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Special points of interest:

- ★ **Prayer & Submission**
- ★ **Discover, Discern, Decide**
- ★ **Moms**



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PARSON TO PERSON

Peg The Painter is at it again. For those of you who have known my wife over the years, you know that she regularly gets energized by painting. When we first started at Parkside 24 years ago, not only was Peg the volunteer secretary, janitor, Children's teacher, Ladies Bible study leader and choir director, she also painted. She painted most of the inside of the church and much of the exterior wood window trim (and there were a lot of windows!). It was not at all unusual to have people come by the office and find the secretary with paint on her hands, arms and clothing. Her husband, on the other

hand, in fact on both hands, was most often paint free.

The same has been true in our home. We have had the same house for 24 years and Peg regularly makes it fresh and new with her painting prowess. These last number of weeks she painted the kitchen, then the dining area, the family room, the living room, the entry, the hallway, our bedroom and the vanity area. She has done this in addition to her full time work at the District Attorney's office, by painting on evenings and weekends. I often come home exhausted and she cranks

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JOHN'S JARGON

Yo Parkside, This is an exciting time for Ignite Student Ministries!! We just had our "soft opening" of the new youth room and are excited about our grand opening party when the sixth and eighth graders move up. The new room has been designed to encourage relaxation and fellowship. With school projects, sports, clubs, and all the drama of the teenage world, our students need a place where they can come to relax, belong, and find their purpose in this thing called life. We pray that this new building will be a tool that God will use to help students discover a personal relationship with Him. So they can grow in Him, share Him with their friends; come to youth

group where they belong to a group who is also going after God. That way Ignite Student Ministries will be able to honor God all together!

I am also excited about our current music series called, "Don't be an American iDiot: An Honest Look at Music." We are learning to Discover, Discern, and then Decide if the music would be honoring toward God. Our theme verse for this series is Philippians 4:8. How often do you take an honest look at your music? It is easy to look at our youth's music and talk about how bad it is, but what do you listen to on the radio in your car when no one else is listening?

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Parson to Person

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out the paint jobs. (That's the benefit of marrying Wonder Woman!) The rooms all look bright and new and it sure beats moving.

While Peg handles the paintbrush, my best brush is my toothbrush. No matter how tired I am, I still find the energy to use my toothbrush. Monday through Saturday the tooth brushing goes great. On Sunday morning however, I gag. No matter how hard I try not to gag, if it is Sunday morning, my toothbrush and my mouth cannot peacefully co-exist. Peg thinks that it is because I am stressed on Sunday mornings... keenly aware of the responsibility to present God's truth to our church family that morning. She's probably right...she usually is.

However, I have a slightly different thought about my Sunday morning gag session, I'm thinking that it is God's way to remind me that if I try to do this teaching thing on my own...I will gag...Big Time! I've got nothing to say on my own and no

special skills to convey information apart from God's Holy Spirit and truth. That gagging on Sunday mornings has become a reminder to me to hit my knees in prayer and submission to God, to confess that I've got nothing...that I am totally dependent upon God's Spirit to recall the truth I have studied and speak through me and to the hearts that only He can prepare. Apart from God's holy intervention...I gag. He is the Vine, I am just a branch. If I abide/remain/stay connected/surrender to Him, there will be fruit. Apart from Him...I can do nothing...but gag. (John 15:5 RSV Ron Story Version)

So...Peg's paintbrush is keeping the inside of our home fresh and new and my toothbrush is keeping the inside of my mouth fresh and clean and on Sundays, reminding me to keep my insides/heart, pure and freshly dependent upon God.

Recently we found out that our 32-year old home needs a new roof. When I got the bids reflecting the cost...I gagged! I wonder how Peg is at hammering shingles?

Pastor Ron

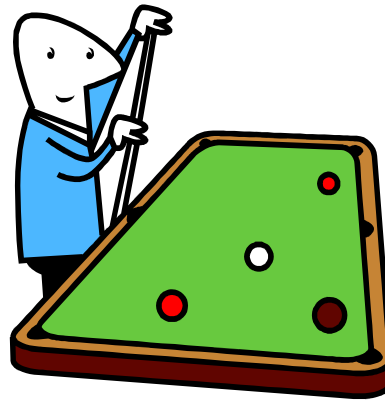
JOHN'S JARGON

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Maybe it would help for you to discover the message of your songs, discern if the message of the song matches up with God's word, and then make an honest decision about if you should keep listening to it.

