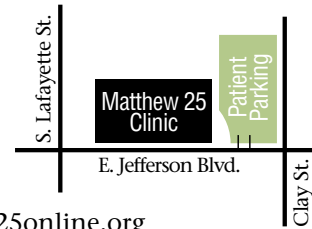


## FAQs Continued

### Why must I wait for my first appointment if I have already paid for my denture or partial?

- Once your teeth have been removed, your gums must heal. We recommend a minimum of 6-8 weeks of healing time. Some patient may need even more time for healing.
- If you are having a partial denture made, you will keep some of your natural teeth. Your teeth must be healthy before we can design a partial denture that attaches to them. Many patients need fillings and cleanings before their mouths are healthy enough for a partial denture. Even if you have paid for your partial, you may need to have fillings and cleanings completed before we can make your partial.
- The Dental Clinic provides hundreds of dentures and partials for Matthew 25 patients every year. With a few exceptions, one dentist makes all of the dentures and partials for our patients. It is very common for us to have a waiting list for patients who are ready to begin having their dentures or partials made. Patients are added to the list as soon as they finish their payments. Those patients who have paid the soonest will be scheduled first.

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## Dental Hours

Mon.	8:30 - Noon 12:30 - 4:00 5:30 - 8:00	Walk in & Appt. Appt. Only Closed
Tues.	8:30 - Noon 12:30 - 4:00 5:30 - 8:00	Closed Appt. Only Walk in & Appt.*
Wed.	8:30 - Noon 12:30 - 4:00 5:30 - 8:00	Walk in & Appt. Appt. Only Closed
Thur.	8:30 - Noon 12:30 - 4:00 5:30 - 8:00	Walk in & Appt Closed Closed
Fri.	8:30 - Noon 12:30 - 4:00 5:30 - 8:00	Appt. Only Appt. Only Closed

\*Closed on the fifth Tues. evening of the month.  
Walk ins are seen on a lottery basis/subject to availability of provider  
Schedule is subject to change if Dental Clinic is short staffed

Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic is inspired by the Gospel to provide free primary healthcare services to uninsured, low income residents of Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio.

"I was sick and you looked after me... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers of mine, you did for me'"

Matthew 25:36 & 40

A part of the Fabric



This brochure is provided to inform you of frequently asked questions about complete and partial dentures

Matthew 25  
Complete & Partial Dentures  
Dental

# Frequently Asked Questions about dentures

Hundreds of dentures and partial dentures are made for Matthew 25 patients every year. Because there are many good questions that continue to be asked, it is our hope that this brochure will help provide answers to those questions.

## What is a complete denture?

A "Complete Denture" (or a "Full Denture") replaces teeth for someone who has no remaining natural teeth. The dentures we provide are fabricated by a private dental laboratory, using high quality materials. They are made of strong acrylic resin. We provide these dentures "at cost," meaning that we ask our patients to cover the dental laboratory fees only. Our clinic makes no profit from the dentures we provide.

## What is a partial denture?

A "Partial Denture" (or a "Partial") replaces missing teeth for someone who has some remaining natural teeth but who is missing several other teeth. The partial dentures we provide are fabricated by a private dental laboratory. They have a cast metal framework underneath acrylic teeth. They are designed to look natural and improve chewing ability. We provide these dentures "at cost," meaning that we ask our patients to cover the dental laboratory fees only. Our clinic makes no profit from the dentures we provide.

## What is a flipper?

A "Flipper" is an all-plastic piece resembling an orthodontic retainer. They have acrylic teeth which replace a patient's missing teeth. They are designed to look natural, but they are not strong enough to wear while chewing.

## How do we make your complete or partial denture?

- You must have an exam appointment before we begin making your denture or partial.

- You will need 5 separate appointments for the fitting of your dentures. When possible, we schedule all 5 of your appointments with 1-2 weeks between each one.
- You will receive your finished denture or partial on your 5<sup>th</sup> appointment.
- Nearly all patients will need to return to the dental clinic at least once to have adjustments made to a new denture or partial. Many patients return for several adjustments

## What costs are there?

- The dentist or dental assistant will clarify all costs with you at your exam appointment.
- Payment must be in the form of a money order or a cashier's check. We do not accept credit cards, debit cards, personal checks or cash.
- Payments are accepted.
- We will wait to begin making your denture, partial or flipper until the total fee has been paid in full.

Clinic hours are posted on back and are subject to change. Note that when a fifth Tuesday evening of the month occurs, the clinic will be closed on that evening.

Matthew 25 is a non-smoking property.  
Please do not smoke anywhere  
on our property.