

## SCHEDULE:

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



Please RSVP JACK GARCIA by text at 339-7040

## SERMON NOTES: "Conquering Complaining"

### 1. RESIST \_\_\_\_\_ ATTITUDES.

1<sup>st</sup> SAFEGUARD: LIVE EACH DAY BY GRACE

### 2. REEVALUATE OUR \_\_\_\_\_.

2<sup>nd</sup> SAFEGUARD: KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES IN PERSPECTIVE

### 3. YOU NEED TO REFOCUS YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.

3<sup>rd</sup> SAFEGUARD: GET TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND BETTER.

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## VOLUNTEERS TODAY

**Formation Hour Nursery:** Matt Ernst

**Worship Hour Nursery:** Gordon & Toni Kaufman

**Ushering:** Bob & Ruth West

**Sound:** Ray Sanford

**Snacks:** Bob & Ruth West

**Coffee Set-Up:** Mark Miller

**Closing:** Peter & Tracy Hilts

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How to enjoy  
your life!

## FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### "Maintaining a joy-filled life."

Philip Parham tells the story of a rich industrialist who was disturbed to find a fisherman sitting lazily beside his boat. "Why aren't you out there fishing?" he asked. "Because I've caught enough fish for today," said the fisherman. "Why don't you catch more fish than you need?" the rich man asked. "What would I do with them?" "You could earn more money," came the impatient reply, "and buy a better boat so you could go deeper and catch more fish. You could purchase nylon nets, catch even more fish, and make more money. Soon you'd have a fleet of boats and be rich like me." The fisherman asked, "Then what would I do?" "You could sit down and enjoy life," said the industrialist. "What do you think I'm doing right now?" the fisherman replied as he looked placidly out to sea.

Today we will explore how we can achieve the pursuit of maintaining a joy-filled life! May you find yourself blessed for being here today!

—Pastor Naas

## A bad case of legalism?

The story was told some years ago of a pastor who found the roads blocked one Sunday morning and was forced to skate on the river to get to church, which he did. When he arrived the elders of the church were horrified that their preacher had skated on the Lord's day. After the service they held a meeting where the pastor explained that it was either skate to church or not go at all. Finally one elder asked, "Did you enjoy it?" When the preacher answered, "No," the board decided it was all right! - *Today in the Word*, December, 1989, p. 12.

One of my favorite stories comes from a man who used to be in our church. He and his wife were close friends of our family, but they have now moved to another part of the country. We really miss their joyful presence. When he was a youth worker many years ago in an ethnic community, he attended a church that had Scandinavian roots. Being a rather forward-looking and creative young man, he decided he would show the youth group a missionary film. We're talking simple, safe, black-and-white religious- oriented movie. That film projector hadn't been off an hour before a group of the leaders in the church called him in and asked him about what he had done. They asked, "Did you show the young people a film?" In all honesty he responded, "Well, yeah, I did." "We don't like that," they replied. Without trying to be argumentative, the youth worker reasoned, "Well, I remember that at the last missionary conference, our church showed slides--" One of the church officers put his hand up signaling him to cease talking. Then, in these words, he emphatically explained the conflict: "If it's still, fine. If it moves, sin!" You can show slides, but when they start movin', you're gettin' into sin.

- C. Swindoll, *The Grace Awakening*, Word, 1990, pp. 160-161.

## Ambition

Ambition usually progresses through the following stages: to be like Dad...to be famous...to be a millionaire...to make enough to pay the bills...to hang on long enough to draw a pension. -*Bits & Pieces*, September 1989.

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Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great people make you feel that you, too, can become great.  
Mark Twain

## Our new religion?

In the book *Gaily the Troubadour*, published in 1936, Arthur Guiterman wrote the following poem. Reading his observations, you wouldn't guess it was written nearly 80 years ago.

First dentistry was painless;  
Then bicycles were chainless  
And carriages were horseless  
And may laws, enforceless.  
Next, cookery was fireless,  
Telegraphy was wireless,  
Cigars were nicotineless  
And coffee, caffeineless.  
Soon oranges were seedless,  
The putting green was weedless,  
The college boy hatless,  
The proper diet, fatless,  
Now motor roads are dustless,  
The latest steel is rustless,  
Our tennis courts are sodless,  
Our new religions, godless.

- Arthur Guiterman, *Gaily the Troubadour*, 1936.

## Perspective

When other people take a long time to do something, they're slow; when we take a long time, we're thorough. When they don't do something, they're lazy; when we don't, we're too busy. When they succeed, they're lucky; when we do, we deserve it.

- *Bits and Pieces*, November, 1989, p. 16.