

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 23, 2014**

**Announcements for the Week**

Andy Dobbs

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** Mike Shepherd

**Song Leader-** Marshall Irvin

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Russ Sollars

-- **Assisting** –Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – J. Maxwell Irvin

-- **Scripture** – Cliff Davis

**Closing Prayer-** Mark Jones

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Dan Buselmeier

**Song Leader-** TBA

**Comments** – Andy Dobbs

**Communion** – Roger German

**Scripture** – Trey Irvin

**Closing Prayer-** Mike Shepherd

**Wednesday Night – March 26, 2014**

**First Prayer-** Dan Buselmeier

**Song Leader** – John Paul Baker

**Invitation** – Marshall Irvin

**Closing Prayer** – Kevin Criswell

**March 23 Evening Service:** Andy Dobbs

**March 30 Evening Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

March	Communion	Cleaning
30	Johnson	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
April 6	Davis	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd

**Gospel Meeting**

No one is coming here but Bill will be in Columbus, Ohio preaching a series of lessons titled “Building Strong Families” Doug Davidson will be preaching the morning service today and Andy Dobbs will handle the evening service. Please pray that this effort will be a success.

**Ladies Bible Study**

The ladies have a bible class scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. They meet here at the church building @ 7:00PM.



*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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*Supernatural Fire*

1. According to Daniel, this astonishing person had a throne like a fire of flame. Who was he?
2. What did the cherubim use to guard the entrance of Eden?
3. How did God first appear to Moses?
4. Where is the place reserved for those whose names are not in the Book of Life?



*Why Am I Here?*

By Edwin Crozier

Walk into a doctor’s office and look around. Why is everyone there? Because they’re sick and they need a physician to get better. Walk into a Toastmasters club and look around you. Why is everyone there? Because they want to get better at speaking in front of people and they need help. Walk into an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and look around you? Why is everyone there? Because they are struggling with alcohol and they need help overcoming.



## Why Am I Here?

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Here is what is interesting about the above organizations. No one tries to hide their sickness in a doctor's office. No one tries to hide their fear of public speaking in Toastmasters. No one tries to hide their struggles in an A.A. meeting. Why? Because in these settings they all know everyone is there for the same reason and they are all too desperate for help to hide it.

Now, walk into a church's assembly and look around you? Why is everyone there? The reality is everyone is there because they are all sinners and need a Savior [Romans 3:23-24]. They are all there because they've learned without God they can't make it and they need Him to help them win the victory over sin in their lives [Romans 7:14-25].

This is where we start having trouble. Even though that is where every single one of us is. When we come into a church's assembly, we often perceive something different. Instead of seeing a group of people who are struggling with sin and have gathered to get some help, most of us see ourselves as struggling with sin but see everyone else as really good people who are just coming together because they are so spiritual.

When we're at a doctor's office, we don't care if everyone knows we're sick, but when we're "at church" we try to cover up any spiritual sickness we have going on. We don't want others to see. We're afraid they'll look down on us.

Sadly, some Christians are like that. Some are like Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7:36-50 who actually don't realize how sick they are. If asked why they are there, they really might say, "Because I'm so spiritual," while in their mind adding, "Too bad everyone is not as spiritual as I am."

Having met too many of these Christians, many of the rest of us put a lid on our real struggles and try to fight them alone until they become too big to hide. Sadly, in those situations some folks just give up the spiritual fight entirely.

In this situation is the ones who should really be ashamed are not the ones who have continued struggles. Rather, the ones who should be ashamed are the ones who think they've got their lives

under control on their own and aren't being honest about how sinful they really are, how much they need a Savior, and how humble they really ought to be as their dealing with people whose sins are different. Remember, in the parable of the prodigal son, it wasn't the prodigal son who was the bad guy. It was the older brother who was too good to go in and celebrate with the returning prodigal and the father.

Please, take a good long look at yourself. Why are you here?



## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Channel

### A Television Addicts Version



1. The TV is my shepherd, My spiritual growth shall want; It makes me to sit down and do nothing for His Name's sake. 2. It requires all my spare time; It keeps me from doing my Christian duty. It produces so

many good shows that I must see; It restores my knowledge of the world. 3. It keeps me from the study of God's Word. It leads me in the path of failing to attend worship and doing nothing for the kingdom of God. 4. Yea, though I live to be a hundred years old I shall view my TV as long as it works. It seems to be my closest companion; Its sounds and pictures they comfort me. 5. It provides entertainment for me and keeps me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from God's will. 6. Surely, because of all the wasted hours there will be a lack of rewards at the Final Judgment; Yet, because of His goodness and mercy, I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



### Answers from page 1

1. The Ancient Of Days [Daniel 7:9]
2. A flaming sword [Genesis 3:24]
3. In a burning bush that was not consumed [Exodus 3:2]
4. A lake of fire and brimstone [Revelation 20]

