

ALCOHOL POLICY

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

The Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church recognizes the importance of responsible and controlled use of alcoholic beverages. The Chapel does not support overuse of alcohol that impairs God's gift of human capacities for clear, functional, and proper activities. The following policy applies to official church events, meetings, and social gatherings:

1. All applicable federal, state, and local laws concerning alcohol are to be obeyed.
2. Any served beverage containing alcohol shall be clearly labeled. Similarly, any served foods containing alcohol or cooked with alcohol shall be clearly labeled as such.
3. The use of alcohol is prohibited at all children and youth ministry sponsored events and programs. Under no circumstances may minors consume, sell, or distribute alcoholic beverages.
4. Responsible adults are to be in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages.
5. Drunkenness is inappropriate and unacceptable at church events. Distributing alcoholic beverages to those who are intoxicated is prohibited.
6. At no time shall anyone under the influence of alcohol serve as a liturgical leader during a worship service.
7. When alcoholic beverages are served, alternative, equally-attractive non-alcoholic beverages shall be made available and light food should be served.
8. At any official church meeting or function for which clear thinking and judgments are required, alcohol shall only be served, if at all, after the conclusion of the meeting.
9. Unless approved by the vestry for appropriate events such as wine tastings at Day in the Country, advertising alcohol in conjunction with church functions shall be prohibited.
10. Parishioners shall ensure proper conduct at each function and arrange for alternative transportation for those deemed unable to operate a vehicle safely.

Copies of this policy shall be given to sponsors of all church functions