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Center Point Baptist Church  
Church Covenant: Use of Alcohol  
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- I. What does the Bible say about alcoholic drinking
  - Proverbs 20:1
  - Proverbs 23:20-21
  - Proverbs 23:29-35
  - Romans 13:13
  - 1 Corinthians 5:11
  - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
  - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
  - Galatians 3:19-21
  
- II. Is the Bible consistent about strong drinks and drunkenness?
  - A. Wine normally drank in Biblical times.
  - B. The Bible definitely warns against it when it has strong alcoholic content.
  - C. Many wines of today are kept 15, 20 or 30 years before marketed.
  - D. Many of the other alcoholic drinks are much stronger.
  - E. Alcoholic drinks are a drug and can become very addictive
    1. Can be used medically for some illnesses
    2. Used in excess or continued use can alter the mind-personality and physical abilities
    3. Stages of drunkenness
      - a. 1 part to every 1000 parts blood – slowness in speech and coordination
      - b. 2 parts to every 1000 parts of blood – staggering and difficulty putting key in the door
      - c. 3 parts to every 1000 parts of blood and you pass out – It effects not only your brain but your ability to breathe
      - d. Results I saw at my 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion of the happy hour before our Banquet.
  
- III. Why do Baptists take the stand against the use of alcohol as a beverage or the sale of it?
  - A. It is not wise to take the risk – refer to the Proverb Passages
  - B. Will destroy individuals – Illustrations
  - C. Will destroy families – Illustrations

- D. Defiles the temple of God
- E. It is a big problem in our society today. Illustrations – Elgin Hospital-  
Madison Heights Police Officer
- F. Everyone says to themselves but that won't be me but how often is it
- G. It is not worth the misery
- H. It is not worth your soul