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Russian Bible Donation  
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Jail Ministry  
Television Commercial  
Annual Youth Campaign  
Home Bible Studies

**Benevolence:**

N. Ala. Christian Children's Home  
Disaster Relief  
Romanian Eye Glasses Donation  
Food Pantry

**Edification:**

Bible classes for all ages  
Shepherd's class  
W.IN.G.S. Ladies' Ministry  
Youth Group for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Vacation Bible School  
Focus Groups  
USM Christian Student Center  
Godz Girlz  
Monthly Men's Breakfast  
KneEmail  
5th Sunday Night Singing  
Gulf Coast Bible Camp

**July 12, 2009**

*"If a man has a soul, and he has, and if that soul can be won or lost for eternity, and it can, then the most important thing in the world is to bring a man to Jesus Christ."*



**Kensington Woods**

# **FAMILY TREE**

**KENSINGTON WOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST, (601) 264-2945**

## **Teachers Appreciation Banquet**

**Sunday  
July 19, 2009**

*After morning services!  
ALL TEACHERS!*



# Does John 2 Allow a Christian To Drink Alcoholic Beverages?

By Seth Sullivan

Many Christians are probably very knowledgeable of the story of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in John 2:1-10. This story is probably one of the most misunderstood and misrepresented stories in the whole of the Gospels.

There are a number of arguments made by social drinking advocates in regard to John 2:

1) They say, "Well, Jesus provided the wine so He doesn't care if Christians drink." 2) Advocates of drinking also argue that since the word "oinos" (Greek for "wine") is used that means the wine was an alcoholic beverage. 3) They argue that since the master of the banquet said the guests were "well drunk" means the crowd got intoxicated.

"The misunderstanding has arisen from imposing upon the ancient Greek text, and ancient Jewish habits of food and drink, and relying entirely upon the modern and Northern European concept that the word 'wine' always meant intoxicating liquor" (Ferrar Fenton, "The Bible And Wine," College Press Commentary: Paul's Letters to Timothy and Titus, 312).



In response to the social drinker I would like to note a few significant points. 1) Proclaiming the Lord drank at this feast is an ASSUMPTION. The text does not tell whether Jesus drank or not. 2) In the text, the word wine in Greek is "oinos" and by definition this is a generic word. Thus, the "wine" mentioned in John 2:10 can either be fermented or unfermented. The proper understanding is found through further examination of the text through the use of three methods: its contextual use, the culture influences at the time of the writing, and taking the passage and keeping it in harmony with God's word.

The Bible says in John 2:10 that "*at the beginning doth set forth good wine...*" (KJV). In Leviticus 2:11 Moses said that "*ye shall burn no leaven... in any offering of the Lord made by fire.*" This signifies that God would not accept anything fermented or leavened.

In Numbers 18:12 we read, "*All the best of the oil, and all the BEST of the wine, and of the wheat, the first fruits of them which they shall offer unto the Lord.*" God wanted the best, what had not already decayed (like fermented alcohol). The Lord did not want any leavened or fermented offerings in His Temple. He also forbade the priests from consuming any alcoholic beverages (Lev. 10:8-11; cf. I Peter 2:5, 9).

What is "good wine" as mentioned in John 2:10? A. Barnes said "We use the phrase to denote that it is good in proportion to its strength, and its power to intoxicate. But no such sense is to be attached to the word here" (Commentary on Luke-John, Vol 2, 197).

This "good wine" is the grape juice fresh out of the winepress (cf. Lev. 2:11; Num. 18:12). It was the "good wine" that was used as an offering to God (Deut. 14:23; 12:17, 18; Ex. 29:40; Lev. 23:13; Num. 15:5, 7, 10). Thus, the wine used at the wedding feast was UNFERMENTED because it was "good wine"!

Pliny records that "when the grape juice was boiled to one-third of its bulk, to secure the finest flavor - that is to be made into good wine - it was called SAPA, from which our word 'savory', delicious in taste, is derived. To give SAPA its sweet taste and flavor, herbs and spices were added as it boiled. "Such was the 'best wine' of the ancients, the sweetest and nicest flavored to the taste - not as we imagine and mean the most intoxicating, when we speak of the 'best wine'."

John Kachelman, a gospel preacher, confirms the expression "well drunk" isn't indicating intoxication. "The verb *methusko* in John 2:10 is used in the sense of satiation. It simply refers to the large quantity of wine generally consumed at a feast. It simply means that there was plenty of available grape juice for the crowd! Thus used there is no reference to any intoxicating effects of this 'wine' that Christ provided!"

Using simple reasoning one is able to understand this was not referring to alcoholic wine. Christ would not do contrary to God's will and offer alcoholic "bad wine" which is the cause of intoxication, violence and woe (Gen. 9:21; I Cor. 6:10; Prov. 4:17; 23:29, 30; Rom. 13:13). It is not the ABUSE of the substance but the USE of the substance that is sinful!

