

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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To The Work

by Steve Klein

We all need to be reminded, at least occasionally, to do the work God expects us to do in His service, and to do it consistently. Local churches are frequently handicapped by members who are simply not committed to doing their share of the work on a regular basis. One very pleasant way of reminding one another of our duties is by “admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (Colossians 3:16). The words of the song *To The Work*, written by Fanny J. Crosby, do just that. This spiritual song reminds us that...

“We are Servants of God”

We are not put on this earth to serve ourselves, but to serve our God. Fearing God and keeping His commandments is our whole duty (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Peter, James, Jude and Paul all

identify themselves as “servants” of God in their epistles (Titus 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1). This is how they saw themselves. As we follow this apostolic example, we will also see ourselves as servants of God.

“There is Labor for All”

Jesus observed that “The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few....” (Luke 10:2). There is plenty of work for all those who are willing to labor. Don’t wait for someone to tell you what to do. Take the initiative. Find work that needs doing and JUST DO IT. Like an ant which has “no captain, overseer or ruler” yet works diligently, we too should be “always abounding in the work of the Lord” even when no one is looking over our shoulder or cracking the whip behind us (Proverbs 6:6; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

“Work in the Strength of the Lord”

God supplies the strength we need to do the work He expects us to do. We should be “fruitful in every good work” as we are “strengthened with all might according to His glorious power” (Colossians 1:10b-11a). The trust the Psalmist expressed in God’s ability to strengthen him should be our trust as well: “For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall” (Psalms 18:29).

Near the end of His life on earth, Jesus could truthfully say to His Father, “I have finished the work which You have given Me to do” (John 17:4). How many of us will be able to say the same when our lives draw to a close? God has given us all work

to do in His service. Are we accomplishing it?

In Nehemiah’s day, when God’s people were rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, the work got done because “the people had a mind to work” (Nehemiah 4:6). If the work gets done among God’s people today it will be for the same reason.

To the Work

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1869. Music: Howard Doane, 1871.

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To the work! To the work! We are servants of God;
Let us follow the path that our master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Refrain

Toiling on, toiling on,
Toiling on, toiling on,
Let us hope and trust,
Let us watch and pray,
And labor till the master comes.

To the work! To the work! Let the hungry be fed;
To the fountain of life let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,
While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!"

Refrain

To the work! To the work! There is labor for all;
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the love of our Father exalted shall be,
In the loud swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!"

Refrain

To the work! To the work! In the strength of the Lord,
And a robe and a crown shall our labor reward,
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be,
And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!"

Refrain