#### New Bethel Christian Life Commission Report – February 2010

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#### Quote of Day

# "Love sees with compassion and enters into the situation of the persons in bondage."

Glen H. Stassen & David P. Gushee, *Kingdom Ethics—Following Jesus in Contemporary Context* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003; 538p.), 334.

#### Alcohol and Your Church

In Tyler County, an effort is afoot again to legalize the sale of alcohol. Are you for or against that? Your voice matters. While I could have placed a significant article here, and ask the association again to write a letter of support *or* publish in the local Tyler County Booster a couple of paragraphs on behalf of the Association – my encouragement is that some one has the courage to make such a motion. So, please, make a motion for the preservation of our Tyler County values and in opposition to alcohol sale – on behalf of the New Bethel churches, listing the churches.

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## Thought for the Month February 11 - God's Love Has No Limits

*The Beloved Works of C. S. Lewis*, Four Volumes in One (Grand Rapids, MI: Family Christian Library, 1986; 523p.), 316-17.

"The doctrine of the Incarnation would conflict with what we know of this vast universe only if we knew also that there were other rational species in it who had, like us, fallen, and who needed redemption in the same mode, and that they had not been vouchsafed it. But we know none of these things. It may be full of life that needs no redemption. It may be full of life that has been redeemed. It may be full of things quite other than life which satisfy the Divine Wisdom in fashions one cannot conceive. We are in no position to draw up maps of God's psychology, and prescribe limits to His interests. We would not do so even for a man whom we knew to be greater than ourselves. The doctrines that God is Love and that He delights in men, are positive doctrines, not limiting doctrines. He is not less than this. What more He may be, we do not know; we know only that He must be more than we can conceive. It is to be expected that His creation should be, in the main, unintelligible to us."

### Happy Valentines Day

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