As we have use of the new building, study music, and get ready for summer, please pray for our youth in this next season.

*Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable
—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things.
Philippians 4:8*



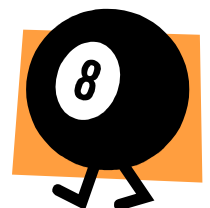
**PIZZA
&
MAN
STUFF**

Hey Guys! We are planning another great time together so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

When: Friday night, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.
Where: In the NEW YOUTH ROOM!
What: Dinner, shoot pool, live music and a manly topic straight out of the Bible.

It's all FREE!!

Give John Vadnais a call, 733-8959,
and let him know you are
planning to attend!



Board Briefs

from the April 13th Administrative Board Meeting

Our time together began with the sharing of praise and prayer requests, a reading and discussion of Acts 2:42-47 and the sharing of our discipling and CPR ministries.

Deacons Chairman Houston Wells shared that he has a meeting with the City Inspector on Monday morning to see if we can begin to occupy our new portables (We passed! And we can!) Houston also reported a good Saturday morning work time with Parkside Youth painting the railings on the handicap ramps.

Keith Glentzer reported that we desperately need larger rooms for several Disciplemaking Classes and that the new portables classrooms will be a major help for that.

Missions Chairman Jim Morcom brought a request for some financial help for Joan Daniels and Tiffany Bier who are going on a Missions Trip with Christian Emergency Relief Teams International to Peru, July 11-25. It was decided to advance \$2,000 to Joan and Tiffany for their plane reservations. Jim will publicize this trip and others in the weeks to come.

The March Financials were distributed showing a General Fund income of \$32,719 (our monthly budgeted amount is \$26,800) with expenses for the month held to \$20,396. We praise God for His generous provision to us early in 2008 and will be seeking His will that matches His provision.

Pastor Ron shared that he and Peggy will be going to Maryland to see their grandson (and kids), June 9-17. Great Commission Sunday has been scheduled for May 4. There are some 25 people planning to attend the April 26 What's Up Seminar and eight people planning to be baptized on April 27.

John Vadnais reported that the Men/Children's Campout was a huge success with several pre-Christian men in attendance. He is also planning a Sports Banquet for our Basketball and Volleyball Teams as we have a number of pre-Christians that have been playing for us.

The Board rejoiced over the many new people God has been adding to our church.

The First Quarter Budget Report was distributed. Our goal for January – March is \$80,000 (related to our \$321,000 Budget for the year). Through March our General Fund income has been \$85,412 (27% of our yearly need) and expenses have been kept to \$65,576 (20% of our budget). All line items were at or below budgeted expectations and major praise is offered to God for His amazing provision to us.

It was decided to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator for potential emergency CPR needs at the church. We will ask CPR trained people in our church

family to be available for such emergencies.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday drew rave review with record attendances. Our one concern is that for Palm Sunday, we have run out of room and the outside breakfast is always subject to weather conditions. It was suggested that we research the possibility of doing Palm Sunday off Campus next year in a facility that will accommodate a larger crowd and indoor breakfast. We are also researching the possibility of providing a roof over the AWANA Game Square (i.e. Pole Barn) that could offer protection of some sort from weather (i.e. rain or sun).

Several suggestions were made to help our Youth do fundraising for their Summer Camps including: Dessert Theatre, Car Wash, Rent-a-Kid, and a Silent Auction.

Pray It Forward is ready for Prayer Visits, April 15 – May 15, and a Celebration Banquet is planned for May 18. Our desire is to inform the 100 or so new people that have been added to Parkside over the past 18 months of God's *Pray It Forward* plan for us.

For the June 1st Semi-Annual meeting it was decided to ask our Mienh Youth to come and give a report on their Missions Trip to Thailand last December.

For our 2008 Goals:

- We praise God for a good AWANA Leadership Meeting on March 30 with many of the Fall Leadership positions coming together.
- Connections are being made in Disciplemaking Classes, Men's & Women's ministries and Sports.
- We are hoping to have video spots in our Sunday morning services for various ministries in the near future.
- Letha Cooke will help us coordinate fellowship with Asian families.
- The portables are near completion and the furnishings are coming together.
- The Site Plan Team is working on the next building needed and may have something to report at the May 18 Banquet.
- We do have Joan Daniels and Tiffany Bier going to Peru and Jim and Sherry Brinkerhoff going to Colorado for Mission Trips. Our Missions Team is researching other possibilities.

