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## **ALCOHOL POLICY**

### **Policy Statement:**

While there is no passage in the Scripture which forbids the consumption of alcoholic beverages, there are several passages forbidding drunkenness (Ephesians 5:18, 1 Corinthians 6:10, etc; also the message contained in 1 Corinthians 8, concerning the giving of offense to someone weaker in the faith.) As such, this policy is established in an attempt to provide due care without prohibiting what scripture does not prohibit.

There shall be no alcoholic beverages consumed, handled or stored on property owned or controlled by the church. This does not include the use of communion wine or sanitizing alcohol used for the worship services. Also, it does not apply to any portion of the property used as a private residence.

Organizations of the church may be involved in situations where alcoholic beverages are served provided the event:

1. Occurs away from the church premises
2. Does not cast an adverse reflection upon the church (determined by the Board of Elders)
3. Church organization does not provide alcoholic beverage

Such organizations should provide safeguards to avoid over consumption, consumption by minors, and other offensive conditions.