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262,000,000 Americans Struggling with Addiction

The recent elections in this land focused on what politicians considered the worst problems in American. Their agenda was to say that they were the most qualified to deal with whatever problem they considered the most threatening. However, is it possible that all of them failed to see America's greatest problem might be the problem of addiction?

Think for a moment of the problem of alcohol addiction. It is estimated that there may be more than 16,000,000 Americans addicted to alcohol. It is not just a problem for the individual who is drinking, but his drinking affects those around him. Alcohol is a factor in 73% of all felonies, 73% of child beating cases, 41% of rapes, 81% of wife batterings, 72% of stabbings and 83% of homicides. One study showed that 50,000,000 Americans are impacted by the drinking of others.

Add to this that ever-increasing problem of drug addiction. The best estimates show that there are at least 7,000,000 drug addicts in our land and over 20,000,000 drug users. The World Health Organization report shows that Americans use more cocaine and marijuana than any nation on the earth. At least 16% of Americans will use cocaine in their lives as compared with the second leading nation, New Zealand, where 4% will use cocaine. This addiction to drugs is the underlying reason for so many crimes like thefts and robberies.

Look at the title of this article. The combined number of drug and alcohol addicts in this land is only slightly over 10% of the number of people in our land. Yet, the title shows that almost ninety percent are struggling with the problem of addiction. How are there 262,000,000 of the 325,000,000 Americans struggling? How can this be? What can this addiction possibly be?

Those who are mentally challenged and many young children are not part of this addiction. Remove them from the total population and that leaves 262 million who struggle with addiction. What is this addiction? It is the addiction to sin.

What must I do to be saved?
 Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Britt Brookshire
Song Leader:	John Anderson
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Lenny Freeze
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Tom May
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Billy Ellenburg
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Bobby Lankford
Nursery Attendant:	TBA

Building Lockup:	Guy Byrd
Announcements:	Guy Byrd
Door Greeters:	Guy and Carol Byrd
Count Contribution:	Harry Frye, John Anderson
Prepare Lord's Table:	Elaine Johnson
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	Steven Mozer, Bradley Speer, Tommy Smith, Joshua Speer
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Johnny Smith

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
Elders	
John Anderson	704.592.2266
Steve Short	704.872.5440
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Bradley Speer	704.876.6986
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Dave Wood	704.380.4437

Read these verses carefully. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved” (Rom. 3:23; 2 Pet. 2:19—New American Standard Version). Consider the power of sin. It holds the world in its grasp and only by the knowledge of the Lord can we escape it (2 Pet. 2:20). Sin reigns over us and has become our master (Rom. 6:12, 14). The very parts of our bodies become the instruments in this bondage (Rom. 6:13).

Wake up, America! We have an addiction problem that is far greater than the addiction of drugs and alcohol—sin. There is freedom in Christ for you, for me and for every addict! By: Dan Jenkins

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson, Bill Proctor and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Will Winchester, Betty Smith and Frank Shepherd.

- Mildred Phelps, Dollie Lankford's mother, fell last week and was admitted to Baptist Hospital. 758a Armour Tower.

- Donna Baysinger, Bobby Lankford's niece, is very bad health and is not expected to live.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 13: Ladies' class will meet at 6:30 P.M.

Feb. 16: Book of the month fellowship will meet at 6:30 P.M. We will be starting a new book in March if you would like to be a part of this study please let Dave know. The new book will be: The Heart of Isaiah by Frank Chesser.

Sermons:

A.M. - The Gift of Grace - Eph. 2:8-9;

P.M. - Powerful Tools - Matt. 22:37-40