

Happy Anniversary

April 1st
Calvin & Tammy Burks
April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall

Dates to Remember

March 26th
Fellowship Meal
April 2nd
Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Dennis Sheldon March 30th
Doug Pruett April 1st
Steve Sugg April 6th
Emma Lee Burks April 28th
Connie Mallett April 30th

The Evant church of Christ has sent \$3000 to Canadian church of Christ to assist with the fires in the pan-handle & the church sent \$200 to Benard in Kenya for food for the week long Preaching School .

News from Kenya

Dear brothers, I
It is with good pleasure to give thanks to God for the great work which has been going on here. Last week but one we had two gospel meetings in Rift Valley and the two gospel meetings Tendonok and Sugutek ended up with six restorations, as well as Bomet school of preaching students were in class for a week. This week three gospel meetings, Nyabigena (Kisii), Eastside (Nakuru Rift Valley), Port Victoria (Busia Western Kenya) has been going on and so far, four baptisms at Nyabigena and one baptism at Port.
Brothers thanks for standing with us in the Lord's work and may you all be blessed.
In His love and care,
Benard and Dorothy Kagaga.



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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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The Value of Taking a Drink

by Kent Heaton

Alcohol has always been a demon that plagues man with its sparkle and alluring appeal to the desires of the flesh. Noah planted a vineyard and “*drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent*” ([Genesis 9:21](#)). The children of Israel did not take long to fall head-long into licentiousness at Mt. Sinai with their debauchery (Exodus 32). King David tried to cover his own sin with Bathsheba by bringing Uriah home from the war and getting him drunk; supposing Uriah would go home and sleep with Bathsheba ([II Samuel 11:12,13](#)). David sinned when he got Uriah drunk ([Habakkuk 2:15](#)). King Elah was killed by Zimri because he was drunk ([I Kings 16:8,10](#)). Countless lives have been destroyed because of alcohol.

The Lord said in [Proverbs 20:1](#) – “*Wine is a mocker, intoxicating drink arouses brawling, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.*” Alcohol has an appeal that is only a veneer hiding pain and sorrow. The wise man suggested that those who linger at the wine are not wise. Drinking wine and intoxicating drink is stupid. The value of drinking means a person has become very dull in their minds, insensible, senseless and wanting in understanding. King Lemuel’s mother instructed him that drinking is not for kings nor princes “*lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted*” ([Proverbs 31:4,5](#)). If you want to die – drink ([Proverbs 31:6,7](#)).

The value of drinking is found in the pleasure afterwards. “*So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Drink and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more ... Make him drunk ... wallow in his vomit*” ([Jeremiah 25:27; 48:26](#)). Sounds exciting don’t it? That is a wonderful picture of a Christian seeking to let Christ shine in their lives. The character of a child of God does not fit with drinking. We are commanded to “*not be drunk with wine, in which is excess, but be filled with the Spirit*” ([Ephesians 5:18](#)). Christians who drink grieve the Holy Spirit (and you really do not want to grieve the Holy Spirit – [Ephesians 4:30](#)).

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Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett (FV) Calvin Burks

(O) Vernon Houts (A) Jack Wall

1st prayer Keith Stifflemire

2nd prayer Kyle Stifflemire

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List:

Naomi Wall

Letha Sheldon

Mildred Lovell

Janese Lancaster

Ruby Jones

Loyd Crownover

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personal

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Some Christians defend “social drinking” on the basis that the Lord condemns drunkenness and as long as they do not get drunk, they are pleasing God. Drunkenness is a sin and condemned by God ([Galatians 5:21](#); [1 Corinthians 5:1](#); [Romans 13:13](#)). Taking a drink of alcohol is not sinful as it can be used for the “stomach’s sake” ([I Timothy 5:23](#)). Social drinking is not medicinal; it’s social. The reasons given for social drinking will also apply to social fornication – better known as “petting.” As long as I do not commit the act of fornication, I can do whatever I want? God forbid! “*For let fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness not be once named among you, as becomes saints ... no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous one (who is an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God*” ([Ephesians 5:3-5](#)).

The value of drinking is rooted in the desires of the flesh and these desires make one an enemy of God ([1 John 2:15-17](#)). “*They who are in the flesh cannot please God*” ([Romans 8:8](#)). Christians walk in such a manner to “please God” ([1 Thessalonians 4:1](#)). The soul that lingers long at the wine, going in search of mixed wine when it is red and sparkles in the cup will only find the bite of the serpent, the sting of the viper among many woes, sorrows, contentions, complaints and wounds without cause ([Proverbs 23:29-35](#)). It is hard enough to fight sin sober; why do you compromise your soul?