

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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**Living With an Awareness
 of God’s Presence**

by Bryan Gibson

This constant awareness of His presence—it sure does help us in our walk with Him, in many different ways (we’ll cover just a few).

It helps us to truly walk with God. “Enoch walked with God” (Genesis 5:24). Yes, this involves keeping God’s ways, walking in His commandments, but we’re not truly walking WITH HIM until we see “Him who is unseen” (Hebrews 11:27, NAS).

We’ll speak more about God, not just in formal “Bible discussions,” but also at work, at home, in all kinds of different situations (maybe like Boaz in Ruth 2:4). It’s hard to leave Him out of a conversation when we realize He’s always there.

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It's much easier to pray the way we're taught to pray—always, often, day and night, without ceasing (Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Timothy 1:3). We're much more likely to talk to Him when we see Him as our constant companion, a constant companion who is always ready to listen, whose “ears are open to [our] prayers” (1 Peter 3:12).

It's also easier to “give thanks always for all things” (Ephesians 5:20), when we realize the One in whose presence we live is the source of “every good gift and every perfect gift” (James 1:17).

It reduces the power of temptation, when we remember “all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account” (Hebrews 4:13; see also Job 31:4). But He's not there just to “catch us in the act.” He is there to “make a way of escape” (1 Corinthians 10:13). And really, shouldn't our desire to please the ever-present God be greater than the power of temptation?

When we do sin, **it's much easier to have a broken and contrite heart**, to repent and confess our sin. “Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight” (Psalms 51:4).

We have no reason to fear. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear” (Psalms 46:1-2). “Yea, though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me...” (Psalms 23:4).

We show greater care and diligence in the work of the Lord, when we realize it's all done in His sight. “For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ” (2 Cor. 2:17). “Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father” (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me” (Psalms 139:7-10).

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