

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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They Must See the Need

by Bill Hall

An acquaintance of mine, hearing recently of a family that had suffered considerable misfortune, went to the home to investigate. He found a father suffering from multiple sclerosis. The mother had just been involved in a serious automobile accident. A son, injured in the accident, was in the hospital. Moved by the misfortunes of the good family, he wrote out a small check, and gave it to the mother. Tears welled up in her eyes as she thanked him and expressed how kind everyone had been. She was so grateful.

The same man went that week to see a young couple who were not Christians. He offered to study the scriptures with them, specifically suggesting the book of Acts. He was trying to give this couple something far greater than a small check. He wanted to bring them to the salvation of their souls, to an

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eternal home in heaven, to an escape from the fires of hell. The young couple thanked him, but said they were not interested at this time.

Before we criticize the young couple, we need to analyze why the difference; viz., the first family recognized their need for what was being offered, while the second didn't. That young couple probably never realized what they were in reality refusing. If they ever awaken to their need, they will accept the gospel with joy and excitement that will even surpass that of the first family mentioned.

We approach different types of people in our work for the Lord.

Some know they are lost and are seeking help. Others do not know they are lost, but are interested in the Bible, and will agree to study their lost condition through study. But still others are unconcerned, have no interest in Bible study, and really don't want to be bothered. These require a completely different kind of approach, a great deal of patience, and much prayer. We must not give up on these. In time many can be brought to see their lost condition and repent.

The 3,000 who were baptized on Pentecost (Acts 2) had no concern for learning about Jesus when the day began. The same could be said of the jailer of Philippi (Acts 16). Saul's only interest as he started out for Damascus was to imprison and persecute Christians (Acts 9). He would have hardly agreed to a study at that time. The woman of Samaria had little concern for her soul as she went to Jacob's well for water (John 4), but oh! the skill with which the Master Teacher brought her to see

her sinful condition! Each of these demonstrated a complete change in attitude as soon as he saw his lost condition.

This complete change in attitude on the part of so many unconcerned, even belligerent, ones of the first century gives us hope for the unconcerned of our age. In fact, maybe some day, with the Lord's help, we can report the obedience of the young couple mentioned above.

Almost, But Lost

A few year ago, another Christian and I studied with someone who had been diagnosed with lung cancer, and while the prognosis was not good, we didn't think death was imminent. We had come to the point in the study where we showed him from the Scriptures exactly what he must do to be saved (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-10). He understood, but wanted to delay, at least for another day or so. We impressed upon him the fact that TODAY is the day of salvation, being there is no guarantee of tomorrow. About 6 hours later, he got up during the night, collapsed on the bathroom floor and died. Tomorrow—we take for granted that it will always come, but for this man, it never came. If you have not yet taken the steps to become a Christian, to be saved from your sins, please do it TODAY. If you are a Christian and you've become unfaithful to the LORD, please repent TODAY. Do it TODAY, because you may not have TOMORROW. Call me (Bryan: 334-868-0801) if I can help.