The next Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m.



company. (X) Do not put up with excuses. Give them good reason to want to please you. Be an example. (Y and Z) Be consistent in praying for and leading them in God's Word and His best for your child.

Mom, I see these ABC's as useful not just when your child is small and at home but through all the years God gives you access to Him and to your child. Your influence never really stops. You will always have an influence over your children; though you may not know of it. I know my mother (gone to heaven in 2000) still has influence on me and, through me, to our children. As some of you may know, Larry and I have 4 children, 12 grandchildren (one's in heaven) and 14 great-grandchildren. Mom, your influence reaches so many you never dreamed of!

Blessed to bless,
Joyce



Alliance Women

MINISTRIES

Monday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m., the Parkside group of Alliance Women will meet in the Music Room for a work meeting. It is "Chocolate Day" and one of our ladies has donated a 7 pound box of See's chocolates to help us celebrate! And... Becky Hoskins is supplying us with a special treat.

Bring your scissors and come help us have a great time as we share together and work. Every Parkside lady is welcome. See you there!

The College & Career Ministry continues to meet Sunday evenings at 5:30 for dinner and Bible Study. They are working through Matthew, and currently on Chapter 24. Once a month they have a "fun" outing. The April outing was to Three Rivers for white water rafting on the Lower Kaweah, and there is talk of a second trip some time this season. All outings are free of charge, all it will cost you is time.



This ministry is going through a bit of a transition right now, as two of our Fellowship have become engaged—congratulations to Micah & Krista!—and another, Andrew, has gotten a job and moved to San Jose.

The College & Career Ministry always welcomes new attendees. There is no obligation, you don't have to commit to anything. You don't have to come every week, and you don't have to be on time...we have a very relaxed atmosphere, everyone is welcome at any time...no pressure.

Thank you so much to all who have upheld this ministry and the Kistlers in prayer. Each Sunday is a delight for them. And again, new attendees are welcome! Come check us out and pass along this information to other college/young career family and friends!

Questions about the College & Career Ministry? Contact Pete or Suzie Kistler, psaada@aol.com or 625-5430.

***BE SURE TO
SIGN UP!!***

PRAY IT FORWARD CELEBRATION BANQUET

**SUNDAY, MAY 18
5:45 P.M.**

**We're having a celebration
and you're invited!**

We're throwing a *Pray It Forward* Celebration Banquet and we want the whole Parkside family to join us! God continues to bless this church even beyond our expectations. Thanks to your prayers and willingness to listen to God we have great progress to report as we approach the mid-point of our first *Pray It Forward* campaign.

- If you are a long time member it will be a time to look back and praise God for the progress.
- If you are new to Parkside it will be an opportunity to learn more about Parkside so you too can pray and ask God how He wants your to participate.

***No money pitch.
No arm twisting.
No fooling!***

We're just going to praise God, share information, fellowship and pray for God's continued blessing and guidance.

Pray it Forward.

***It really is
all about prayer.***



An Update from Wendi Maze http://blog.myspace.com/wj_overseas E-mail: wmaze@dalat.org

Dear Family and Friends,
 The month of April has gone by in a flash! It has been a bit of an emotional rollercoaster with the end of different church duties and responsibilities on the Leadership Team, journeying through the beginnings of transition, and striving to finish the year well and keep my students, as well as myself, on-track for a strong finish. I am still waiting on God to show me the next step and I truly appreciate your prayers and emails of support in this season of change.

MY CRAZY DOG

April was not a great month for my dog. Sammie got really sick while being boarded over Spring Break. He eventually got better, but his "separation anxiety" came back and he went on a rampage of destruction chewing up electrical cords, book-cases, doors and other expensive household items. About a week ago, I had come to my wits end and e-mailed asking people to pray. I couldn't afford to have him damage anything else in my apartment and I was afraid that I might have to give him away. But thankfully God cares about even the little details of a dog and provided a yard for him. Colleagues at school, who have two dogs of their own, offered to let me put Sammie in their yard during the day. It has been an remarkable answer to prayer!!! Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for lifting up my companion (even though he is a dog!).

PENANG INTERNATIONAL CHURCH (PIC)

Though I have officially ended my term on the Leadership Team, I am still a part of the Pastoral Search Committee. The search process has been an amazing learning experience and time of growing in my leadership abilities, but it has been a long,

time consuming process (as you can imagine). We will be bringing out a candidate for a site visit during the last week in May and would really appreciate your prayers for PIC and the new potential pastor.

