

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 29, 2015**

**Announcements for the Week**

John Paul Baker

**Morning Service**

**Evening Service**

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Song Leader- Various

**Communion:**

**Comments** – Mark Jones

-- **Comments** – Dan Buselmeier

**Communion** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle

-- **Scripture** – Cliff Davis

**Scripture** – Various

**Closing Prayer**- Mike Shepherd

**Closing Prayer**- Dan Buselmeier

**Wednesday Night – April 1, 2015**

**First Prayer**– Bill McIlvain

**Song Leader** – John Paul Baker

**Invitation** – Russ Sollars

**Closing Prayer** – Andy Fuller

**March 29 Evening Scripture & Song Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

April	Communion	Cleaning
5	Davis	McIlvain, R&K Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
12	Davidson	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson

**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 April 6 @ 7:00PM.

**Good Thoughts –**

No matter what kind of sin you have committed, there is always forgiveness. You must repent and seek forgiveness. You can walk in the new life and light. Once I am alive, I still have the chance to live rightly for the rest of my life.”  
— Lailah Gifty Akita



*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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Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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*Shepherds And Sheep*

1. To whom did Jesus say, “I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves”?
2. In Jesus’ parable of the lost sheep, how many sheep were in the field?
3. Who did God tell Moses would be the new shepherd over Israel?
4. Who became a shepherd in Midian for his father-in-law?



*Keeping A Clean House*

By David Maxson



*“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” [Luke 11:24-26]*



## Keeping A Clean House

Continued

If you've lived long enough, you probably recognize that there are certain triggers that lead to sin. You can almost pinpoint the time of day, common annoyances, mood swings, and other circumstances behind your temptation.

One of those triggers for us is inactivity. As they say, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." While the saying is not from the Bible, it has biblical foundation as in the parable above.

This is why, for example, after the apostle Bible exhorts us to not get drunk with wine, he encourages us to "*be filled with the Spirit*" (*Ephesians 5:18*). In other words, it's not enough to simply avoid the bar. Once we have driven out the demon, we've got to replace it with the Spirit. So, instead of going to the bar, we could do other things (singing, prayer, giving thanks, etc.) that would fill us with God's Spirit.

We need to ask God to help us to truly "clean house" by not only ridding our hearts of the demons that afflict us, but by inviting the Spirit in to replace them.



## Lying

By Jim Jonas

Lying comes in many hues. There is the deep black of the "bald-faced lie," a deliberate, calculated untruth told to gain some sort of advantage. This kind of lie cost Ananias and Sapphira their lives (Acts 5:1-10).

Lies also come in a lighter shade. We might be persuaded to tell a complete fabrication when frightened or threatened with embarrassment. Peter was caught off-guard during Jesus' trial and did what he denied he would ever do (Luke 22:54-62).

A still lighter shade of lying comes when we repeat things about people or situations which are untrue. This could be called "tabloid lying." Rumors often circulate which are embellished with sensationalism, half-truths and total fantasy.

People who engage in such are less interested in truth than in wallowing in the mud of innuendo, spite, and character assassination. This is precisely the atmosphere that swirled about Jesus and ultimately contributed to His death (Mark 14:56-61).



Yet another form of lying is innocently called "stretching the truth." This is usually done for effect. Over-exuberance to impress another or bolster a point being made might lead to exaggerating the facts. This may be far more common in our lives than we care to admit.

Half-truths are told with the intent to deceive or to cover one's mistakes. When God sought Adam he replied, "I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself" (Genesis 3:10). His answer was true but evasive; he did not want to admit the source of his newfound knowledge.

How shall we categorize the truth when it is relabeled for deceptive purposes? Manufacturers engage in this all the time. For example, one box of cereal listed "crystallized evaporated cane juice" as an ingredient – also known as sugar. Another food package boasted "Ready in seconds." The cooking time was actually 10-12 minutes. Well, minutes are made of seconds, you know.

To avoid the trap of telling lies we must first love and desire the truth. We should be very attentive to our speech and insure to the best of our ability that our words are accurate. This may mean embarrassment if the truth does not reflect well upon us.

Lying to cover our flaws will not change them. Only repentance can do that. To avoid the trap of listening to lies we must again love and desire the truth. We must be discriminating in what we hear and read, for we are accountable for believing lies (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12; Matthew 15:14).



### Answers from page 1

1. The 12 disciples [Matthew 10:16]
2. A hundred [Matthew 18:12-4]
3. Joshua [Numbers 27:16-18]
4. Moses [Exodus 3:1]

