

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for November, 2009

The Lord's Supper

John Frost / Reed Kilcrease / Jonathon Welch / Steven Frost

Announcements

Frankie Sims

Building Duties

Darrin Sanders

Greeters

Bob Williams
Charles Compton

Nursing Home Duties

Ross Sanders
Russ Kilcrease

Lord's Supper Preparation

Traci Sanders

Scripture Reading

Andrew Moorer

Privileged to Serve on November 29, 2009

Morning Prayer

Sam Sanders (opening)
Rodney McCartha (closing)

Evening Prayer

John Frost (opening)
Steven Frost (closing)

Song Leader

Darrin Sanders

A/V Equipment

Zach Wilson

If you are unable to serve, please contact John Frost – 429-1114
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



**Minister
Keith Dixon**

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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CONFUSING MESSAGES

The advertising industry is a big and a powerful industry. There are many proofs of this. Take for example the slogans of many products. Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, is the product line for Alka-Seltzer. "You deserve a break today" is one from a food franchise. "You can have it your way" is another one from the food industry. There are other slogans that you can think of which show how powerful this method of business is. There are some well-meaning but confusing messages that have been produced by these same people. Let us consider some of these messages.

1. Drink responsibly. Is this even possible? A person loses his sense of responsibility when he drinks. Yet, this is the message given in advertisements regularly seen on television. When recommending that a person drink moderately, or responsibly, is still a recommendation for that person to drink. There are certain people that will not inherit the kingdom of heaven, one of them is a drunkard (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21). But a person may ask the question, "but they are not drunk, only drink responsibly." How many drinks does it take to affect one's thinking? Who is going to be the judge of this? Are you or is God? Whom will you face on Judgment Day? What standard will He use? Notice what the Wise man said, "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, 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). "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

How can one be demonstrating responsibility when he is purposely consuming a beverage specifically designed to rob him of his good senses?

2. Don't drink and drive. This is a slogan widely heard during times of pervasive imbibing, such as the holiday season and the high school prom season. Most of those who drink during prom season are underage. How and where do they get this type of beverage? From their friends? From their parents? In either case the law of the land is broken. Yet most parents think nothing of providing them with this kind of drink, yet will cry to the high heavens when something happens to their innocent (?) child.

However, is it acceptable for one to drink as long as he does not take the wheel of an automobile? This slogan gives the idea that as long as someone has a "designated driver," he then has license to designatedly drink himself into oblivion. Drinking without driving can be just as injurious to one's health, not to mention one's spiritual well-being. The passages mentioned above will be applicable to this section as well. Alcohol will still bite like a snake. Alcohol will make one say stupid stuff. It will still make you stagger and fall just like the Wise man said. And remember that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. Many a man would argue this point but the Bible is still true. They cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

There are other cute catch phrases that advertise other products that the advertising industry has come up with. Do we as a Christian need to consume any of these products? No, we do not. Let us think about these things.

Love, Keith



In Our Prayers

- Alan Bagents – improving
- Shelley Baker –diagnosed with MS
- Gaye Beasley- back in worship following surgery!
- Lynn Beasley – chemotherapy
- Ole Dahle – recovering from hip surgery
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Tracy Holzmon – high risk pregnancy
- Shirley Ivy – pancreatic cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Lucy Kilpatrick–back in worship following surgery!
- Chris Kyser – health problems
- Ray Langford – heart surgery on 11-18-09
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Dickie Sims –physical therapy
- Weaver Robinson – health problems

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall Allene Mount Edwina Rolling

- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.

- Pray for soldiers overseas:

- Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Danyel and Derreck Wilson on the birth of Fenner Koa born 11-18-09. This is Darrin and Teresa Sanders' grandson.

Needed: 45 bottles of lotion and 25 bars of antibacterial soap to complete Christmas packages for the nursing home residents. **Need by the 1st Sunday in December.**

THE HOLY ALPHABET

A lthough things are not perfect
B ecause of trial or pain,
C ontinue in thanksgiving-
D o not begin to blame.
E ven when the times are hard-
Fierce winds are bound to blow.
G od is forever able-
H old on to what you know.
I magine life without His love.
J oy would cease to be.
K eep thanking Him for all things
L ove imparts to thee.
M ove out of "Camp Complaining."
N o weapon that is known
O n earth can yield the power
P raise can do alone.
Q uit looking to the future.
R edeem the time at hand.
S tart every day with worship
T o "thank" is a command.
U ntil we see Him coming
V ictorious in the sky,
W e'll run the race with gratitude
X alting God most high.
Y es, there'll be good times and some will be bad,
but,
Z ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

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