

SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 8 , 2012

Announcements for the Week

Dan Buselmeier

Morning Service

Prayer- Mark Jones

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

Scripture – John Paul Baker

Closing Prayer- Roger German

Evening Service

Prayer- David Fuller

Song Leader- Matt Fuller

Comments – Josh Hudson

Serving – Marshall Foxworthy

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Ronald Sammons

Wednesday Night – January 11, 2012

First Prayer – Andy Fuller

Song Leader – John Paul Baker

Invitation – David Fuller

Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell

January 22 Sunday Night Lesson – To Be Announced

January 29 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments:

January	Communion	Cleaning
15	Goddard	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker
22	Irvin	Johnson, Baker, Stone, Land

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 3 men to consider appointing this year. If no one has scriptural objections by this Saturday, then Andy Fuller, Marshall Irvin and John Paul Baker will be appointed next Sunday morning.

Each man will take 5-10 minutes to address the congregation as part of the lesson for the day.

Covington Church of Christ

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Deacons: Dan Buselmeier, Doug Davidson, Jason LaChappelle

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The Runners

1. What bizarre person saw Jesus coming from far off and ran to worship Him?
2. What belligerent man ran to meet his brother and kissed him after a long time of separation?
3. Who ran to the priest Eli, thinking Eli had called him in the night, though it was actually God who called?
4. What cousin of Jacob's ran to tell her father when she found she and Jacob were related?

Today Is Today

By Dee Bowman

Jesus said, **“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34).** What a telling statement. I've been thinking a lot lately about the value and beauty of a single day.

Each day has its own sunrise, its own sunset. No two are exactly alike. Every day is different, with its own weather, its own wind and temperature, its own warmth or lack of it. Every sunrise is special in its own way; so with every sunset. They are all similar, but no two are the same.

Schedule of Services

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

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What a joy to see a new day born. Every sunrise speaks of a new beginnings—a new slate, a new page. No matter how bad last night's nightmare, or yesterday's bad weather, with the first splash of sunshine across your quilt, everything is washed clean and you can start over.

A new day is a resurrection of sorts, too. With each new day we are raised up to new possibilities, new perspectives, new opportunities to serve and glorify God.

Sunsets serve a purpose, too. They remind us of what we did or didn't do that day. As the sun disappears each evening, we look for rest if we've used the day well. And it brings us little twinges of conscience if we didn't. If you're right with God, you can look forward to the sunset.

Each day has its own thoughts. The thoughts that accompany each new day relate directly to neither yesterday or tomorrow; they belong peculiarly to today. You can't do tomorrow's thinking today. Sure, you can plan for tomorrow; but the thought you used to do so is today's thought, not tomorrow's. And you can relate back to yesterday in your mind, but the very thoughts you used are today's thoughts, not yesterday's. *“As a man thinks in his heart so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).* Today's thoughts belong to today.

Every day brings new circumstances and new possibilities. Circumstances have to be handled. So do possibilities. You have choose every day what you'll do with them. That means you have to meditate, contemplate, discriminate, then decide on what actions you will take about what's happening around you. Oh, you can put off thinking about it, but procrastination seldom serves anybody well, and you'll likely be sorry if you put it off till later.

Good and evil thoughts battle one another every day. We all have some of both. You have to choose which you will allow residency in your mind. *“...give no place to the Devil (Ephesians 4:27).* Someone has said “you can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from making a nest in your hair.” It's that way with evil thoughts. They're going to race through your mind every day—count on it—but you don't have to give them a place to stay.

Each day has its own joy and its own sadness. Information—both good and bad—travels quickly these day. And each day you'll find some good news and some bad, some joy and some sadness. Both, it seems to me, are necessary to the good life. The joys bring us encouragement and give us pleasure. Sadness brings us to a realization of who and where we are, and the fragileness of time. Just as joy encourages and makes our disposition sanguine, so sadness brings us stamina, teaches us patience, and keeps us courageous as we struggle through the vicissitudes of life.

“In the day of prosperity, be joyful, but in the day of adversity, consider” (Ecclesiastes 7:14). Did you notice that there is a day of prosperity and a day of adversity? The actions for each are recommended. When the day is good we should rejoice and be thankful; when it is not, we should give due consideration to the fragileness of life. Furthermore, we are told by the wise man, *“Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other...”* If you use each day to serve God, the adversity will be of as much benefit as will the joy. That's if you serve God.

Each day is a gift from God. Every one of them lasts 24 hours. It's up to us what we do with them. We can use them to glorify Him, or we can waste them with inordinate pleasures, worldly ambitions, and illicit thoughts. It's up to each one to decide what this 24 hours will mean in his life. And no matter how many of those 24 hours we still have, each one is its own, and each one will be used as we see fit to use it.

I read somewhere that “yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that's why we call it the present.” “It is not the care of the day, but the cares of tomorrow that weigh man down. For the needs of today, we have corresponding strength given. For the morrow, we must trust. It is not ours yet” (George MacDonald).

“Today, if you will hear His voice...” (Psalm 95:7).



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1. The Gadarene demoniac [Mark 5:6]
2. Esau [Genesis 33:4]
3. Samuel [1 Samuel 3:4-5]
4. Rachel [Genesis 29:12]

