

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.
 Worship.....10:00 A.M.
 Training Class.....5:00 P.M.
 Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.



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Let's Get Together

by Dan Shipley

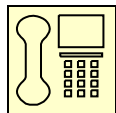
Maybe it is the fast pace of twenty-first century living; maybe it is too much TV, or it may be just plain indifference, but whatever the reason, it occurs to me that most Christians are not having enough personal contact with each other. Many rarely see their brethren except at Bible classes or worship. Surely we owe one another something more in this area—something more than our customary vestibule visiting and exchanging of parking-lot pleasantries; something more than a sort of in-passing relationship that is mainly church-building oriented. Must we become old, infirmed or unfaithful to warrant a visit from our brethren? Man is a social creature, ever subject to the influence of those about him. As evil companionships corrupt (1 Cor. 15:33), keeping good company can be profitable for all (1 Pet. 2:12; 3:1; Matt. 5:6), especially for Christians who will be what they ought to be to each other. And that simply means, “In love of the brethren be tenderly

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affectionate one to another; in honor preferring one another..." (Rom. 12:10).

Such love involves more than passive and partisan feelings toward other Christians. Christ alludes to deeper dimensions when he says, "even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (Jn. 13:34). His love for the disciples was made apparent it that it could be seen in what He did! So must ours. Such love is the mark of discipleship; its presence is observable and influential (Jn. 13:35). Therefore, the fullest expression of sincere and fervent love (1 Pet. 1:22) is impossible apart from some form of personal contact and association.

Consider, for instance, the admonition to "bear ye one another burdens" (Gal. 6:2). How does one bear who is not there? We may pray and sympathize from afar, but fulfilling the law of Christ in this area usually requires both heart and hand. Keeping in touch helps brethren to know when a helping hand is needed. But more than that, being together more means better communication between us; the kind in which we can confess our sins to one another (Jas. 5:16); the kind in which we can admonish, edify and exhort each other (Rom. 15:14; 14:19; Heb. 3:13). When the weak need to be encouraged (1 Thess. 5:14); when the sorrowed need to be comforted (1 Thess. 4:18), we need to be there. And even when there is no particular need evident, our being there may mean more than we know. We see the need for the elders to keep in close touch with the flock of their oversight. Without it they could not watch in behalf of the souls for which they shall give account (Heb. 13:17). But we also must see our personal opportunities to serve the King by serving even the least among our brethren

(Matt. 25:40) for we too must give account. Others cannot represent us in such service; we must be there.

Even if we cannot have the day-by-day association enjoyed by many of the early disciples, we can and ought to have more time for each other. So, let's get together—for a home Bible study, for a meal, for a pot-luck, for coffee or for just an old-fashion visit. For the sake of every benefit and blessing that can be given or received by kin in Christ being together, let's get together!

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Honor God

by Bryan Gibson

"Honor your father and mother" (Ephesians 6:2), yes, but first and foremost, honor God. Honor God by speaking to others about Him (Acts 4:18-20), by speaking only what He has revealed (John 7:14, 16-18; 8:28; 12:49-50; 14:24; 17:8), by obeying everything He commands (Matthew 28:20; Acts 3:22), by not defiling the temple in which He dwells (1 Corinthians 6:13-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8), by honoring others before yourself (Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3), by honoring those in authority (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17), by giving special honor to those who honor Him (Psalms 15:4; Philippians 2:29-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17), by avoiding things that even appear dishonorable (2 Corinthians 8:16-21); by confessing your sin—by saying He is right and you are wrong (Joshua 7:19).