

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:
 (temporary during pandemic)

Sunday
 Worship 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday:
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday:
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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The Majority View

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People can be blinded to the truth—the Bible says so. “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded...” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). See also John 12:39-40. A variety of factors contribute to this blindness, but let’s focus on just one in this article. Some are blinded to the truth by what we might call “the majority view”, or the “popular view.”

Sometimes, when presented with clear teaching from God’s word, people will respond with statements like these:

“That’s not what the majority of people believe.”

“That’s not what most commentators say about that passage.”

“How can that be right, when so few people believe it?”

“Most churches I know anything about don’t practice that.”

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Further adding to the confusion is that some religious groups actually take a vote on doctrinal matters.

What people often fail to understand is that people in the right have quite often been in the minority. Think about Noah, who in the midst of an ungodly generation, “walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). Think about Joshua and Caleb, two of the twelve sent to spy out the land of Canaan. They stood alone in their conviction that with God’s help they could conquer the promised land (Numbers 14:6-9). And then there is the plain teaching of Jesus in Matthew 7:13-14: “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are **many** who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few** who find it.” It just doesn’t make any sense to side with the majority, no questions asked. We’re looking for the truth, and so we can’t be too worried about who believes what.

God’s word says what it says, regardless of how few or how many believe it. If one teaches that baptism is for the remission of sins, that it is essential for salvation, he will not be popular—he will find himself in the minority. But God’s word still says it (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). The same is true for one who teaches that divorce is forbidden, except for the cause of sexual immorality. But that is exactly what Jesus said (Matthew 19:3-12). Those who would argue **against** women preachers don’t do much for their popularity, but God’s word still teaches against it. “And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in

silence” (1 Timothy 2:11-12). God grants her many opportunities to teach, but not where she is doing it “over a man.” More points could be added, but you can see where we’re going with this. We will forever be blinded to the truth if being popular with others is our main concern (John 5:44). Study God’s word diligently and carefully (Proverbs 2:1-5; 2 Timothy 2:15), looking for the truth and nothing but the truth. When you find it, hold fast to it (1 Thessalonians 5:21), and don’t be swayed by the “majority view.”



“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates **into the city**. **Outside** are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying” (Revelation 22:14-15).

Better to be on the outside **here** (in the minority) and be on the **INSIDE there**.