

## FALL SCHEDULE:

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> – Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> – “How to enjoy your life” Sermon series  
September 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday school starts  
September 9<sup>th</sup> – Combined service with Living Hope & Relevant Word  
September 16<sup>th</sup> – Progressive dinners  
Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – “Beautiful Outlaw” Sermon series  
October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Bible study groups launch  
October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8am – Men’s Breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Academy & I-25

## SERMON NOTES:

- #1 DEFUSE the RIVALRY
  - #2 DELETE the CONCEIT
  - #3 DECREASE the CRITICISM
  - #4 DEMONSTRATE CONSIDERATION
  - #5 DEVELOP CHRIST-LIKENESS
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## VOLUNTEERS TODAY

**Worship Hour Nursery:** Diane Sanford  
**Ushering:** Cathy Ernst and Gordon Kaufman  
**Snacks:** Bill and Elisabeth Hendricks  
**Coffee Set-up:** Matt Ernst  
**Counting:** Cathy Ernst and Bruce Nicklas  
**Closing:** Bruce Nicklas

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## FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

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Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

### How to enjoy your life – “Resolving conflict”

Years ago, a large statue of Christ was erected high in the Andes on the border between Argentina and Chile. Called "Christ of the Andes," the statue symbolizes a pledge between the two countries that as long as the statue stands, there will be peace between them. Shortly after the statue was erected, the Chileans began to protest that they had been slighted -- the statue had its back turned to Chile. Just when tempers were at their highest in Chile, a Chilean newspaperman saved the day. In an editorial that not only satisfied the people but made them laugh, he simply said: "The people of Argentina need more watching over than the Chileans."

To me this story illustrates what we spoke about last week – gaining perspective in order to maintain our joy. This story also illustrates another valuable secret – the importance of learning how to diffuse a potentially charged situation that can lead to conflict. Today we’ll be focusing in on the issue of conflict. I hope you leave better armed at resolving conflict than when you came through the doors! –Pastor Naas

## Simply Christian by N. T Wright

Chuck Eklund will be teaching a class based on N. T. Wright's book – *Simply Christian*, starting **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested, you can purchase the book in advance and begin reading it. It's an amazing book. In case you are not familiar with N.T. Wright, here's a short write up: Wright is the Bishop of Durham and was formerly Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey and dean of Lichfield Cathedral. He taught New Testament studies for twenty years at Cambridge, McGill and Oxford Universities. In short: He is one of the most well known theologians today and is definitely well respected.

## Support for Lydia

For the past three years Faith Covenant has sponsored a local woman who was trafficked out of an orphanage in Oakland, CA. She has gotten out of prostitution and off of drugs and is trying to turn her life around. She has made plenty of bad choices as she has not had anyone to help her with some of these issues. Currently she is on disability. She now needs to move to a different apartment, but the deposit is more than she can afford. Here are some of her needs: Rent deposit; a job; reliable transportation; grocery cards, gas cards and a petco or petsmart card for her cat California. Please continue to keep this young woman in your prayers. – *Cheryl Prince*

## Women's Retreat at Covenant Heights - September 21 - 23, 2012

Wishing you could sneak away for a relaxing time in the mountains? We've got the perfect weekend for you! This year's theme is "Cozy Mountain Lodge." This will be a relaxing mountain lodge themed retreat that includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection. This Women's Retreat was purposefully created to help you connect with God, with other women, and with yourself. Each focused session will be led by a fellow sister in Christ, rather than one specific keynote speaker. We are praying that this can be a true retreat for you!

### SCHEDULE

Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 pm: registration begins

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 12:00 pm: retreat ends

### COST

A limited number of scholarships are available from Covenant Heights Camp. \$140/pp for full retreat; \$105/pp for 1 night and 4 meals; \$80/pp for Saturday only

### LOCATION

Covenant Heights Camp & Retreat Center, 7400 State Highway 7, Estes Park, CO, 80517 - Tel: (970) 586-2900

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** you can contact Suzanne Ralston at: [Suzanne.M.Ralston@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanne.M.Ralston@gmail.com) or call her on (719) 650-2713  
You can also visit: <http://covenantheights.org/#/events/womens-retreat> to register and learn more about the Women's retreat.

## Outreach to the homeless in Acacia Park

Dear Faith members and friends, thank you for the support you have shown towards our outreach to the homeless. We are set to do our outreach in Acacia Park next Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. **If you haven't yet done so, you are still welcome to drop off toiletries at the church office this week.** You can take a copy of the list of needs by the boxes in the Narthex. Feel free to contact Nancy Stromer on 488-9590.

## Diffusing conflict the smart way?

Two men who lived in a small village got into a terrible dispute that they could not resolve. So they decided to talk to the town sage. The first man went to the sage's home and told his version of what happened. When he finished, the sage said, "You're absolutely right." The next night, the second man called on the sage and told his side of the story. The sage responded, "You're absolutely right." Afterward, the sage's wife scolded her husband. "Those men told you two different stories and you told them they were absolutely right. That's impossible - they can't both be absolutely right." And that's when the sage turned to his wife and said, "Honey, you know what – you are absolutely right."