HEMPSTEAD
City of Character

"Building On a Solid Foundation"

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America In her commodious harbors and her ample rivers. And it was not there; In the fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there; Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits, aflame with righteousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

-Alex de Tocqueville

Other communities have developed extensive materials for churches to use in promoting character. Try these links:

www.charactercincinnati.org/faith

www.charactercouncil.org/faith

www.character_paris.org/editorials

Building Character in the Faith Community

It is the faith organization that can have the most impact on a community by promoting good character within its membership and then modeling it in daily interactions with the community.

The Character Council of Hempstead desires to support the faith community with resources and ideas for presenting godly character to its members and to the community. Teaching godly character could be thought of as raising a standard of righteousness, so lacking in our culture of no absolutes.

There are many ways character can be presented in a church setting:

- **Teaching a short lesson on a character quality in a church service before the sermon.**
- **Conducting a family service where a character quality is presented.**
- **Contact us to hear how one church in our community is doing this monthly.**
- **Place posters about character in prominent places around the church facilities. Posters can be obtained from www.characterfirst.com.**
- **Include discussions about the character quality each month in the church bulletin or newsletter. You may download the essay on this page about the monthly character quality for your church use.**
- **Give character awards through small groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, etc.**
- **Have children memorize key verses on the character quality and present them with expressive motions to the congregation.**
- **Plan a vacation Bible school around character. See the Resource section for materials.**
- **Look for issues with character when counseling. Most bad behavior stems from a defect in character.**
- **Choose leadership on the basis of good character.**

Sign up to become a "Character-Building Church."

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