

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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**An “Interview” with Timothy (Part 1)**


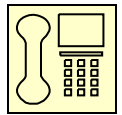

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Obviously, it’s impossible to do a live interview with Timothy, so for “answers” we turn to everything revealed about Timothy—his preaching journeys with Paul, recorded in the Book of Acts; the scattered references to him in the New Testament letters; and the two New Testament letters addressed specifically to him.

**Question:** Tell us about your early years—your family situation, upbringing, etc.

**Answer:** My father was Greek, my mother Jewish. But that’s not even the biggest difference between them—my mother became a Christian, my father did not (Acts 16:1). Spiritually speaking, both my mother, Eunice, and my grandmother, Lois, had a big influence on me. They demonstrated before me a genuine faith, and they saw to it I knew the Scriptures from childhood (2 Timothy 3:14-15; 1:5).

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**Question:** You spent the better part of two preaching journeys with Paul. How would you describe your relationship with him?

**Answer:** Well, here are the various ways he described me: “my beloved and faithful son in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 4:17); “as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel” (Philippians 2:22); “a true son in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:2); “a beloved son” (2 Timothy 1:2). He was my spiritual father, in the sense he brought me to life through the gospel (1

Corinthians 4:15), but we were still brothers in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 3:2). I carefully followed both



his example and his teaching (2 Timothy 3:10-11), but I was not a disciple of Paul. I was a bondservant of Jesus Christ, who sought the things of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:1; 2:21). Together, we were fellow-workers for Jesus Christ (Romans 16:21; 1 Corinthians 16:10; 1 Thessalonians 3:2). As you said, we did spend a lot of time together, but when we were apart, I knew for sure he was praying for me night and day (2 Timothy 1:3).

**Question:** Before you accompanied Paul on his preaching journeys, he took you and circumcised you (Acts 16:3). Doesn't that conflict with what Paul taught elsewhere concerning circumcision?

**Answer:** Not at all. If my case had been like that of Titus, where others tried to compel me to be circumcised (Galatians 2:3-5), then Paul would have stood his ground. What we did was in no way designed to bind circumcision on others; it just made it easier to preach the gospel, especially among the Jews who knew my background (Acts 16:3). We understood “neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything” (Galatians 5:6), but it was going to take some time to convince others.

**Question:** Did you have any idea what you were getting into, when you decided to travel with Paul and preach the gospel?

**Answer:** In some measure, yes. I knew all about the persecutions and afflictions Paul faced when he first came to the area where I grew up, specifically in Lystra and Iconium (2 Timothy 3:10-11; Acts 14:1-20). I would have preferred to preach the gospel under more peaceful conditions (1 Timothy 2:1-2), but what I endured as a Christian, and as a gospel preacher—it did strengthen my character (Philippians 2:22), and for that, I'm very thankful.



If the Lord wills, in part 2 we'll “ask” Timothy about the churches planted on those preaching journeys, and his work as an evangelist—the specifics of the task and the qualities needed to be effective.