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BETTER KIDS IN 5 SIMPLE STEPS

Beginning Sunday morning, April 21st at 9:30am we will be presenting a parenting class that will last for 6 weeks. These classes will be presented by one of the all time greats, Dr. Kevin Leman! Be sure to invite your friends!

A PEOPLE OF PRAYER

We invite you to come to FAITH every Wednesday from 11:30am - 1:00pm, for a time of prayer. Prayer prompts will be available as it relates to the needs of individuals, our church family, our church ministries, missionaries, our nation, and the world we live in. For more information contact Tracy Hiltz @ 719-325-6448.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to Pam Grettenberger and Caroline Eklund for caring for and arranging our altar area over the Holy Week! It blessed and aided us in our worship!

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS COMING BACK!

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Venue: Pike's Perk on North Academy

MEN'S RETREAT at Covenant Heights in Estes Park

Date: May 3rd to May 4th,

Register online at www.covenantheights.org

COVENANT HEIGHTS CAMP DATES

Work & Worship - May 24th - 26th

Big Sunday - June 23rd

Family Camp - July 3rd - 6th

Camp for ages 8-10: June 23-28; July 7-12; July 14-19

Camp for ages 11-13: June 23 - 28; June 30-July 5; July 7-12, July 14-19

Camp for ages 14-16: June 23-28; June 30-July 5; July 7-12, July 14-19; July 21-26

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Why
God

FAITH COVENANT

AN EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday, April 7th, 2013

Order of Service

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Opening song: In Christ Alone
Song: Our God is Mighty to Save

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 29:1-11

This is the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to what was left of the elders among the exiles,... 4 This is the Message from God-of-the-Angel-Armies, Israel's God, to all the exiles I've taken from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 "Build houses and make yourselves at home. "Put in gardens and eat what grows in that country. 6 "Marry and have children. Encourage your children to marry and have children so that you'll thrive in that country and not waste away.7 "Make yourselves at home there and work for the country's welfare. "Pray for Babylon's well-being. If things go well for Babylon, things will go well for you." 8-9 Yes. Believe it or not, this is the Message from God-of-the-Angel-Armies, Israel's God: "Don't let all those so-called preachers and know-it-alls who are all over the place there take you in with their lies. Don't pay any attention to the fantasies they keep coming up with to please you. They're a bunch of liars preaching lies—and claiming I sent them! I never sent them, believe me." God's Decree! 10-11 This is God's Word on the subject: "As soon as Babylon's seventy years are up and not a day before, I'll show up and take care of you as I promised and bring you back home. I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Oh, thank God—he's so good! His love never runs out. All of you set free by God, tell the world! Tell how he freed you from oppression, Then rounded you up from all over the place, from the four winds, from the seven seas. Some of you wandered for years in the desert, looking but not finding a good place to live, Half-starved and parched with thirst, staggering and stumbling, on the brink of exhaustion. Then, in your desperate condition, you called out to God. He got you out in the nick of time; He put your feet on a wonderful road that took you straight to a good place to live. So thank God for his marvelous love, for his miracle mercy to the children he loves.

Song: Stronger
Song: You Never Let Go

SERMON: "Why God?"

Closing song: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction

WHY GOD? - Who's to Blame?

Isaiah 8:19-22

When people tell you, "Try out the fortunetellers. Consult the spiritualists. Why not tap into the spirit-world, get in touch with the dead?" Tell them, "No, we're going to study the Scriptures." People who try the other ways get nowhere - a dead end! Frustrated and famished, they try one thing after another. When nothing works out they get angry and curse God. They end up in the dark blaming God.

Why does God often get blamed for everything that goes wrong in this world?

One influence is John Calvin's theology on the Protestant church. John Calvin taught his followers that:

"Nothing takes place without God's forethought. All events ... are governed by God's secret plan in such a way that nothing happens except what is knowingly and willingly decreed by Him"

In reaction to this teaching John Wesley, 200 years after John Calvin, wrote: "Attributing such atrocities to God is an outrage against His character, and maketh Him more false, more cruel, and more unjust than the devil. . . . If it were so then God hath taken Satan's work out of his hands and God has become the destroyer of souls."

What Jesus is supremely interested in is not total control but a _____ with you and me!
Total Control is the way of dictatorship, not love.
Love does not control people, rather it sets them free.

What is our role?

God calls us to be _____ restorers between man and God and between man and man.

Luke 15:20-24

So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [23] Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. [24] For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.