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From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken
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From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

Looking forward to being with you again this Sunday morning. This will be a special Sunday for us as we recognize those who are graduating. Our graduates this year are Kelsey Tomlinson, Erik Schorken, Lindsay Clarke, and Tricia Juneau. As a way to show your love and support for them, the student ministry has boxes just outside the CLC where you can put notes to each of them. If you would like, you can email your note to Pastor Paul at pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org and he will put them in the appropriate boxes. Please take a minute and send our graduates a note!

For the rest of us who are still learning how much we do not know about life (!), James gives us a word of great hope and relief in James 1:6, "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." Hallelujah! If we want wisdom – all we have to do is ask and God will provide. In fact, the book of James is dedicated to attaining the wisdom of God. James says in James 3:17, "Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering without hypocrisy." Those are 8 "fruits" to guide us as to whether or not the way we are considering is the way of wisdom. God is so intent on His children having wisdom that he devoted another book of the Bible to wisdom – the book of Proverbs. The thesis of Proverbs is given in 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." The word wisdom is found in 49 verses throughout the book. God wants us to live our lives according to His wisdom.

We simply confess we do not have His wisdom for a specific situation.
 Receive God's word for the situation.
 Be faithful to act accordingly.

Paul says, "Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" Let us be ignorant of the way of the world and Ph.D.'s in the wisdom of God.

Enjoy the blessings and Good News of Jesus!

Pastor Jim

Women's Ministry.....

Mark your calendars

Spend the **Summer Sitting** at the feet of **Some** of PGBC's Titus II women. Plan to attend all 3 coffees this summer (June 13, July 11, and August 8). Watch for more details soon.

Worship Ministry.....

I guess everyone goes through chapters in our lives and they are so personal and huge when we're going through them but so relatively normal when someone else goes through them. My little girl is about to graduate from high school and we are in the middle of the many events surrounding this enormous spectacular. To us the world stops and everything revolves around Lauren graduating but to most of you it's just a "normal" event. It's a matter of perspective.

I've been thinking and praying a lot lately about our perspective when it comes to our worship. It is so easy to lose a proper perspective when it comes to our worship. The morning starts out running late because the snooze button was used – one too many times, you couldn't find the kid's other shoe, you pulled out of the driveway with

the diaper bag on top of the car, you hit every red light on the way to church while the kids pick and fight. You pull into the church parking lot and something magical is suppose to happen – smiles are suppose to appear on every face as your family climbs out of the car and holds hands while walking across the parking lot singing “What a Mighty God We Serve.” Everyone goes to Sunday School and while still smiling meet together for 10:30 worship and walk into the CLC prepared and engaged for worship.

Wouldn't that be great! I haven't seen it happen yet. We get so busy and caught up in the events and “happenings” of our lives and before you know it we lose perspective and the events seem huge and our worship becomes “normal.” We act as though our problems, events and happenings are spectacular, but our God is small and “normal.” Let me encourage you with the words from a children's song, “My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do.” Keep perspective! The praise team is a team of individuals who prepare in advance and lead in worship on Sundays. Their job is not to worship for us or to cheerlead and get us pumped up. We have the awesome privilege to come into the presence of our almighty God. Let me challenge you to lay “the normal stuff” at His feet and come Sunday morning with a proper perspective, ready to worship the only One who can make a difference – I guarantee – It will change the way you worship.

All For him,

Pastor Randy

Youth Ministry.....

Checkpoint is tonight at 6:15, rain or shine. Remember that **Camp signups are due today**, if you have not yet filled one out I will have extras at the church tonight. You can come in and fill one out.

PLEASE HELP!!!

We are desperate for some help with food for Mission Jerusalem. Our church is responsible for feeding 150 Missionaries breakfast on Tuesday June 9 and also providing them with a snack that night. If you can donate a breakfast casserole, cookies, brownies, chips, or even money to help us pull this off it would be greatly appreciated. We did not realize we were in charge of this until last week so it is going to take a cooperative effort to pull it off. Please contact Kathy Howell (281-610-2590 or kathysark@texaslilies.com) if you can help.

Senior Recognition Sunday is this Sunday morning. The student ministry has set out boxes in the CLC Foyer (by the nursery desk) with the names of our graduates on them. As a special gift, we are asking you all to write them a note of encouragement, or affirmation, or advice or whatever else you feel they might appreciate and place it in their respective boxes. The card stock is there with the boxes, all you need to supply is inspiration. As Pastor Jim stated above, if you would like, you can email your note to me and I will be happy to print it out and place it in the right box.

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