

SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 15, 2012

Announcements for the Week

John Paul Baker

Morning Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Payden Fix

-- **Assisting** – Jake Pope

-- **Assisting** – Ronald Sammons

Scripture – Alex Tucker

Closing Prayer- David Fuller

Evening Service

Prayer- Alex Tucker

Song Leader- Roger German

Comments – Marshall Irvin

Serving – Jake Pope

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- M Foxworthy

Wednesday Night – April 18, 2012

First Prayer – Jay Dobbs

Song Leader – Bill McIlvain

Invitation – Andy Dobbs

Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell

April 22 Sunday Night Lesson – Andy Fuller

April 29 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments:

April	Communion	Cleaning
22	Sammons	Davidson, Hudson, Goddard
29	Ferrell	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Next meeting is tomorrow, 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.

Bulletin Articles: This bulletin is meant primarily as a teaching tool. Anyone who has an interesting article they would like to submit is welcome to send one in. Send it to preacher@covingtonchurchofchrist.com

Schedule of Services

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

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

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Looking Good, Smelling Good

1. What sweet-smelling substances were brought and presented to the young child Jesus?
2. What Hebrew officials were anointed with holy oil perfumed with aromatic spices?
3. Where was Jesus when a sinful woman poured an alabaster jar of perfume on his feet?
4. What evil queen “painted her face” before meeting with the rebel king Jehu?

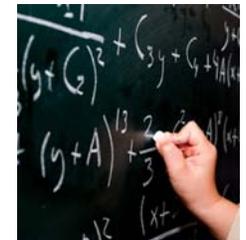


The Mathematics of Sin

By Paul Blake

Desire + Focus = Inordinate desire (lust)

It is not a sin to have desire. Desire is a healthy motivator (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11). However, when one focuses intently and at length on the object of his desire, desire grows out of proportion and often out of control. At that point it becomes inordinate desire or lust.



The Mathematics of Sin

Continued

Desire + Opportunity = Temptation

Remove one factor from this equation and there is no temptation. One is not truly tempted if he has desire but no opportunity to fulfill it. He is not tempted when he has opportunity but no interest in the matter.

Temptation arises when one has both the interest or desire and the opportunity to engage his desire. Furthermore, it is not a sin to be tempted; it is a sin to succumb to temptation.

Temptation + Action = Sin

When one combines temptation with action (mental, verbal, or physical), his desire has developed into sin.

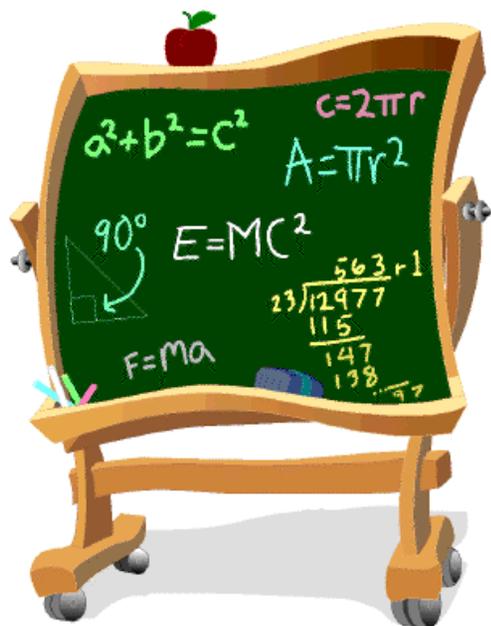
Sin does not exist in the absence of action.

Sin + Repetition + Time = Reprobate Mind

Sin that one persists in over time becomes embedded in the heart and mind to the point that it is virtually impossible to remove. One develops a debased mind that cannot feel the pangs of sorrow over sin, and consequently never repent.

Sin - (Repentance + Right Conduct) = Death

One who does not repent of his sins and bring forth fruits that demonstrate repentance is spiritually dead, and he will partake of the second death in Perdition after the Judgment.



How Would I React?

By David Maxson

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers... [Acts 12:6]

I just finished reading a book by Wilson Adams and David Lanphear on how to deal with tragedy called A Life Lost... and Found.

Both David and Wilson spoke from personal experience. Wilson's wife left him and his boys for another man. David lost his 20-year-old son in a car accident and then five years later his wife died unexpectedly of a heart attack.

I've not experienced such loss in my life. I wonder how I would respond if something unforeseen took away my wife or one of my kids. I am inspired by the way Wilson and David persevered through their pain, but I wonder how I would fare if tested in a similar way.

I think about the family of Stephen when Saul came back to Jerusalem and wanted to join himself to the disciples. Would I be willing to forgive someone who helped put to death someone I love? Would I be able accept with open arms?

I think about the apostle John, whose brother was beheaded by Herod. Would I, like John, still teach about Jesus command to *"love one another"* (John 13:34) if my heart were broken in this way? Would my heart be free from bitterness and malice so that I could love others with Jesus' love?

What about Peter? For him execution was a certainty, and yet he was fast asleep when the angel came to rescue him. Would I be able to sleep in my final hours? Would I find rest in the knowledge that I would soon be with my Lord?



Answers from page 1

1. Frankincense and myrrh [Matthew 2:11]
2. Israel's priests [Exodus 30:23-33]
3. At the home of Simon the Pharisee [Luke 7:36-50]
4. Jezebel [2 Kings 9:30]

