



But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good.

2 Thessalonians 3:13
(NKJV)

2014 Legislative Session Set to Begin January 14th

MONTGOMERY—The 2014 Alabama Legislative Session is set to begin on Tuesday, January 14. A recently released calendar reflects an ending date of April 7, allowing plenty of time for incumbents to get home in time to campaign for the June 2014 Primary Elections.

A number of bills that ALCAP will be monitoring have already been pre-filed. For example, House Bill 3 (HB3), sponsored by Rep. Becky Nordgren (R-Gadsden), would allow in-state wine manufacturers to open satellite tasting rooms and set up booths at special events where their wines could be consumed. If passed, this bill

would circumvent the 3-tier system, which was put into place after the repeal of Prohibition. It could lead to higher levels of consumption of alcohol and would be difficult to monitor under-age drinking.

Another bill ALCAP will be monitoring is HB40, sponsored by Rep. Patricia Todd (D-Birmingham). This bill calls for a repeal of the Sanctity of Marriage Amendment, which was overwhelmingly passed by 81% of the people of Alabama in 2006.

Senate Bill 38 (SB38), sponsored by Sen. Dick Brewbaker (R-Montgomery), would protect private and

church-related schools from possible Alabama Department of Education interference and regulations. This is in response to the Alabama Department of Education's attempt, during the summer, to pass regulations that would have infringed on the constitutional rights of some private and church schools.

For up-to-the-minute notifications during the 2014 Legislative Session, follow us on Twitter and sign up to receive our "ALCAP Alerts!" via email at our website (www.alcap.com).

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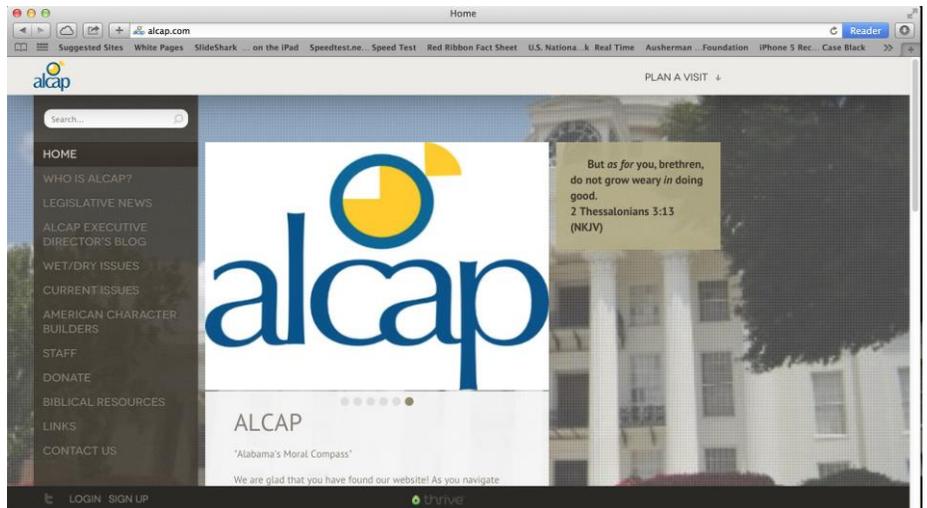
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WHO WE ARE:

The Alabama Citizens Action Program (ALCAP), originally founded in 1937 as the Alabama Temperance Alliance, serves together with local churches as Alabama's "moral compass." This ministry provides an outlet for churches throughout Alabama to fulfill God's command to His followers to be "salt & light" in our culture." (Matthew 5:13-16)

In 2010, ALCAP became a 501c4 organization (non-profit, but NOT tax-deductible) and renamed its school program, "American Character Builders," a 501c3 organization (non-profit AND tax-deductible), having its own separate Board of Directors.

Churches are encouraged to support ALCAP, while individuals are encouraged to support American Character Builders with their financial contributions and prayers.



"New & improved" ALCAP website now online

ALCAP recently renovated its website using Axletree Media's improved navigation tools and designs. The new website, like our old website, contains a wealth of information that has been used by counties and communities, not only in Alabama, but from as far away as Texas and Kentucky. The difference is in the look and in the ease of navigating through the data and information that is provided. In addition to finding information about ALCAP's history, you will find up-to-date articles related to issues confronting our culture and society. You will also find links to other websites and the resources they provide.

ALCAP.com is a great depository of statistics and information that

can be used by pastors and Bible study teachers to illustrate or support biblical principles and truths.

Check out our new website and sign up to receive email alerts and/or tweets, especially during the annual Alabama Legislative Session. Browse through the articles on the "Current Issues" page and follow the links to find other great resources. You will especially want to link to our **American Character Builders** website...

www.AmericanCharacterBuilders.org

Here you can learn about our school programs and how you can use these quality programs to reach students and their families for Christ.



Under Age, Under Arrest: ABC Board warns McAdory students about dangers of drinking

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MCCALLA, Alabama - Don't drink under age. Don't drink and drive. Best yet, don't drink at all.

