

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for November 3, 2013**

**Announcements for the Week** John Paul Baker  
**Morning Service** **Evening Service**  
**Prayer-** Phillip Dorn **Prayer-** Mark Jones  
**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier **Song Leader-** Matt Fuller  
**Communion:**  
-- **Comments** – Jason LaChappelle **Comments** – Andy Dobbs  
-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn **Communion** – Phillip Dorn  
-- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing  
-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock  
-- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs  
-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle  
**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller **Closing Prayer-** Kevin Criswell

**Wednesday Night – November 6, 2013**  
**First Prayer-** Bill McIlvain  
**Song Leader** – Andy Dobbs  
**Invitation** – Andy Fuller  
**Closing Prayer** – David Fuller  
**November 3 Evening Lesson** – Jason McIlvain

**Upcoming Assignments**

November	Communion	Cleaning
10	Prater	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart
17	Williams	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

**Ladies Bible study is on the first and third Mondays of the month. Next meeting is tomorrow evening at 7PM**

**Gospel Meeting**

Our meeting with Tim Smelser begins on November 10 and continues through Wednesday, November 13. Bill is putting together a mailer to advertise. Please give him names and addresses of anyone you would like to receive an invitation.

An evening meal list is being prepared for Monday through Wednesday. See Dale Dobbs or Theresa McIlvain about signing up.



*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

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*Evil Spirits*

1. What king had court prophets that had been the agents of a lying spirit?
2. What woman had Jesus driven seven demons out of?
3. According to Jesus, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring with it?
4. What does Satan masquerade as in the present world?



*Predators*

By David Maxson

*I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naïve. [Romans 16:17-18]*

In the animal kingdom there are various hunters who use different techniques to deceive their prey, but few are more inventive or clever than the Margay.



## Predators

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The Margay (picture insert), is a small arboreal feline found in Mexico, Central and South America. It has the ability to mimic the calls of baby monkeys in distress. This technique is highly effective as it draws in unsuspecting adult monkeys who come to it looking to rescue a helpless baby, but instead find a fierce and deadly predator.



There are similar spiritual predators who are loose among us. They mimic the sound of gospel preachers. They carry Bibles in their hands. They are knowledgeable and skilled in their use of the Scriptures. They seem sincere and earnest in their desire to serve the Lord. But they are as deadly and as any ferocious animal you would find in the jungle.

Two admonitions from the Holy Spirit:

1. Watch out! Anyone who causes divisions and creates obstacles by teaching things contrary to the doctrine shouldn't be trusted. Don't be fooled. They are dangerous.
2. Avoid them! They are not serving the Lord Christ. They appear to be. They sound convincing. But their smooth talk and flattery is deadly. Stay away from them



## A Commandment From The Beginning

By Edwin Crozier

*Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard (1 John 2:7)...Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us— eternal life (1 John 2:24-25).*

What is this message from the beginning? What is this all-encompassing instruction causing us to abide in God and grants us

eternal life? *1 John 3:11 says, "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."*

*1 John 3:23-24 says: And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him.*

We must have a submissive faith in Jesus Christ, which manifests itself in a loving relationship with each other. In fact, *1 John 4:20-21 says: If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother (ESV).*

How is this the commandment from the beginning? Because it was a commandment taught since Jesus established His covenant. *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35; ESV).*

Jesus explained the purpose behind all His commandments in *John 15:17: "These things I command you, so that you will love one another" (ESV).*

What I take away from this concerns me. I like to judge my relationship with God based on how often I make it to the assemblies and how much I put in the plate. John explains I can actually judge my relationship with God by examining my relationship with His children. The fact is, I deceive myself if I think my relationship with God exceeds my relationship with my brethren. I have to do some soul searching and relationship examination. What is my relationship with my brethren like and what does it say about my relationship with God? What does yours say?



### Answers from page 1

1. Ahab [1 Kings 22:2-22]
2. Mary Magdalene [Luke 8:2]
3. Seven [Matthew 12:45]
4. An angel of light [2 Corinthians 11:14]

