

Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family,

Last month Sears actually set up Santa Claus displays in 372 of its stores. **IT IS JULY!** They are hoping this move will help boost declining sales. The message of Santa always sells. Here is a message for us today that we tend to leave only for a certain time of the year that we need to meditate on all the time – **JESUS IS RISEN!!!!** Luke 24:5-6, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but *He has risen.*" **Maybe what we need is a good Easter message in August!** Isn't it awesome to *know* that Jesus is alive! He is working. He hears us. He intercedes for us. Death could not hold Him down. Because He lives we live. Because He rose we do not have to fear death. We have victory because He is victory. Oh death where is your sting?

That is great!

I do not have any idea if you do Christmas shopping in July. (That is serious planning.) But it is ALWAYS a good time to immerse your thoughts and your life in the fact that Jesus is alive!

Looking forward with eagerness to being with you this Sunday as we continue to unpack how **God has given you Skill.**

All for the Glory of Jesus,

Pastor Jim

Women's Ministry.....

You are invited to attend Augusts' 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.

Worship Ministry.....

Have you ever noticed that our own reaction to other people is based on our relationship with them? For instance, when you pass someone in the hall that you don't know, we might nod or just smile as you pass. If we

see someone we know, we might extend a handshake or call them by name. But if we have a meaningful relationship with someone, whether past or present, and you have spent time and investment in that relationship, we would likely embrace our friend and express how much it means to see him or her. When you come into God's presence, Do you nod? Do you handshake? Or do you feel the warmth of His embrace. Is He a casual acquaintance or a dear friend? Well, it's going to come out in your worship. Let it show. Experience FREEDOM in your worship. Embrace Him.
All For Him,

Pastor Randy

Youth Ministry.....

Checkpoint is happening on campus tonight at 6:30. All students, 6th-12th grade, are invited for games, worship, fellowship, and in depth Bible Study.

Our annual Back to School Extravaganza is Saturday Aug 29th from 9 am- 8 pm. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. for a full day of fun events. The event cost \$15, but this will pay for the days activities as well as two meals. Also, Parents I will need some drivers to help carry students from place to place as we will not be at the Church the whole time. If you can drive at all that day please let Paul (pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org) or Kathy Howell (kathysark@texaslilies.com) know.

Vision Team.....

We are asking God to give us the picture of who He is leading us to be. This is exciting work. God is going to reveal a powerful picture of the future of Pecan Grove Baptist. Pastor Jim is assembling a team of church members to prayerfully discover this vision. Will you consider being a part of this team? We are going to meet six times before the end of 2009. That is the commitment. If you are interested or have questions, please email Pastor Jim at jstern@pecangrovebaptist.org.

Missions.....

Our Fall Nicaragua trip is October 6-11th. Registration deadline is August 30th. We will be helping Pastor Oscar move houses, building roofs, working with children, and much more. DO NOT LET MONEY STOP YOU FROM GOING. If God is calling you to go – you need to go. Please email Doug Jeffrey at djeffrey@pecangrovebaptist.org if you are interested.

Baby Dedication.....

God has given our fellowship so many babies we have to do two baby dedications a year now! Praise the Lord. We are going to have a Fall Baby Dedication on Sunday, September 13th. If you would like to have your baby (ies) dedicated, please email Lee Ann Haglin at lhaglin@gmail.com. (We also need more nursery workers!!!)

Fall University.....

NEW!!! We are offering a U class on Wednesday nights! Registration begins this Sunday. There will be an insert in your worship guide. Check which class(es) you would like to be involved in and put your registration in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Jim!

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