

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 30, 2014**

**Announcements for the Week**

John Paul Baker

**Morning Service**

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Jason LaChappelle

**Prayer-** Trey Irvin

**Song Leader-** Andy Dobbs

**Song Leader-** Various

**Communion:**

**Comments** – Bill McIlvain

-- **Comments** – Dan Buselmeier

**Communion** – Cliff Davis

-- **Assisting** –Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson

-- **Scripture** – Jay Dobbs

**Scripture** – Conner LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller

**Closing Prayer-** Bill McIlvain

**Wednesday Night – April 2, 2014**

**First Prayer**– Bill McIlvain

**Song Leader** – Don Casper

**Invitation** – Andy Fuller

**Closing Prayer** – Cliff Davis

**March 30 Evening Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

April	Communion	Cleaning
6	Davis	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
13	Davidson	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

**Children of Strict Parents**

Children of strict parents are generally happier, better-adjusted and higher achievers than children of permissive parents. They feel secure and loved, believing their parents care about what they do and what they become.

Children of permissive parents interpret their parents' attitude not as greater love but as lack of concern. *[Article from Dr. Joyce Brothers]*

**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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*A Gallery Of Gods*

1. Who was King Sennacherib worshiping when his sons murdered him?
2. Whose ship had figures of the gods Castor and Pollux?
3. What nation was Bel a god of?
4. What prophet mentions Nebo as one of the gods of Babyon?



*Psalm 92 and "Going To Church"*

By Keith Barclay

The Psalms are a wonderful mirror in which we can see our true spiritual condition. The Psalmists, whether David, Asaph, Moses or one of the anonymous writers, give us insight like no other writers of scripture. They speak of worship, repentance, recompense, relationship and reward. Righteous living and worship are central, especially worship, since the Psalms were to be included in the temple worship of ancient Israel. The 92nd Psalm is no exception. This is entitled "a song for the Sabbath" and within its verses is a wealth of praise and practical help for the believer.



## Psalm 92 and “Going To Church”

Continued

Thanksgiving and praise open this Psalm. How often do we open (begin) our day with thanksgiving and praise? Yet the Psalmist urges us to do so morning and evening (v.2). The motivation for our thanksgiving and praise is God’s steadfast love and faithfulness (ESV). Scripture demonstrates these traits of our creator throughout the historical books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles (each, one book rather than two, in their original form). Repeatedly God proves His love and faithfulness and Israel was to remember that, not only in Sabbath worship, but also in personal worship every morning and evening. How much less should we thank and praise our God for the ultimate in love and faithfulness in the sending of His Son and the provision of salvation Jesus brings?



God’s work is extolled and it is made clear that there will be those who will not understand nor appreciate what our God has done. The English Standard Version is very blunt in this regard, *“The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this...”* (v.6). Surely we have no desire to be among that number.

What does result from those so inclined are the wicked and evildoers who will sprout and flourish but who will ultimately be doomed forever (v.7). This demonstrates God’s faithfulness and steadfast love for those who do know and understand, and who, as a result, live righteously. The Lord, who is on high forever, will see His enemies scattered and perish. What comfort this brings to those who have suffered at the hands of the wicked (vs. 10-11).

This brings us to the practical portion of the Psalm and to the portion which demands that I quit “going to church”! “What was that?” you ask! You read correctly, we must stop “going to church.” This text suggest that faithfulness under Moses’ covenant was accomplished by simply visiting the temple on occasion. They were not people who made an appearance at the temple or synagogue on the Sabbath. These are people who are described as having been “planted” in the house of the Lord (v.13a). They “flourish” in the courts of our God (v.13b).

Consider those terms. They suggest far more than a weekly appearance at an assembly. These terms suggest someone who

understands the significance of God’s steadfast love, faithfulness and work. As a result they firmly plant themselves (the tree metaphors of the text) in God’s house. It is where they reside, not someplace they visit. They relish their place there because there is no other place they would rather be. Morning and evening they praise their God and give Him thanks. As you look into this Psalm does it reflect similarly your attitude toward God and His house today—the church? Are you planted there and do you flourish?

A remarkable thing about being planted and flourishing is that even in one’s old age one will bear fruit. We are ever green and growing, or we are dead (v.14). What a blessing! Do we appreciate those among us who, though age may have them bent and their body broken, continue to bear fruit (cf. Gal. 5:22-23). Our tendency is to dismiss them as having passed their prime and no longer able to be relevant. The Psalmist declares the “planted” one who “flourishes,” though aged, is still of great value.

This is missed by those described in vs. 6-7. Eternity is missed by them as well. In the Lord’s house we experience a taste of eternity as we acknowledge God’s love, faithfulness and work. We offer to Him thanksgiving, praise and a life filled with righteousness morning and evening, planted and flourishing in His house.



## 23 Years In The First Grade?

By Andy Dobbs

Statistics show that if public schools met only as often and as long as Sunday Bible classes at church assemblies, it would take 24 years for each student to get through the first grade!

Many people attend bible classes only about half that time; thus a span of 48 years would be required for some to complete the first grade! One or two hours per week studying your bible is not enough! Study at home!



### Answers from page 1

1. Nisroch [2 Kings 19:36-37]
2. Paul’s [Acts 28:11]
3. Babylonia [Jeremiah 51:44]
4. Isaiah [Isaiah 46:1]

