Fall schedule

September 9th – Sunday school starts
September 9th – Combined service with our sister churches
September 16th – Progressive dinners
October 1st – 7th – Bible study groups launch
October 6th @ 8am – Men's Breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Academy & I25

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Read Psalm 15:1-5.
Psalm 15 paints a picture of what a life of honesty looks like.
• Honesty can be defined as your behavior matching your beliefs. Think back on a time when your behavior
matched your beliefs.
• How have you experienced the benefits of being honest?
• How have others benefitted from your honesty?
Read Matthew 23:23-32.
The opposite of honesty is being a liar or being a hypocrite. In this passage we see Jesus strongly chastise the Pharisees for their hypocrisy.
• Why is it important to avoid being a hypocrite?
• How have you observed hypocrisy in others? How did that impact you?
• What are some consequences of your hypocrisy?
Read Job 27:5-6 and Matthew 5:37.
These verses encourage us to maintain our honest character.
• Think about a time when you did not act with honesty. How would you act differently today?

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Worship Hour Nursery: Dick and Cheryl Prince
Ushering: The Hilts
Snacks: Mark and Diwane Reagan
Coffee Set up: Chuck Eklund
Counting: Caroline Eklund and Matt Ernst
Closing: The Hilts

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FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday, August 12th, 2012

Forgotten Virtues

Honor. Loyalty. Gratitude. Honesty. Humility. Are they gone? Have believers left true character behind? I certainly hope not!

I read a true story in the reader's digest this week that had me laughing out loud in my office. I'll share it with you here briefly. To a degree, the story illustrates to me that even when we mess up in life we can still be people of character. This story highlights the fact that we can be honest and have integrity in spite of our shortcomings! The question to ask yourself is this: "How honest am in my day-to-day life?" That's what I will be preaching about today – Honesty. Thanks for coming and may you be richly blessed for being here! Here's the story:
When Fred Phillips, retired public-safety director and police chief of Johnson City, Tenn., was a regular police office, he and his partner pulled over an unlicensed motorist. They asked the man to follow them to the police station, but while en route they spotted a North Carolina vehicle whose license plate and driver matched the description in an all-points bulletin.
The officers took off in a high-speed chase, and finally stopped the wanted man's car. Minutes later, as the felon was being arrested, the unlicensed motorist drove up. "If y'all will just tell me how to get to the station, I'll wait for you there," he said. "I'm having a heck of a time keeping up with you."

Supplemental meeting

The Lead Team would like to inform the members of Faith Covenant that our next meeting will be held this coming Sunday the 19th of August following our worship service. The main purpose of this meeting is to vote on new Lead Team members.

Here are the members we will be voting on:

- Chuck Eklund
- Tom Wacker
- Sonja Snyder
- Cathy Ernst

Elizabeth Hendriks is in the middle of her two year term and Pastor Naas is on the team by default, so we won't vote on them. If you have any question, don't hesitate to speak to any of the current lead team members.

Sanctuary Chairs

We would like to inform all the members of Faith that at our next meeting we will also be voting on purchasing new chairs for the sanctuary. The cost will be $12,000.00 A sample chair is in the back if you'd like to try it out!

46%

A recent poll of 5000 students concluded that 46 percent of them would cheat on an important test. Thirty-six percent said they would cover for a friend who vandalized school property, while only 24 percent would tell the truth. Five percent would steal money from their parents if given the opportunity.

Would you keep the cash?

In the late 1980's in Columbus, Ohio, an armored car spilled $2,000,000 on the freeway. Only $400,000 was ever recovered, the rest disappeared with the throngs of people who stopped and scooped up the cash. Some folks were honest enough to return what wasn't theirs: Melvin Kaiser gave back $57,000! Those who have studied human personality say that if we know the people who lost the money, we'll generally give it back. However, if we don't know them, 75% of the time we'll keep the cash. - *Author Unknown, At Calvary, Covington, KY.*

Companion Magazine Subscriptions

If you would like to continue receiving your subscription of the Companion magazine, or subscribe to the Companion, we ask that you please contact the church office to confirm your order. We would like to place an order for those who are interested. If you have forgotten to pay your dues for the past year, you can bring a check into the office and get caught up.

A dishonest vet

A rancher asked a veterinarian for some free advice. "I have a horse," he said, "that walks normally sometimes and limps sometimes. What shall I do." The veterinarian replied, "The next time he walks normally, sell him."

A quality the Bible holds in high regard…

Last winter, a lowly paid waiter in a major city found a briefcase containing cash and negotiables in a parking lot-- and no owner in sight. No one saw the waiter find it and put it in his car in the wee hours of the morning. But for the waiter, there was never any question of what to do. He took the briefcase home, opened it, and searched for the owner's identity. The next day he made a few phone calls, located the distressed owner, and returned the briefcase - along with the $25,000 cash it contained!

The surprising thing about this episode was the ridicule the waiter experienced at the hands of his friends and peers. For the next week or so he was called a variety of names and laughed at, all because he possessed a quality the Bible holds in high regard: Honesty and integrity!

-*Today in the Word, July, 1989, p. 18.*

Financial Update – *Fueling our Vision*

	July	2012 (Jan-Jul)
Budgeted Income	$ 16,175	$113,225
Actual Income	$ 13,152	$ 83,188
Difference	**$ -3,023**	**$ -30,037**
Budgeted Expenses	$ 16,167	$113,169
Actual Expenses	$ 15,582	$106,613
Difference	**$ 585**	**$ 6,556**

Praise God that our giving has increased significantly in the month of July! We are closing the gap between budgeted income and actual income. Thank you!

A great opportunity to serve – our outreach to the homeless

Please join in our outreach to homeless people in Colorado Springs by helping us collect enough toiletries to hand out to 200-300 people at the "Service in the Park" coming up on Sun., Sept. 9th in Acacia Park. Please bring all the toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, razors, cans of shaving cream, combs, deodorants, etc. that you can this month (please take a copy of the list of needs by the boxes in the Narthex). We will also gratefully accept checks made out to church (mark "9/9 Service" on the memo line) so that we can shop for all the items we have promised to supply for this important event. Also, we need many volunteers to help out simply handing out the toiletries with a smile on your face. Please sign up for a "shift" (for one hour or more) for that Sunday. Last but not least, please begin to pray now for 9/9 that our service may be pleasing to God as we share his love with the neediest of souls. Questions? Contact Nancy Stromer.