

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:

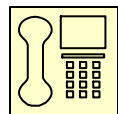
Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Parents, Be Consistent!

by Greg Gwin

All godly parents are concerned about bringing up their children to be good, God-fearing people. In fact, we are commanded to do so (Ephesians 6:4).

Lots of negative influences in the world make this an increasingly difficult job. We worry about the impact of the schools, peer pressure, wickedness in the media, etc. In the face of all these forces that seek to ruin our kids, how can we succeed in teaching and training them to do what is right?

While there are many Scriptural principles that might be mentioned here, we want to emphasize just one—consistency. Being consistent is an essential key in bringing up faithful children.

An obvious area where this consistency needs to be seen is in the matter of attendance. If you allow your kids to miss the

worship services in order to be at a ball game, you are teaching them that the ball game is more important than the Lord. If you let them skip the assemblies for school functions, band trips, dramas or plays, or to go camping, fishing or hunting, in all at these ways you are demonstrating that there are things that are more important than God. If you fail to worship when you are traveling or on vacation, you are showing them that serving God is something you do only when it is convenient. If you let them take part-time jobs that interfere with their attendance, you are giving them a clear sign that work and career considerations are higher in priority than spiritual things.

Many parents who are violating the principles stated above will scoff at these warnings. Yet the personal experiences of many people, as well as the plain teachings of God's word indicate that this is the truth.

Joshua had it right when he said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). There would be no compromise in his family. He would LEAD them in a consistent, faithful path. Let's imitate his example of consistency!

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Lessons from the House of Mourning

by Bryan Gibson

Having gone to "the house of mourning" (Eccl. 7:1-4) on a number of occasions, one lesson in particular has always stood out: One individual touches many lives, and that certainly includes those we might describe as ordinary.

Go to the visitation/funeral and just listen to the comments—especially the ones made by those who had meaningful contact with the deceased. It's really amazing to hear all the different ways in which these people were impacted.

It is better to go
to a house of
mourning
Than to go to a
house of feasting.

Now, think about all the people with whom we have meaningful contact—at home, at work, at school, in the various organizations/activities in which we may be involved, in our local church, etc. Of course, whatever influence we may have on these people could very well be extended to their circle of influence. It's just hard to comprehend how many lives we each influence.

Bottom line: Lots of folks are depending on YOU! Don't blow it. Influence these people, not just for good, but for eternity. Make a difference, and the best way to do that is to simply serve the Lord faithfully. There's nothing ordinary about folks who lead others to heaven.

"Become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).