Why do Mormons prohibit drinking alcohol?

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Are Mormons prohibited from drinking alcohol? My son is getting married soon and his fiance is Mormon. No one on the groom's side is Mormon, although he himself recently converted and is now a Mormon. He told me they will not allow anyone to drink at the wedding... Mormon or not! I'm surprised - I guess I need to know what kind of prohibition this is, and what is the reason for it.

Jesus was not against alcohol - he chose to make communion be bread and WINE - he could have chosen anything. His first miracle was to make more wine for a wedding feast where they had run out of wine. If the prohibition is for health reasons, then I think the bride & groom should allow guests to make their own choice on that, the same as they'll be allowing them to make their own choice about selecting a high-cholesterol meal, or stepping outside for a smoke. On the other hand, if the Mormon church teaches that it's morally abhorent to drink - in the category of, say, battering your spouse or abusing a child - I certainly can live with their ban on allowing it to take place at their reception.

So, I guess my question is, why is drinking banned, and what is the reason for it, and what is the Mormon attitude towards being in the company of family members who are drinking? thanks!