That was the message given Tuesday morning to juniors and seniors at McAdory High School as The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board continued its new public awareness campaign called, "Under Age, Under Arrest" to fight underage and binge drinking. "We felt like we needed to get the message out to young people," said ABC administrator Mac Gipson. "I've had some concerns since I've been administrator with some of the binge drinking situations, especially at the university campuses."

"There is no better time to catch them than now, when they're experimenting," he said. "We want to at least try to avoid the situation they get into in college when they get set free."

The campaign includes public service announcements and programs at high schools and colleges. The first presentation

was made Nov. 6 at Prattville High School.

Each year, about 5,000 people under the age of 21 die as a result of under age drinking. That includes deaths from drunk driving, other accidents, homicides, suicides and alcohol poisoning. More than 190,000 people under the age of 21 are sent to emergency rooms for alcohol-related injuries.

Gipson and ABC also shared other statistics:

- 1,825 college students die each year from alcohol-related injuries.
- Nearly 600,000 college students are injured each year while under the influence of alcohol.
- Nearly 700,000 students are assaulted annually by someone who has been drinking.
- Nearly 100,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date each year.
- Alcohol is involved in 95 percent of all violent crimes on college campuses.
- More than 3 million students drove under the influence of alcohol.

"Click It or Ticket is rather mild. Our's is *Under Age, Under Arrest*," Gipson said, "and we mean it."

During the hour-long program, students heard from Law Enforcement, school administrators and victims of drunk driving accidents, including Joyce Jones, who lost her 19-year-old son 20 years ago when he was hit and killed by a drunk driver.

Alabama Citizens Action Program Executive Director Joe Godfrey warned students of the dangers of alcohol.

Gipson also said the program also emphasizes it is a crime to buy alcohol for underage drinkers. "What a lot don't know is it's a felony," he said. "Even for parents."

Sydney Jones, a junior, said she thought the program was informative. "I don't drink, but it was eye-opening for people who do," she said. "It scares you. I think they listened, definitely."

ALCAP's part in the "Under Age, Under Arrest" Campaign included the following four points:

- 1) **Alcohol is an addictive and mind-altering drug.** An individual will not become addicted to alcohol if he/she never drinks at all.
- 2) **Alcohol kills.** It is the 3rd leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, GA.
- 3) **Alcohol costs money.** According to a 2006 study by the CDC, approximately \$223.5 billion is spent annually on alcohol-related problems in America.
- 4) **Alcohol can lead to violence.** Under the influence of alcohol, people do things they ordinarily would never do. And they don't perform well in school, work or athletics either. Alcohol brings out the worst in you, not the best.

This article describes ALCAP's involvement with the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's new initiative, "Under Age, Under Arrest." Before agreeing to participate, ALCAP was assured that we could stand for total abstinence as the only real solution to alcohol abuse since alcohol is an addictive and mind-altering drug.

The Dan Ireland Salt & Light Award Established by ALCAP

At the ALCAP Annual Board Meeting in March 2013, the Board presented Dr. Dan Ireland with the first "Salt & Light Award," and voted unanimously to name the annual award, "The Dan Ireland Salt & Light Award." The award is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated through their actions and involvement within a cultural or societal arena, obedience to Christ's command to be "salt & light." (Matthew 5:13-16)

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2014 award, please contact Cheryl Corley at ccorley@alcap.com, call us at 205.985.9062 or mail us at 2376 Lakeside Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244. Include a statement about why you feel this person would be deserving of this award and include your contact information, as well as your nominee's.

Pray for ALCAP & American Character Builders this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year. If you would like to make a year-end contribution, individuals who want tax deductions are encouraged to make checks payable to American Character Builders. Churches are encouraged to make checks payable to ALCAP.

Thank you for your continued support, and MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR from everyone at ALCAP & American Character Builders!

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NKJV)



Energy drinks, alcohol don't mix, study finds

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STATE COLLEGE — Vodka Red Bulls and Jäger Bombs, enjoying a recent spurt in popularity, can cause strokes, alcohol poisoning and other health problems, experts at Penn State and the University of Michigan found.

Manufacturing highly caffeinated alcoholic beverages is banned in the United States because the popular Four Loko caused dozens of alcohol-related illnesses, but that doesn't stop teens and young adults from mixing or ordering dangerous cocktails.

And it's not just these fizzy concoctions stirring up trouble.

Lead author Megan Patrick, a researcher with Michigan's Institute for Social Research, said simply drinking an energy drink the same day as alcohol is a recipe for health risks.

"The message here is that consuming alcohol and energy drinks on the same day is associated with more serious alcohol consequences," she said. "These drinks don't have to be combined in the same glass in order to have overlapping effects on a person's body."

The study, conducted by Patrick and Jennifer Maggs of Penn State, was published in the Journal of Adolescent Health. According to the research, health implications include blacking out and suffering from alcohol

poisoning. The practice can expose communities to individuals who are "wide awake drunk."

"People who consume energy drinks and alcohol are combining the stimulant effects of caffeine and the depressant effects of alcohol," Patrick said. "This combination can make people feel less drunk, when they are actually just as impaired. This can have serious potential health impacts — for example, if people don't realize how intoxicated they actually are and decide to drive home."

For the entire story, visit...

<http://triblive.com/mobile/5186980-96/alcohol-energy-drinks>