# News & Notes



## Remember in Prayer:

- ~ Richard Stickroth is at home under hospice care.
- ~ Christina Overstreet is awaiting test results on an MRI.
- ~ Ken Renfroe was hospitalized this week at FGH due to dehydration.
- ~ Sandra Johnson is hospitalized at FGH in room # 8809 due to breathing problems.
- ~ Jerry Barnes had gall bladder surgery at FGH.
- ~ Shakira Mays, Vicky Waldrop's co-worker's daughter, was injured with a gunshot to the brain, and is hospitalized in Jackson in critical condition.
- ~ Gary Krantz, friend of the Richey's, is in the hospital in critical condition with a blood clot in his lungs.
- ~ Ronnie Cranfield, former KW member from Nashville had major heart surgery this week.
- ~ Phillip Madden will possibly have to stay another three months in Iraq. Please pray for a Unit to relieve his so that he may return home.
- ~ Scott Howell has returned to Fort Bragg, and will leave for Afghanistan on Friday.
- ~ Bobby Lammers has been deployed to Afghanistan.

## Also Remember:

Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Grady and Maxine Knotts, Dorothy and Earl Bloinger, Haze and Ed Lincoln, Ruth Counts, Phyllis Chapin, Jonell Rake, Hannah Duke, Rachel Barsweski, Pam Anderson, Louise Jenkins, Dallas Sparks, Sylvia Madden, Tom Smithmier, Danny Edmonds, Sam Barham, Earline Calendar, Inez Trigg, Keenan Thompson, Reynolds Family

## Birthdays

- Malcolm Berch - July 9
- Ron Montgomery - July 9
- Angela Banks - July 10
- Jolee Russell - July 12
- Carolyn Loyd - July 14
- Sylvia Madden - July 15



## Anniversaries

- Jessie and Emma Pope - July 9
- Robert and Carol Lammers - July 10
- Alexander and Rosemary Myers - July 12
- Hollis and Frances Hall - July 13

**Focus Group 1 (Smithmier / Richey)...** will meet Saturday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Kamper Park Zoo (Pavilion 2).

**Focus Group 4 (Overstreet / Rake)...** has been cancelled on Saturday, July 11.

**Wedding Showers:** A wedding shower will be held for L.C. and Teresa Barlow on Sunday, July 12 after evening services in the fellowship hall. They were married on March 16, 2009. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Bed Bath and Beyond under the names Lawrence Barlow or Teresa Eich. Everyone is invited!

A wedding shower will be held for Tyler Berch and Sheena Williams on Wednesday, July 22 after evening services in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Belk. Everyone is invited!

**Teacher Appreciation Banquet:** The banquet is scheduled for Sunday, July 19 after morning services in the fellowship hall. All teachers, please attend this banquet in your honor!

**Focus Group Leader Needed:** We need another Focus Group leader to help with the upcoming re-organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to Steve Midgette.

**Local Congregational Events:** For more information on local congregational events such as gospel meetings, ladies' days, summer series, and song services, please refer to the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**Healing Hearts Class:** Mike Benson is teaching a class to help brethren deal with grief. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

**KW News Line:** To better communicate news to the KW congregation we have set up an additional extension to our phone. Please call 601-264-2945 after 5:00 p.m. and at the end of the voice mail instructions, press ext. 16 to hear news and updates. On Fridays the *Privileged to Serve line-up* will be available.

**Gulf Coast Bible Camp...** July 12-17. Please keep our campers and counselors in your prayers.

**Special Thanks:** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we want to say thank you for all our beautiful anniversary cards and well wishes. We had a beautiful 50th wedding anniversary celebration, and you made it even better by helping us celebrate. In Christian Love, Charles and Gail Coulter.

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*Wedding Invitation*

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*You are invited to the wedding of Sheena Marie Williams and Tyler Robertson Berch on Saturday, August 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Mt. Olive, MS. Reception following in the church fellowship hall.*

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## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

Week Beginning, **July 12, 2009**

**Coordinator: Robby Moorer (601-577-2115)**

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

**Announcements: Brian Anderson**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**Song Leader:** Duane Richey

**Opening Prayer:** Don Rake

**Lord's Supper: (Presiding)** Chip Hill

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| 1. George Underwood   | 5. Steven Coy         |
| 2. Justin Stoll       | 6. Tawaski Carter     |
| 3. Richard Jones, Jr. | 7. Carl Carlisle      |
| 4. Bradley Anderson   | 8. Herndon Richardson |

**Closing Prayer:** George Underwood

**Attendance Cards:** Reggie Neel

**Communion (July):** Kim Anderson & Jolee Russell

**Nursery:** July 12: Cecile Dunn and Kathy Montgomery  
July 19: Lori and Beth Ford

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Duane Richey

**Opening Prayer:** Paul Stafford

**Lord's Supper:**

1. George Underwood
2. Justin Stoll

**Closing Prayer:** Justin Stoll

**Count Contribution:** Moorer / Jones

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Tyler Anderson

**Prayer:** Steven Coy

### **ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**July 5, 2009**

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	200	126	139
<b>Morning Worship</b>	275	183	214
<b>Evening Worship</b>	200	120	137
<b>Wednesday (7/1)</b>	200	139	151
<b>Contribution</b>	\$8,000	\$8,241	\$8,265

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### **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday:** Prayer 8:30 a.m. • Bible Class 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. • **Wednesday:** Bible class 7 p.m. • Ladies Bible Class: 7 p.m.