

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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**Wonderful Counselor**

*by David Maxson*

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor...” (Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus is given many descriptions in the Bible: the Vine, the Good Shepherd, the Way, the Truth, the Life, etc. Each of these gives us a little different sense of what Jesus is or what he does for us. I want us to pause and reflect on one of the names given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6...WONDERFUL COUNSELOR.

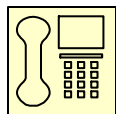
First, think about the description, “Wonderful.” The Hebrew word carries much more weight than how we normally use the word. The original Hebrew word has the sense of something being incomprehensible (see Judges 13:8). Jesus demonstrated that he is wonderful in the way He taught (see Matthew 5-7). Most of what Jesus taught blows our mind. His teaching is

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counterintuitive. He taught that the poor are rich and the rich are poor. He taught that the hungry are filled, the crying are comforted, and the persecuted are blessed. None of this makes sense. It is not something we would ever come up with on our mind. His counsel is “wonderful” because it is incomprehensible.

The word “Counselor” comes from a Hebrew word that means an advisor or a wise man or a wise king (like Solomon). Jesus is a wise king, much wiser than Solomon (Luke 11:31). He knows our mind better than any other counselor because He made us. He knows us inside and out. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He not only made us as our Creator, he came and lived as a man and experienced all of the same struggles, temptations, and frustrations you and I experience in the flesh. He is well qualified to be our Counselor.

Father, thank you for providing us with a Wonderful Counselor. Help us to trust him more with our problems that we may come and listen to all that he says in your Word.



## It's Not For Kings to Drink Wine

*by David Maxson*

“It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine...” (Proverbs 31:4).

Why did King Lemuel's mother give him this advice?

She explains in the next verse, “lest they drink and forget what has been decreed” (31:5) Kings must know and understand the law so they might rule their nations with wisdom and justice.

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As “kings and priests” (Rev 1:6) we must be equally concerned about forgetting the law of God. We are given a similar exhortation to sobriety in Ephesians 5:18 to “not be drunk with wine.” In the context of Ephesians 5 we read that we are no longer in darkness, but light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:6, 8). As children of light we are to discern what is pleasing to the Lord, looking carefully to how we walk (Ephesians 5:8-10, 15). We are not to walk foolishly, but to understand what the will of the Lord is (Ephesians 5:17).



It is not for kings to drink wine. Kings are to carefully consider the law of the Lord. Sobriety is imperative.

So before you get drunk (through alcohol or anything else that intoxicates), remember that you are a king!