

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 8 , 2012**

**Announcements for the Week**

Andy Fuller

**Morning Service**

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Bill McIlvain

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Marshall Irvin

-- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

Scripture – Jake Pope

Closing Prayer- Ronald Sammons

**Evening Service**

Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

**Comments** – Roger German

**Serving** – Phillip Dorn

Scripture – Jay Dobbs

Closing Prayer- Ronald Sammons

**Wednesday Night – April 11, 2012**

First Prayer – Doug Davidson

Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier

Invitation – Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer – David Fuller

April 22 Sunday Night Lesson – Andy Fuller

April 29 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service

**Upcoming Assignments:**

April	Communion	Cleaning
15	Davidson	Johnson, Baker, Stone, Land
22	Sammons	Davidson, Hudson, Goddard

**Notes:**

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

**Gospel Meeting:** Daniel DeGarmo has confirmed that he will be coming here to speak for us May 13-16. The plan is to bring the entire family to be with us. We certainly should be looking forward to doing what we can to promote this event in our community.

**Elder Appointment:** Dan Buselmeier has consented to serve as an elder. He will be appointed this morning. Dan will be bringing the lesson to the congregation this morning.

*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: John Paul Baker, Dan Buselmeier, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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***Rings On Their Fingers***

1. Who did King Ahasuerus of Persia give his ring to?
2. When Daniel was sealed up in the lion's den, who placed his signet ring on the seal?
3. For what did the Israelites give up their rings and other jewelry?
4. After the death of Haman, who received the Persian king's signet ring?



***A Thousand Times – NO!***

By David Diestelkamp

Ever notice that you can say "no" a thousand times, but all those no's are canceled by one "yes"? "No, you can't have a cookie, can't have a cookie, can't have a cookie! Okay, yes!" The cookie will be eaten! To concede and fail you don't have to say yes as many times as you must say no to remain steadfast and succeed.

A thousand no's to fornication are deleted by one yes that robs one of virtue and virginity. A thousand no's to adultery are swept away by a yes that destroys family, home and soul. A thousand no's to drugs are erased by a yes that opens the door to all kinds of destruction and excess.



## **A Thousand Times – NO!**

Continued

A thousand no's to stealing are forgotten by a yes on our record when we stand before the law. A thousand no's to pornography are overwhelmed by a yes that writes indelible images in the mind. It applies across the board to all sin.

While it is certainly true that forgiveness in Christ is available for any sinful yes decision we make, this must not be seen as license to make that errant decision even once. We are called to completely die to sin (Romans 6) - it is to have no part in us, or us in it.

Parents often tire of the "May I have a cookie?" question and finally concede with a yes. Kids know this. Satan knows this. We tire of saying no and looking different from others. We tire of our "no" answer causing abstinence from activities that appear pleasurable and fun. We tire of always being the one to say no. In time, sin nags us to the point where we finally want to say, "Okay, yes just this time." How much more can God expect us to resist-how many more times must we say no?

The Holy Spirit reminds us, *"You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin" (Hebrews 12:4)*. We're not just talking about saying no to the point of alienation and missing out on some of life's pleasures. Resisting "to bloodshed, striving against sin" means saying no to sin until it kills us! That means a thousand times no to the sin that tempts us from within and from without. And when we have said no a thousand times it is then time to say it a thousand and one times, and more!



## **Playing Small Ball**

By David Maxson

*Therefore, my beloved brother, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. [1 Corinthians 15:58]*

In baseball, everyone loves the homerun. Nothing gets the crowd Excited like a long, towering shot over the fence. It

scores runs immediately. No need to grind out a long rally. We get instant gratification.

But it's not always the best way to score runs. Sometimes it is better to play "small ball" where you choke up on the bat and cut down on your swing to get on base; where you take a lot of pitches to draw a walk; where you get base runners into scoring position by bunting, hitting to the right side of the diamond, etc.

Guys who try to hit home runs tend to strike out. Sometimes, the last guy you want up at the plate is the guy who is swinging for the fences. If he connects with a big swing he's a hero, but more often than not he goes down on strikes or hits a towering fly out to end the inning.

In evangelism, it's easy to fall in love with the home run. Peter preached one sermon and 3000 were baptized (Acts 2:41). Impressive. Churches try to match this kind of success by planning big events to attract the masses. We want to hit a big one out of the park.

Yet success most often comes from doing the little things; simple things like offering our service to others, listening to those discouraged by life, praying for the lost, slipping God's name into conversation, telling about things you've learned in personal Bible study, standing up when truth is challenged, etc.

Doing those kinds of things consistently over time slowly opens doors for us to share our faith with others, and when a big event comes along, those who have been doing these kinds of things all along have the best chance of getting people to come and listen.

Let's pray that God will open doors for the word for us today. Help us to recognize the little things we can do to plant seeds each day.



### **Answers from page 1**

1. Haman [Esther 3:10-13]
2. The King [Daniel 6:17]
3. As a free will offering for the tabernacle [Exodus 35:22]
4. Mordecai [Esther 8:2-13]

