

SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 15 , 2012

Announcements for the Week

Jason LaChappelle

Morning Service

Prayer- Lawrence Pope

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Dan Buselmeier

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Justin Carr

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

Scripture – Jake Pope

Closing Prayer- Ronald Sammons

Evening Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Comments – Mark Jones

Serving – Payden Frix

Scripture – Kevin Criswell

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Wednesday Night – July 18, 2012

First Prayer – Bill McIlvain

Song Leader – Family Bible Week

Invitation – Family Bible Week

Closing Prayer – Alex Tucker

July 22 Sunday Night Lesson – Bill McIlvain

July 29 Sunday Night Congregational Prayer Service

Covington Church of Christ

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Elders: Dan Buselmeier, Andy Dobbs, Bill McIlvain

Deacons: John Paul Baker -- Doug Davidson -- Andy Fuller

Marshall Irvin -- Jason LaChappelle

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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.

Upcoming Assignments:

July	Communion	Cleaning
22	McMullen	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle
29	Foxworthy	Dorn, Gray, Irvin, Pope, Williams

Notes:

Family Bible Week Starts Today: Family Bible Week commences with this morning's lesson and continues throughout the week. This will be a test of your willingness to make personal sacrifices to honor our Lord.

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. It's not too late to invite your friends.



Schedule of Services

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

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Are You Prepared To Climb the Mountain?

Submitted by David and Andy Fuller

“The record is one thing, but standing on top of the world is just the best feeling you could ever imagine.”

This was the recent quote from Jordan Romero, age 13, who recently became the youngest climber to ever scale Mt. Everest. The feeling of being unique, accomplishing the unbelievable and the realization of a dream come true must be an experience that he will never forget.



I have heard many times the description from Christian teachers and preachers of mountaintop experiences associated with spiritual moments. Mountaintops in our spiritual walk tend to be places we can visit but not reside. Much like Jordan Romero's description, spiritual mountaintops provide for us "the best feeling you could ever imagine." These are times of close proximity with our Creator. At these moments all of our doubts and fears seem to fade away and we know that

God is God, and at last we find peace. Have you had such an experience? Are they fairly rare in your Christian walk? If so, you may need to ask yourself if you are prepared.

If you look at the laundry list of items required to scale to the summit of Mt. Everest you will find that a considerable amount of equipment is required. The list pertaining to just footwear alone is quite extensive. The needed equipment is designed to provide protection, comfort, necessities of life, tools to accomplish the climb, shelter and the items necessary to travel with and move all of this gear. These are just the material items needed. In addition the climber must be physically and mentally equipped to withstand the harsh conditions of the climb. So it is with the life of a Christian.

As a follower of Christ we must be equipped for the journey God has designed for us. He offers all that we need for protection, security, comfort, the necessities of life and the tools needed to accomplish our goal. His great plan includes other believers around us who have also been equipped by Him to help us in our walk. The real challenge

lies in the effort we make to appropriate what we need. This effort includes time alone with God, reading and studying His word. Then we must pray, submitting our requests to Him, asking for His guidance and petitioning that He will instruct us regarding areas in our life needing surrender.

We cannot ascend a spiritual mountain with our own strength, it cannot be done. Each challenge encountered on the way up the mountain must be met in reliance upon His power otherwise we will not succeed. Israel wandered in the desert for forty years and an entire generation perished because they did not accept God's view. Paradise awaited them on the other side of the river but they could not move past their fear. What a tragedy that so many Christians today really are not living in total reliance upon Him. Anyone that has received the gift of salvation but fails to persevere through spiritual preparation misses the best that God has for them. It's comparable to wandering in the desert and perishing from this life never knowing the abundant life promised by our Savior. You just plain miss "the best feeling you could ever imagine," the "peace that passes all understanding."



A Lesson In Irony

Submitted by Frances Bailey

The Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever, to 46 million people.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us "Please Do Not Feed the Animals." Their stated reason for the policy is because the animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves.

This ends today's lesson.

[2 Thessalonians 3:10-12] For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

