

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 12, 2015**

**Announcements for the Week**

Marshall Irvin

**Morning Service**

**Evening Service**

Prayer- Darryl Griffing

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- John Paul Baker

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**Communion:**

**Comments** – Russ Sollars

-- **Comments** – Jason LaChappelle

**Communion** –Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** – Scott Lucas

-- **Assisting** – John MacQuilliam

-- **Assisting** – Trey Irvin

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

-- **Scripture** – Kevin Criswell

**Scripture** – Gary Goddard

**Closing Prayer**- Mike Shepherd

**Closing Prayer**- David Johnson

**Wednesday Night – April 15, 2015**

**First Prayer**– John MacQuilliam

**Song Leader** – Don Casper

**Invitation** – Josh Hudson

**Closing Prayer** – Tyler Akins

**April 26 Evening Service:** Andy Fuller

**Upcoming Assignments**

April	Communion	Cleaning
19	H. Hudson	Davidson, K. Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
26	Williams	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart

**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 20 @ 7:00PM.

**Good Thoughts --**

When something goes wrong, what's the best course of action? To change your direction. Repentance means to stop going one direction (your own way) and turn toward the right direction (God's way). Your past may be a part of who you are, but it certainly doesn't have to define your future. — Craig Groeschel,



*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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*The Biblical Greenhouse*

1. What plant had such a bitter taste that it became a symbol for sorrow and disaster?
2. What kind of tree did Zacchaeus climb in order to see Jesus?
3. What tree was a symbol of grace, elegance, and uprightness?
4. What kind of wood was Noah's ark made of?



*Seeking The Seekers*

You who may be reading this article may have come to the Lord because you were seeking something that could not be found in the world you knew. You have a conversion story to share with others. How do you do that?

According to Gallup polling, the number one source for conversions in churches across America today is the people who begin with a visit to a church's worship services. Understanding that opens some major doors for us. If we want to get the gospel out, one of the best ways is to get some guests in.



## Seeking The Seekers

Continued

The Gallup poll revealed that 1 out of 4 people who do not go to church anywhere say they would go at least once if someone invited them. Further, between 70% and 80% of Americans do not attend worship services.



Let's do a little number crunching. I am estimating that there are roughly 42,000 people in the immediate Covington area. Since this is the Bible Belt, let's go with the low end number and say that only 70% or 29,400 people do not attend anywhere. 25% of these say they would visit at least once if invited. That means 7350 people in Covington claim they would visit a worship service if they were invited. Keep in mind that does not take into account our proximity to Oxford, Conyers, Porterdale, Social Circle, Walnut Grove, etc.

So what is the key to getting these 7350 people to visit the Covington Church of Christ? They have to be invited. That is where you come in. You need to invite people to be our guests. Let's think about some keys to good inviting:

**First**, think everyone. Start by inviting people with whom you already have a relationship—family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. However, do not be afraid to invite people you do not even know—bank tellers, grocery store cashiers, the person standing in line behind you. Whatever you do, do not just focus on people who are already good church goers. We assume that 25% of those who don't go anywhere are willing to visit with us. Let's find them.

**Second**, be informal and casual. Most people do not want to make the most important decision of their lives today. Therefore, do not make it sound like every important aspect of their lives is riding on this decision. Just let them know about the Covington church and invite them to come sometime.

**Third**, just do it. Don't worry about inviting the wrong way. Just get out and invite people. We have 7350 people to find in Covington. We can only find them by inviting as many as we can. Remember how great it felt to find that for which you were seeking in the long ago?

How many will you invite this week? This will give you a chance to share YOUR Good News story! 

## A Good Way To Die

By Edwin Crozier

Is there a good way to die? I have heard people get into conversations about how they hope to go. Some are willing to face a lingering painful illness because it will give them time to prepare. Some want to die suddenly, without warning to allow the family a quicker time of grief. To die silently and painlessly in their sleep would be me.

In the end, no matter how we die, we are dead. Is there really a good way to die? *Revelation 14:13* says there is. *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!"* The only good way to die is in the Lord. In the context of the Revelation, there is a reason dying in the Lord is good. The verse goes on to say, *"Yes," says the Spirit, 'so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.'"*

This rest is in contrast to the wicked who choose the easy path of worldly living and worldly religion. These may appear to have rest and ease. They often avoid the trials that come from godly living. However *Revelation 14:11* says of their eternity, *"And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night..."*

We have a choice. When we look at the big picture, the choice is a simple one. However, when we are facing another day to day moment, the big picture is sometimes obscured. Most of us know how we should live, yet we struggle in those daily moments.

Remember the list of people in Hebrews 11. These were people just like us. They fell at times, just like us. Yet, they picked themselves up, trusted in the grace of God and continued on in faith. *Hebrews 12:1* says, *"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."*

The author's point? You can do this. Don't give up. Then, one day you will die in the Lord and you will receive the utmost blessing of rest and peace in the Lord. What a day to look forward to.



### Answers from page 1

1. Wormwood [Proverbs 5:4; Amos 5:7]
2. A sycamore [Luke 19:1-4]
3. The palm [Psalm 92:12; Jeremiah 10:5]
4. Gopher wood [Genesis 6:14]

