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From: on behalf of Office
To: The Branch
Subject: 10.22.08

From the Pastor..... Church Family,

Is it Wednesday already? What happened to Monday and Tuesday? I hope you are doing well and the Lord's presence is strong on you today. The early voting poll at Pecan Grove Baptist has been open now for two and a half days. We have already had close to, if not over, 1,000 people. They keep coming. Now is a great time to reflect on the Apostle Paul's admonition from 1 Timothy 2:1-2, "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." Both Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama need our prayers. Let's be faithful to lift these men to the Lord for the strength of their relationship with Jesus and their ability to discern His will for our country.

The next two weeks are going to be filled with wild speculation and fear mongering from both parties. Pray. Pray for God's peace. If you have a co-worker or family member who is particularly angry, pray for them. And remember, do not forget, before we are republicans or democrats, we are Christians. We care far more about winning someone's soul than we do convincing them of a political position!

May the Spirit lead you to many people who have not heard the name of Jesus! Be good fishermen.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

The Branch is now on the Web!

For those people who have difficulty receiving the Branch, you can now access it through our website. Go to www.pgbc.org and click on the "newsletter" tab on the right side! Enjoy the reading. Great work Jim Gandy on getting that functional.

Fall Festival

Happening on Friday night, October 31st from 6:30-9:00 in the church parking lot. There are many opportunities to serve. Sign up sheets are in Bible study classrooms and in the foyer of the church. Or you can email Pastor Jim at jstern@pecangrovebaptist.org. Keep bringing candy to the church!

Women's Ministry.....

Ladies retreat this weekend, please keep in prayer that our ladies have a safe and rewarding retreat.

Worship Ministry.....

Falling colored leaves. Cool crisp temperatures. Harvest time. Getting the sweaters out of storage. Bundling up for a hayride. Looking forward to the holidays. Planning for the fall festival. Doing a little of shopping ahead of time for Christmas. All these are part of the things I love about this time of year. It brings back some awesome memories and makes me so very thankful for the many blessings God pours out on me. It also reminds me of many people who have never been a part of a family with the love and warmth and feelings, tastes and smells that we take for granted. I would love to invite you to be a part of the worship ministry this fall and experience "family". We have a great time every Wednesday night at 6:30 in the choir room preparing for Sunday mornings. We are also working on music for the holidays. Come be a part! For more information please see Pastor Randy.

Youth Ministry.....

Checkpoint will meet **tonight** in the Chapel @ **6:15**. We will be doing things a little different tonight and you don't want to miss it.

Attention 6th graders: the Anchor will meet tonight so invite your friends and go wild!

Children's Ministry.....

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An update on where we are this week. I have already had some wonderful meetings with our leadership team and have more planned this week. I am excited about how the Lord is going to take this ministry to the next level. We are going to excel at loving on these kids and moving them forward in their relationship with Jesus! If you are interested in serving – I have a place for you that will line up with what you love to do. Please email me, stop me in the hall, or give me a call!

If you currently serve in PGK you should have received an email from me today. If you have not received it, please let me know and I will make sure to get you in on the distribution list.

KIDS ARE GREAT!!!!

Pastor Jim