVENS
DORIS WHITE
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
FRANK SMALL
IVA & LEM TURNER
PATRICIA FORD
JEANETTE THOMPSON

TODAY'S SERMONS

Last Words
Acts 1: 1-11

Beware of False Prophets
Matthew 7: 15-20

"No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich or poor according to what he is, not according to what he has."
Beecher

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Aug 17: Movie @ 6:30 pm
- ✓ Aug 24: Barbeque Cookout @ 4:00 pm.
- ✓ Aug 26: Song Service @ 6:00 pm
- ✓ Sep 2: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Sep 30: Song Service @ 6:00 pm