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From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken
To: The Branch
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From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

What are the good shows on TV this summer? Summer is always a difficult time to find something good to watch. But we like to watch. We like to see things happen. We like to see stories develop and plot twists unfold. We like to laugh and enjoy the suspense of “who done it?” We like to watch.

This past Sunday the sermon ended with Psalm 5:2-3, “Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, for to You I pray. In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly **watch**.” What is better than watching God do what God does? “What did you see today?” “I saw God move and answer prayers I offered up this morning!” WOW! Forget watching TV – we can watch...God!

Let me give you a few suggestions that will help you see God work every day *in your life*:

1. **Pray in the morning** – the Psalmist declares this explicitly. We can not see God work later in the day if we have not prayed at the beginning of the day!
2. **Write your prayers down** – this is inferred when the Psalmist says he is going to watch for the Lord to answer his prayers. Certainly the Psalmist remembered what he prayed. If you can always remember your prayers then you don't have to write them down. But, COME ON!!!, write your prayers down in the morning.
3. **Pray as specifically as you can** – Instead of praying, “God bless our marriage,” pray for the specific areas of your marriage you need His presence on for blessing. Maybe you pray this way, “God I need you to help me communicate better with my spouse. Guide me today in the conversation I am going to have.” Instead of praying, “God bless my work today,” pray for a specific piece you need His presence in. Maybe you pray, “God I have a staff meeting today that I need to perform strongly in. Please give me wisdom on project x and clarity of speech as I share with the team.”
4. **Watch** – THIS IS IMPORTANT! Be observant of how your day progresses in the areas you prayed about. God works – you miss it – argh!!!
5. **Celebrate** – Rejoice in the evening before bed as you close your day out at God's faithfulness in your life for this day. Get up in the morning ready to watch God work again.

Ringling Brothers Circus claims they are the “Greatest Show on Earth.” They have the greatest attractions for everyone to watch. If we can learn from the Psalmist simple principles of prayer we will learn how to see God move everyday. Certainly...certainly He is, without question or comparison, the Greatest Show on Earth!!!

What are you watching today?

Have an awesome week in Jesus!

Pastor Jim

Life Events from the Members of PGBC.....

Congratulations to the Cusimano's. Their oldest son Kelly has passed his ninth and final exam to become a licensed architect.

Worship Ministry.....

We were made for relationship with God. He came down to us, met us at our point of need for a Savior, and He dwells among us through the Holy Spirit. He is enthroned in our worship among us. God wants us to respond to His love by worshipping Him in even in the middle of our battles and struggles. I spoke with friend this week that reminded me of how difficult it is to "consider it great joy whenever you experience various trials...James 1:2-4" James doesn't just say joy, - he says "GREAT JOY" That's the joy He wants us to express to Him through our worship. Let me challenge you to worship in front of the mirror sometime. Can you convince yourself that you love your Savior by what you see in the mirror? Sunday is a day we've set aside to come together in corporate worship. Let's express our worship together and express our joy to the God of the Universe.

All For Him,

Randy

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 mskalk@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot.

Saturday August 8th

9:00-10:30 AM

Prayer Room of CLC

Light Refreshments will be served

Childcare will be provided-reservation required. If you need childcare please RSVP by Monday, August 3rd to Martha Kalkomey at mskalk@sbcglobal.net

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