

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 13, 2013**

**Announcements for the Week**

Marshall Irvin

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** John Paul Baker

**Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Doug Davidson

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Justin Carr

-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle

**Scripture** – Alex Tucker

**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Roger German

**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier

**Comments** – Andy Fuller

**Serving** – Jay Dobbs

**Scripture** – Gary Goddard

**Closing Prayer-** David Johnson

**Wednesday Night – January 16, 2013**

**First Prayer** – Andy Dobbs

**Song Leader** – Alex Tucker

**Invitation** – Andy Fuller

**Closing Prayer** – Phillip Dorn

**January 27 Sunday Night Lesson** – To Be Announced

**Upcoming Assignments:**

January	Communion	Cleaning
20	German	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart
27	Tucker	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

**Notes:**

**The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21 at 7PM. How many of these “extra credit” sessions will you attend this year? [See article below]**

**Start Taking Personal stats:** Everyone has 208 regularly scheduled opportunities to serve the Lord in a collective way –3 times on Sunday and one on Wednesday. Coming every Sunday morning at 10 AM will give you a 25% service ratio.

There are other opportunities to serve Him throughout the year. Ladies Bible Class, Home singing and prayer meetings, Family Bible Week, etc.



*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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*Activities of Jesus*

1. When Jesus healed the blind man of Bethsaida, what did the man say people looked like?
2. What widow had her dead son brought to life by Jesus?
3. Where was Jesus when He healed the son of an official from Capernaum?
4. What was the affliction of the man Jesus healed by sending him to the pool of Siloam?



*IF We Believed What They Believed*

**By Gary Kerr**

One of the reference works I usually keep close at hand when studying any part of the New Testament is the paraphrase translation of J.B. Phillips, The New Testament In Modern English. I don't agree with all of Phillips' suggested wording, but I often find his efforts helpful in clarifying some particular passage or point.

The translation was originally produced in sections, with the first, Letters To Young Churches (Romans through Colossians), being published in London during World War II (it included a preface and recommendation written by C.S. Lewis).



## [IF We Believed What They Believed](#)

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In his introduction to that book, Phillips writes the following about the New Testament epistles and their authors and recipients:

***"Without going into wearisome historical details, we need to remember that these letters were written, and the lives they indicate were led, against a background of paganism ... Slavery, sexual immorality, cruelty, callousness to human suffering, and a low standard of public opinion, were universal; travelling and communications were chancy and perilous; most people were illiterate. Many Christians today talk about the 'difficulties of our times' as though we should have to wait for better ones before the Christian religion can take root. It is heartening to remember that this faith took root and flourished amazingly in conditions that would have killed anything less vital in a matter of weeks. These early Christians were on fire with the conviction that they had become, through Christ, literally sons of God - they were pioneers of a new humanity, founders of a new Kingdom. They still speak to us across the centuries. Perhaps if we believed what they believed, we might achieve what they achieved."***

That final sentence is profound and powerful -- "Perhaps if we believed what they believed, we might achieve what they achieved!"

Within a generation of the establishment of the church, the apostle Paul could write of those who carried the gospel message that *"their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world"* (Romans 10:18). Paul wrote about the gospel that it had been preached *"in all the world"* and that it had been *"proclaimed in all creation under heaven"* (Colossians 1:6, 23). This is an incredible achievement -- to begin with a few comparatively unknown and uneducated people (cf. Acts 4:13), and to have a message did not appeal to the "wise", the "mighty," or the "noble" according to the flesh (1 Corinthians 1:26). But they had strong faith and a zeal born of that faith, that caused them to launch out boldly and sacrificially, to the point of being willing to give up their lives for the cause they had

taken up. And God gave them amazing success. They were "on fire" for the kingdom, for the gospel, and for the souls of their fellow human beings, believing with all their hearts in the sacrifice and promises of Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of men. Being a Christian and going to heaven meant everything to them, and they wanted "all creation under heaven" to share with them in these blessings.



Do not be deceived into thinking that their achievements were easily accomplished. Right from the start they were opposed and persecuted. When the first of their number was martyred, such a widespread persecution developed that all except the apostles were driven from their homes and scattered abroad (cf.

Acts 8:1). But this did not slow them down or dampen their enthusiasm. Wherever they went, they were found "preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). They preached it as they had opportunity, not depending on others (i.e., preachers, elders, etc.) to do the work for them. Each Christian considered him/herself both privileged and responsible to win souls for Christ. Their cause was new -- they were pioneers.

I fear that today we do not appreciate our "spiritual blessings" as they did. It is not our life as it was theirs. We are not spending and being spent for it as they were. To some degree, at least, perhaps we do not "believe what they believed."

"Perhaps if we believed what they believed, we might achieve what they achieved." If we did, I am convinced that God would give us success, too.



### Answers from page 1

1. Like trees walking [Mark 8:22-26]
2. The widow of Naan [Luke 7:11-15]
3. Cana [John 4:46-54]
4. Blindness [John 9:1-7]

