

Oologah Informer

Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma
February 5, 2012

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Meeting Place:

Hwy 169
South of Oologah

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 pm

E_vangelist:

Vance Smith

TV Programs :

Sunday 7:30 am
SEARCH Program (TV
47/Cable 7)

Website:

www.oologahcofc.org

Beverage Alcohol

Advocacy for Alcohol Rebutted Part 1

By Louis Rushmore

Amusingly, some passionate proponents of alcoholic beverages audaciously assert that all references to "wine" in the Bible pertain to an intoxicating drink. Of course, irrespective of the political or social mood of America, the Bible is not in any real sense subject to contemporary interpretation. Unlike a dictionary, the meanings of biblical words are changeless and are not dependent upon current usage for their definitions.

General Appeal to the Bible

Starting in 1820 there was a growing movement to outlaw alcohol. Over the next 100 years, these 'Drys' as they were called, were to have a huge effect. In 1880, Kansas became the first dry state. Text books, and even literature, had the mention of wine and alcohol removed from them, nationwide. The Bible, with its many mentions of wine, was a

problem, so a campaign was started to convince people that the wine of the Bible was nothing more than grape juice. (Reiss)

To imagine that religious people would attempt, for whatever reason, to distort biblical information is to picture them at their worst. To suppose that generally religious people would heartily accept politically motivated distortion of biblical information is uncomplimentary toward religious people and our government. Such an accusation concurs nicely with efforts by even pious souls to champion beverage alcohol. However, in truth, it is utterly false that every reference to “wine” in the Bible refers to an alcoholic drink. It is true that sometimes the word “wine” is employed in Scripture for grape juice.

Political Issue

The reaction of Americans to prohibition, laws enacted by a benevolent government for its citizenry as current alcohol statistics underscore, was widely unpopular. Popular clamor for legal alcohol, of course, eventually toppled prohibition. During the interim, organized crime seized the moment and provided illegal beverages. The television show *The Untouchables* glamorized and chronicled these years. Still others sought loopholes in prohibition laws.

In 1920 the Volstead Act and the 18th Amendment, outlawed wine and all alcohol in the United States. Or did it? A small loophole was found in the act, one that was meant to appease the Virginia apple farmers, so that they could continue to make cider. It allowed people to make “nonintoxicating cider and fruit juices exclusively for the use in the home,” and not just a little either, 200 gallons a year! The grape growers, who had started to rip out their vineyards, saw a light at the end of the tunnel, and they began to sell ‘juice grapes’ like wild fire. ...Making your own, was not the only way to get wine. Medicinal ‘wine tonics’ were available without a prescription, and it was

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NEWS & NOTES

Visitors

We would like to extend our welcome to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Also, please fill out a visitor's card located in the pew in front of you.

Please remember in your prayers:

Ed & Barbara Coats, Ruth Corbett, Allen & Joyce Cash, Mary Ann Haugh, Patrick Brown (cancer treatment), **Steven Andrews, Dan & Mary Ann Haugh's Granddaughter**, and our **military forces** throughout the world.

Second Sunday Fellowship

Please remember that next week is our monthly fellowship luncheon. Please feel free to stay even if you were not able to bring a dish.

Austin Lankford

Austin has undergone some tests this past week that have revealed that he has cancer. Please keep him and the Coats in your prayers.

Other News

Patty Payne has been recovering from a viral infection. Darla's sister, Emma and Ruth, have not been feeling well. Anthony Cherry, who Vance has been having a correspondence course with recently, has asked for prayers for his marriage.

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soon discovered that if refrigerated, the medicinal herbs would drop to the bottom leaving a palatable wine in the rest of the bottle. By far the most popular way to obtain wine, was as a religious sacrament. Since the Jewish faith called for the use of wine at home, Rabbis were allowed to buy wine for their congregations. Suddenly, everyone was a Rabbi, and the lists of congregations were often little more than a copy of the phone book, and Synagogues sprung up in extra bedrooms. (Reiss)

Calendar of Events

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Grace Babb's Birthday	10	11
12 Fellowship Luncheon Walter Jackson's Birthday	13 Glenn Carns' Birthday	14 Winkle's Anniversary	15	16	17	18 Food Pantry
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	Notes:		