

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 8 , 2012**

**Announcements for the Week**

Doug Davidson

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** Dan Buselmeier

**Song Leader-** Andy Dobbs

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Jake Pope

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Payden Frix

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

**Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** Matt Fuller

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Andy Fuller

**Song Leader-** Matt Fuller

**Comments** – Roger German

**Serving** – Marshall Foxworthy

**Scripture** – Connor LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Buselmeier

**Wednesday Night – July 11, 2012**

**First Prayer** – Bill McIlvain

**Song Leader** – Dan Buselmeier

**Invitation** – Marshall Irvin

**Closing Prayer** – Alex Tucker

**July 22 Sunday Night Lesson** – Bill McIlvain

**July 29 Sunday Night Congregational Prayer Service**

**Upcoming Assignments:**

July	Communion	Cleaning
15	Baker	Davidson, Hudson, Goddard
22	McMullen	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle

**Notes:**

**Family Bible Week Teachers Meeting:** Family Bible Week commences next Sunday. Immediately after the morning service, there will be a meeting with all of the teachers to make sure that we are all on the same page. The elders and deacons are meeting today at 3PM

Remember that the emphasis on this project is FAMILY! This is a golden opportunity to have your friends attend with their children. A lot of effort has already been made to make this an enriching event for all who attend. Please do your part!. Advertising flyers are in the foyer.



*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 -- Doug Davidson -- Andy Fuller

Marshall Irvin -- Jason LaChappelle

July 8, 2012

***Family Bible Week (July 15-20)***

***Theme: Climbing Your Personal Mountains***

***Sunday:***

Regular Bible Classes as scheduled. The morning and evening sermons will address the personal mountains we all must climb from time to time.

***Monday:***

Mt Ararat – The Mountain of Renewal

***Tuesday:***

Mt Sinai – The Mountain of The Law

***Wednesday:***

Mt Carmel –The Mountain of Victory

***Thursday:***

Mount of Transfiguration- The Mountain of Change

***Friday:***

Mount of Olives – The Mountain of the Lord

Evening Services start at 7PM and conclude by 8:30 each evening.



## *Dealing With Unfaithful Friends & Enemies*

By David Maxson

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" [Luke 23:46]*

The cross is a lonely scene.

Luke takes us out in circles from the cross, from the moment Jesus breathed his last. The closest to the cross was the centurion who justified Jesus as innocent (Luke 23:47). Then there were the crowds that "had assembled for this spectacle" who beat their breasts and returned home (Luke 23:48). Then, standing at a distance, were the women who followed him from Galilee (Luke 23:49).

Where were the disciples? Where was Peter?

Peter did not go "to prison and to death" with his Master as promised (Luke 22:33). When Jesus was arrested and put on trial, Peter was "following at a distance." (Luke 22:54)

How did Jesus endure? How did He withstand the beatings, the blasphemous accusations, the ridicule and scorn with no one by his side? How could he hear the rooster crow and not be crushed by the weight of Peter's denial as he looked into his eyes? (Luke 22:61)

How did Jesus show kindness and mercy to his enemies when his friends had forsaken him? How could he pray for the angry mob (Luke 23:34)? How could he show compassion to the daughters of Jerusalem (Luke 23:28) and to the criminal hanging next to him (Luke 23:43)?

How could Jesus do this all by himself?

Because he wasn't by himself. He said, *"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."* Jesus was able to do good to others because he knew that his Father still loved him.

*"Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good." 1 Peter 4:19*

God can help us to absorb the evil hurled at us, to be merciful and kind in the face of hatred and selfishness, because of the security we feel in His love for us.

## *"Judge not, that you be not judged."*

Matthew 7:1

Withholding judgment is wise. We are told, *"The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult."*

*(Proverbs 12:16) "Hatred stirs up strife," says the wise man, "but love covers all offenses." (Proverbs 10:12)*

When passing judgment we should develop a holy double standard. A double standard is when we hold others to a higher standard than we do for ourselves.

A holy double standard is when we flip that around. We hope for the best in others, putting the best possible construction on anything they say or do.

That's risky though. Believing the best in people who have hurt you usually means being hurt again. But if we're going to deny ourselves and take up our cross... Well, you know what that means, don't you?



Nails hurt. Forgiveness is painful. We are absorbing the pain and giving up the right to justice. Love and mercy involves great risk and often comes at a high cost to our hearts. Do it anyway. Open your heart. Overcome your fear. Crucify it. Remove the judgment. Invite your enemy back in.

While the risk on earth may be great, the reward in heaven is greater. Being merciful to others on earth will cause God to show mercy toward us in heaven.

*Ask the Lord to remove all pride from our hearts this day and help us to replace anger with compassion... to replace revenge with mercy from our hearts this day and help us to replace anger with compassion... to replace revenge with mercy.*

