

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 11, 2014**

**Announcements for the Week**

Doug Davidson

**Morning Service**

**Evening Service**

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Prayer- Don Casper

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Song Leader- Roger German

**Communion:**

Comments – Marshall Irvin

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Communion –Mike Shepherd

-- Assisting – Cliff Davis

-- Assisting – David Johnson

-- Assisting –Dean Shacklock

-- Assisting – Kevin Criswell

-- Scripture – Dan Buselmeier

Scripture – Justin Carr

Closing Prayer- David Fuller

Closing Prayer- Kevin Criswell

**Wednesday Night – May 14, 2014**

First Prayer– Curran LaChappelle

Song Leader – Russ Sollars

Invitation – Andy Dobbs

Closing Prayer – Don Casper

May 25 Evening Service: Marshall Irvin

**Upcoming Assignments**

May	Communion	Cleaning
18	Ferrell	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
25	Shepherd	Dobbs, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

**Family Bible Week Begins Monday, June 16, 2014**

Plans have already begun for preparing for our Family Bible Week. Many of the ladies were preparing class materials and decorations for our "Great Escapes" week.

We hope everyone makes plans to attend and to bring their friends.

**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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*Violent People*

1. Who killed Abner?
2. What evil king of Judah was killed by his servants?
3. What Christian witness was killed by the people of Pergamos?
4. Who killed Ben-Hadad with a wet cloth?



*Just Wad It Up And Start Over*

By Dee Bowman

New beginnings are a necessary part of life. I remember doing my math homework and running across a difficult problem. I'd work on it and work on it and finally, in sheer disgust, wad up the paper and throw it in the vicinity of the trash basket. Then I'd get a new page and start all over again.

I suppose all of us like the idea of being able to start over again. Forgiveness of sins is the best of all possible new beginnings. Can you imagine what life would be like if we have to carry around the baggage of all the mistakes, all the misjudgments, all the immoral things we have done in the past? The sheer weight of the guilt would be imposing, if not impossible to bear. The angelic annunciation stated that "*He shall save His people from their sins*" (Matthew 1:21). That's the best of all new beginnings.

## [Just Wad It Up And Start Over](#)

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So maybe it would be the best of a new beginning to start with a fervent, personal prayer for forgiveness. That's what I'm going to do. *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" we are told (1 John 1:9)*. That's about as good a way to begin the new year as I can think of.

I have put together some other resolutions, fitted for the refrigerator door or the mirror in the bathroom, in the hope that they will help us be better servants of His in the new year.

I am resolved to get closer to God, to make a special effort to read and study His word and put it to work in my life.

I am resolved to put first things first, to put my relationship to God first in my life and then arrange everything else in its proper order.

I am resolved to make plans each morning to do some deed of kindness that day, then to look for an opportunity to make my resolution a reality.

I am resolved to keep my role-whatever it is-in perspective and to perform the obligations it calls for with diligence and concern. I will try and be a better father, mother, son or daughter, brother or sister, employee or employer.

I am resolved to be confident about who I am-a Christian. I will not be ashamed and I will look for opportunities to tell someone about Jesus.

I am resolved to take at least 10 minutes each day and be with God-to dismiss all the cares and problems of my life and be thankful, to ask Him for His help and forgiveness, and praise Him for His blessings.

I am resolved to learn the value of the short prayer, to stop and pray several times a day and thereby let God be a part of all that I do, no matter the size or significance of the project.

I am resolved to look for good things in people, to respect the common folks, to give something to the less fortunate, to notice those who have little or no recognition.

I am resolved to budget my time so that God's cause is part of them. I will not allow anything to crowd out the time I have decided to give.

I am resolved to say "I love you" more and mean it.

I hope these suggestions will be a beginning place for a new beginning for you. I want to do better, don't you?



## [A Worship Critic](#)

By David Maxson

*How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire?*

Are you a worship critic?

What is a worship critic? Well, a worship critic is kind of like a food critic. A food critic goes to a restaurant and examines the atmosphere, the service, and the food. He's looking at the little details. He's evaluating the minutia the unobservant might miss. He eats the food, but it is hard to say if he really enjoys it. Enjoying the food is not his purpose. His goal is to evaluate the restaurant.

Worship critics have a similar mentality when they come to church. They examine the Bible class teacher, the song leader, the preacher, the one who leads prayer, the one who makes comments at the table, etc. They even scrutinize the announcement maker.

When the focus is almost exclusively on the worship leaders instead of the substance of the worship, then we are distracted from our true purpose in coming to church.

So, if this is a temptation for you (and who isn't guilty of doing this sometimes?), work to overcome this sort of distraction this morning. Look past the imperfect worship leaders to the Lamb of God who should always be the center of our thoughts on the first day of the week.



### Answers from page 1

1. Joab [2 Samuel 3:27]
2. Amon [2 Kings 21:23]
3. Antipas [Revelation 2:13]
4. Hazeal [2 Kings 8:7-15]

