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

Church Family,

Here is a great word from the Lord for you today on how to live a positive, awesome life. Psalm 18:1-3 says, "*I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God my rock in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*" In all that the psalmist says in this passage, he says God is his refuge. A refuge is a place a person goes to for shelter. The implication is that the psalmist lives in a world that requires him to seek a refuge. He is not walking blindly pretending that everything is okay. He is a man who knows everything is broken and feels the weight upon him. So what does he do?

He spends time with God who is his refuge.

God is good. God is faithful. God is full of potential and hope and joy and love and life and power and truth and solutions. The world is full of something – but not any of that! So the psalmist spends time with God at the fountain of His goodness, faithfulness, hope, etc. and drinks his full! And he does it daily. And God strengthens him, secures him, and delivers him from his enemies!

1. The world is broken – do not look to the world or the things of the world for anything!
2. Make God your refuge – *know* that He is the sole place of goodness.
3. Spend time with the Lord – not just glancing time but deep time.
4. Meditate on His goodness – know that the Lord is *good*. Meditate on His faithfulness, His joy, etc.
5. Receive His goodness – As you do this His goodness will be yours; His faithfulness will be yours, etc.

You meet someone who is positive, full of hope, and full of life. They have difficulty – they hurt, suffer, and mourn according to the circumstances of their lives. But they are not negative, pessimistic, or doomsayers. How is that possible? They spend daily, deep time drinking in the water of the goodness and grace of God.

Be filled today on His goodness!

All for Jesus,

Pastor Jim

Men's Ministry.....

Men's Breakfast Saturday, August 1st at 8:00.

Properties Committee Work Day (After the Men's Breakfast)

The properties committee is looking for several men to help with a few work tasks coming up this Saturday morning. The main project will be to perform maintenance and clean the chairs in the sanctuary since they will still be all left out and easy to access. You will need to bring the following:

- 1) Clothes iron
- 2) 3-4 brown paper bags
- 3) an extension cord
- 4) #2 phillips screwdriver

We will be removing any wax and tightening/replacing fasteners on the sanctuary chairs.

We have a couple of folks committed and if we can get a few more, we will be done before lunch. The best thing is that this is an indoors project. We will also be working on a couple of other small projects. If you can make it, e-mail Chad Haglin - cwhaglin@gmail.com so that he can obtain a head count for help.

Youth Ministry.....

Your help needed!!!

Students, parents, and faithful members of PGBC, Axis Student ministry has two important events that could use your support.

First, this Thursday (the day after tomorrow) we will have a youth work day in the Chapel starting at 10 am. There is a lot of junk in the chapel (I apologize if you donated it but it's true) and we really need to go through it and get rid of the things that are tacky, broken, or just taking up space. Lunch will be provided. This will be easy if we get a lot of workers and we can make the Chapel look great for the start of a new school year.

Second, this Saturday starting at 9 a.m. we are teaming up with Josh Schmidt's swim team for a car wash fundraiser. It will be in the chapel parking lot and all proceeds will benefit Josh's medical bills. This is a great way to get behind Josh and his family. So whether you are coming to work or coming to have your car washed, make sure to come out Saturday morning and give them your support

Greeting Team.....

Seeking 2 ladies and 4 men who love to smile and greet friends and visitors. Just 30 minutes per weekend two weekends per month. We want to present a warm welcome to all, especially to the increased number of visitors. Their greeting makes a very big first impression! Call or e-mail Ken Moore if interested. We need you. 281-762-7386 or kenmoore62@comcast.net

Women's Ministry.....

You are invited to attend August's Titus II **coffee** featuring your choice of one of three "specialty" topics.

Loving Your Children

Spend time with Debbie Jenson as she shares her wisdom and biblical truths on how to love your children. Debbie is a mother of 4 boys ranging in age from 17-28.

Discovering and Using Your Gifts

Whitney Larson will teach on spiritual gifts and how to discover and use them for God's glory.

Creations with Karen

Fellowship with Karen Thomas and other women while being taught by Shonda Jeffrey how to create a beautiful bracelet.

You will need to purchase your own beads or bring \$5. All other supplies will be provided. Beads can be purchased at Hobby Lobby. If you prefer semiprecious stones or higher end gems and beads look at these web sites: www.auntiesbeads.com or www.firemountaingems.com.

Contact Martha Kalkomey at (281)239-2681 or mstkalk@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot.

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