

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 1 , 2012**

**Announcements for the Week**

Doug Davidson

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** Roger German

**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Jake Pope

-- **Assisting** – Alex Tucker

-- **Assisting** – Josh Hudson

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

**Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Andy Fuller

**Song Leader-** John Paul Baker

**Comments** – Andy Dobbs

**Serving** – Phillip Dorn

**Scripture** – Matt Fuller

**Closing Prayer-** David Johnson

**Wednesday Night – January 4, 2012**

**First Prayer** – Bill McIlvain

**Song Leader** – Roger German

**Invitation** – Marshall Irvin

**Closing Prayer** – David Johnson

**January 22 Sunday Night Lesson** – To Be Announced

**January 29 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments:**

January	Communion	Cleaning
8	Land	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart
15	Goddard	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

**Notes:**

**The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Next meeting is January 16, 2012 at 7PM.**

**Deacon Selection:** We have completed the pre-screening process for selecting Deacons. The men who have accepted will be announced soon.

Why is a car's Windshield so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.



*Schedule of Services*

**Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.**

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# Covington Church of Christ

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Deacons: Dan Buselmeier, Doug Davidson, Jason LaChappelle

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**Mountain Trivia**

1. Where was Moses buried?
2. Where did Jacob and Laban make their covenant?
3. Where did Elijah go when he fled from Jezebel?
4. Where did Aaron die?



**No Time Like The Present**

By Steve Klein

The old saying is that the past is a canceled check, and the future is a promissory note; only the present is cash on hand. The year of our Lord 2011 is in the record books. Nothing about it can be changed. The year 2012 lies before us like a clean canvas before a blind painter. Who knows how it will look when finished? The only moment of time we can do anything about is the moment we're in right now. There is no time like the present because it is the only time that we really own.

We must leave the past in the past. We can learn from our past, but we mustn't live in it. Perhaps our better days are behind us, but even so, we cannot go back. We are instructed, *"Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For you do not inquire wisely concerning this."* (Ecclesiastes 7:10).



## **No Time Like The Present**

Continued

Perhaps our former days are filled with regrets. Paul's former days were (1 Timothy 1:13-15). We cannot change them. We can get forgiveness if needed, and we can choose to do better today, but we cannot go back.

We must prepare for the future, but live in the present. The future is uncertain. We do not have full control of it. *"You do not know what will happen tomorrow" (James 4:14)*. Tomorrow is only ours if the Lord wills (James 4:13; Luke 12:16-20).

The apostle Paul's approach toward both past and future is ideal. He said, *"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14)*. Paul forgot the past, reached toward the future, but lived in the present. Notice the use of the present tense in the preceding verse: "I do not count . . . one thing I do . . . forgetting . . . reaching . . . I press."

What are you doing with the present? Are you making the most of this day and doing your best to serve the Lord in this moment of time? Live in the moment. The Bible says, *"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23a)*. And, *"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10)*. And a poet wrote . . .

*Today is mine to do with what I will  
Today is mine my own special cup to fill  
To die a little that I might learn to live  
To take from life that I might learn to give  
Today is mine  
Like most men I cursed the present to avoid the peace of mind  
And raise my thoughts beyond tomorrow  
and vision there more peace of mind  
But as I view this day around me I can see the fool I've been  
For today's the only garden we can tend  
Today is mine*

## **Different Set Of Values In Heaven**

Submitted By Andy Dobbs

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules. The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him.

The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase of worldly goods with him. Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.



Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven. Seeing the suitcase St. Peter says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" But, the man explains to St. Peter that he has permission to bring one suitcase of worldly goods with him. St. Peter goes to verify his story with the Lord. St. Peter comes back saying, "You're right, you are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

St. Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, "You must be joking. You brought pavement?"



### **Answers from page 1**

1. Pisgah [Deuteronomy 34:5-6]
2. Gilead [Genesis 31:20-49]
3. Horeb [1 Kings 19:8]
4. Mount Hor [Numbers 20:25-29]

