

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 Classes.....9 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Worship/Bible Study..5 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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Prayers for a Newborn Child

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Using a number of different Bible passages as our guide, here are some prayers that could be offered for a newborn child.

“God of all grace, for this child whom You have graciously given us, we give You thanks. Thank You for hearing and answering our prayers for a child” (Genesis 33:5; 1 Samuel 1:27).

“Our loving God, we thank You for the great joy this child has already given us, and may our joy increase more and more through the years as we see our child walking in the truth” (John 16:21; 3 John 1:4; Proverbs 23:24-25).

“Holy Father, help us as parents to develop the same purity and innocence, the same humble dependence our child possesses,



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because what we see in our child is what You want to see in us” (Matthew 18:3-4; 19:13-15).

“O righteous heavenly Father, help us to set the proper example for our child, to walk in all your commandments and ordinances blameless” (Luke 1:6).

“Our great and awesome God, who possesses infinite wisdom, it is not in us to know what’s best for our child, so please show us in Your word what we need to do to raise this child” (Jeremiah 10:23; Judges 13:8).

“God of heaven and earth, please help our child increase in stature and wisdom, and in favor first and foremost with You, but also with men” (Luke 2:52; 1 Samuel 2:26).

“Help us, Father, to give this child back to you, by teaching our child to become Your child, by instilling within this child the hope of eternity, the hope of one day being in Your very presence, to see You as You are” (1 Samuel 1:11; 1 John 3:1-3).

“Help us, eternal Father, to train this child in Your ways, to diligently teach our child the Scriptures from the very beginning, to mold our child into the image of your Son” (Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 3:15; Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13).

“Help us, Almighty God, to be firm in our discipline, to help our child learn respect for authority, obedience, and self-control; but keep us from being too impatient, too harsh, lest we discourage our child. Help us, please, to develop the proper balance” (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; Colossians 3:21).

“Father, we understand that friendships have the potential to make us or break us, so please help our child to choose wisely” (1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 13:20).



“It may be many years off, but faithful God, please help our child to find a faithful Christian to marry, someone equipped to help our child reach their full potential in the kingdom of God” (Ephesians 1:1; Acts 18:26).

Lessons from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Christians need to keep growing—“abound more and more” (v. 1); “increase more and more” (v. 10).

It is God’s will that we abstain from sexual immorality (v. 3), and any other form of uncleanness (v. 7).

Our bodies should not be controlled by lust, but by God’s will (vv. 4-5).

We must remember the very purpose for which we were called, and that is to be holy (v. 7).

When we reject the teachings of Paul, and any other New Testament apostle or prophet, we reject God (vv. 2-3, 8).

The Lord sees and avenges evil (v. 6).

As much as may love one another now, we need to “increase more and more” (vv. 9-10).

We should pay more attention to our own work, and less attention to the business of others (vv. 11-12).

Our reputation among those who are “outside” is very important (v. 12).

We should strive to provide for our own material needs (v. 12).