

SERVICE SCHEDULE for June 15, 2014

Announcements for the Week

Jason LaChappelle

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Don Casper

Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Communion:

Comments – Andy Fuller
Communion – Phillip Dorn

- Comments – John Paul Baker
- Assisting – Trey Irvin
- Assisting – Mark Jones
- Assisting – Connor LaChappelle
- Assisting – Andrew Johnson
- Scripture – Darryl Griffing

Scripture – Kevin Criswell
Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Closing Prayer- Roger German

Wednesday Night – June 18, 2014

- First Prayer– Family Bible Week
- Song Leader – Family Bible Week
- Invitation – Family Bible Week
- Closing Prayer – Roger German

June 22 Evening Service: Curran LaChappelle

June 29 Evening Congregational Prayer Meeting

Upcoming Assignments

June	Communion	Cleaning
22	Land	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
29	Goddard	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd

Family Bible Week

Family Bible Week begins today! Everything is ready to go. Now the question is, "Are YOU ready to help make this one of the best ever?" Please don't be one of the "Great Escapers"!

Ladies Bible Study

The ladies will be taking a Summer hiatus and will resume the bible class starting on Monday, September 15. Now is the time to concentrate on Family Bible Week. "Great Escapes"



Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

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Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Family Bible Week 2014

Covington Church of Christ

9441 Bypass Road

Monday thru Friday

June 16 – June 20

7:00 PM

Great Escapes:

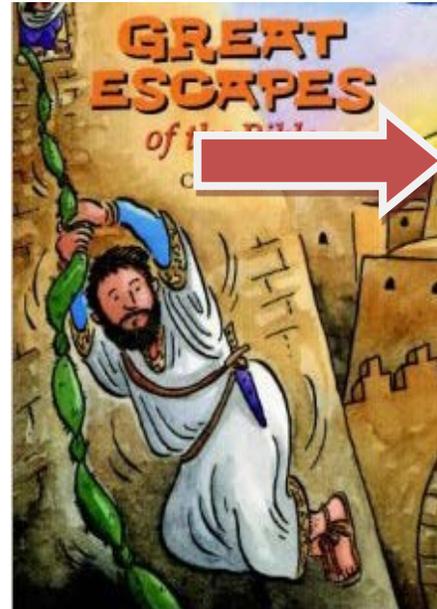
Monday -- Noah and his family escape a mighty flood.

Tuesday -- Israelites escape from terrible slavery in Egypt.

Wednesday -- Daniel escapes from a den of lions.

Thursday -- Jesus makes the ultimate Great Escape.

Friday -- Paul and Silas escape from Prison.



Come Every Night & Bring Your Friends!





Where We Pitch Our Tents

By Andy Diestelkamp

Is life stressful for you? Do you have time for a crisis this week? Most of us cannot imagine what it would be like to add to our already overly busy lives the pressure of taking a stand for what is right and then the stress of becoming the objects of our community's scorn. (Although that might free up some time for us.) Lot was a righteous man who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked among whom he dwelt. *“That righteous man... tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds” (2 Peter 2:7-8).* Do you have time for this kind of torment?

It is interesting that Peter uses the adjective righteous three times in reference to Lot. It is even more interesting that—from the divine perspective—the torment experienced by Lot's soul as he lived in the Sodomite culture was, in part, self-inflicted. Oh, certainly, it was the filthy conduct of the wicked among whom he lived that oppressed him; but he chose to move there, and—more significantly—to stay there and “day by day see their lawless deeds.” I understand that Peter's immediate point in using the example of Lot is to demonstrate that God knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation (vs. 9). The grace of God is abundantly manifested in the story of Lot. However, if we think this means we are at liberty to carelessly graze in the well-watered “greener grass” on the other side of the spiritual fence (cf. Genesis 13:10), give our children into the hands of a godless culture (Genesis 19:8,12), and expect God to swoop in with some angels to save us from our carnal short-sightedness, then not only have we failed to learn from Lot, we haven't read Peter far enough.

In times past God spoke to men in a variety of ways (Hebrews 1:1). Some even entertained angels (Genesis 19 & Hebrews 13:2). But God has finally spoken through His Son (1:2) Who is so much better

than the angels (vs. 4)! In God's most glorious demonstration of grace to mankind, He didn't send angels. He personally came in the flesh to deliver us from our sins. *“How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” (2:3).*

In the larger context of Peter's letter is a warning to those who had already escaped the pollutions of the world through Jesus Christ (2 Peter 2:20). It is a warning about false teachers (vs. 1) who had forsaken the right way and gone astray (vs. 15). Such teachers speak great swelling words of emptiness and allure through the lusts of the flesh and thereby deceive even those who have already escaped (vs. 18). As Jesus succinctly warned in a similar context, *“Remember Lot's wife” (Luke 17:32).* There was a woman who had escaped but whose affections for a perishing world were stronger than her appreciation for the manifest grace of God.

How about us? Will we heed this divine warning in our own generation? Our nation does not appear to be listening. There is a host of teachers wearing the name of Christ who have taken up the mantle of Balaam (2 Peter 2:15; Revelation 2:14). They are seducing many churches into feel-good harlotry. Many are more invested in the world than they are willing to admit. Most may fancy themselves too sophisticated to “moon” somebody, but many are still shamelessly uncovering their nakedness in socially acceptable ways. This is not leading but following.

For decades our culture has been redefining love to suit its lusts. Who can be surprised that it is also redefining marriage for the same reasons? Where will it stop? Without moral leadership, it won't stop until the wrath of God is poured out. At least Lot used his position “sitting in the gate” of the city (Genesis 19:1) to hospitably protect his guests and finally had the courage to confront those who would molest them saying, *“Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly” (vs. 7).*

Will we speak up? The pressure to conform is only going to increase, and, despite all the public talk of tolerance, the preaching of the Word is already “out of season” and soon will not be tolerated any more than were Lot's feeble efforts (2 Timothy 4:2-4). *“This one came in to sojourn, and he keeps acting as a judge” (Genesis 19:9).* We, too, are all sojourners, right? In what direction is your tent pitched? Could you pull up stakes and not look back? Do you have time for that?