Also in May, the PIC Ladies group will be having a Farewell/Welcome Luau for ladies moving away from Penang and ladies who are making Penang their new home, followed the next weekend by a farewell for our outgoing pastors, Craig and Jodi McKenzie, who have done an incredible job planting and growing PIC the past five years.

I am going to really miss PIC! It has been an awesome opportunity to be a part of an international church made up of people from around the world. Although it can be challenging to have so many people coming and going and transitioning in and out of the church body, it has been a powerful experience to be a part of a ministry that touches people's lives while they are living away from their homes and making Malaysia their new home.

FAREWELL AND THE FUTURE

May is already booked full and in a blink of an eye it will be June! June kicks off with the High School Drama, followed by Middle School Awards, Senior Tea, Baccalaureate, Graduation, and last but not least **GRADE REPORTS!** And that's all in just one week. Writing all of that makes me tired!

I still don't know what my future holds, which is an insane thought. However, I do know WHO holds my future! My time here is quickly dwindling away and though in many ways I feel ready, a huge part of my heart will always be here in Penang at Dalat International School. I know I will miss my students and friends. I

will miss my church and apartment. I will miss the beach and warm weather. I will even miss the humidity, which I never thought I would say!

Please pray for my future as God continues to prepare me. Pray that I would have an open heart to follow His lead where ever that takes me and open ears to hear His small still voice in this crazy time. Please pray for all of my departure details and for all of the things that need to come together before I leave (such as selling my belongings, booking a ticket to an unknown destination, and getting all of the paperwork to take Sammie with me.) I appreciate your prayers and support! I have been honored and blessed to have you with me on this journey! Stay tuned for the next chapter...

Blessings,

Wendi Maze

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS CORNER

Upcoming Events:

WUT IF (A Friday night women's fellowship!) in June

MPG Summer Play dates with the kids

Women's Retreat in October

Christmas Cookie Exchange in December

Also, we still have some room for the **2008 Fall Women's Retreat at Hartland** **Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5**
 Contact Joan about registering.

Joan Daniels, 734-3764, or e-mail: jd.studentrn@hotmail.com.

Points of Praise!



We **praise God** that all of the work has been completed, that we got our occupancy permit and we are using our new portables!

We also **Praise God** for all the Parkside people who graciously gave their time and energy to getting everything up and running properly...for those who completed the electrical work, the work done for the alarm systems, painted railings, over saw the projects with respect to the concrete, parking lots and striping, the AWANA game square, got the furnishings for the rooms...and the list goes on and on. Wow, this was a HUGE project and God brought along all the people He needed to see everything accomplished! **All Praise to God!!**

Praise God for those who helped with painting the Youth Room, building things for the Youth Room, donating items for the Youth to use and helping provide an inviting and safe environment for the Youth! What a huge blessing that they have their special space to learn, grow, and have fun!

We **thank God** for the excellent attendance in our Disciplemaking Classes with several classes definitely in need of the larger classrooms!

Praise God that we had a good month financially and God continues to provide for our every need.

We are **thankful to God** for a fantastic Administrative Board Meeting.

We **Praise God** for an excellent planning meeting for AWANA Leadership for the Fall!

Praise God for the Deaconesses that had a work day and organized the kitchen and pantry.

Praise God for the wonderful services we have been having and for the continued excellent attendance!

We **Praise God** that the Alliance Women had a fruitful and fun work meeting.

We are **thanking God** for the 25 people who attended the What's Up With Parkside Membership Seminar.

We **praise God** for a beautiful homegoing celebration for Charlie Rose and for the bereavement meal that was provided for the family.

Praise God for the birth of Kirsten Ann Conrad to Jon and Lauri Conrad! Kirsten was born April 11th, weighed 8 lbs and was 20 inches long!

We are **Praising God** that...
 ...Lois Wright is home from the hospital after an extended stay.
 ...Dave Robles is recovering well from his recent shoulder surgery.
 ...Floyd Westbrook's heart valve repair surgery went well.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:22-26

...Esther Piper is feeling better after a brief stay in the hospital.

...Eddie and Leah King's preschooler, Easton, came through surgery well at Children's Hospital.

...Jacob Ibara came through his gallbladder surgery well.

We **Praise God** for the great news that Micah Piper and Christa Machado are engaged! Congratulations!

Praise God for all of the guests that God brought to Parkside in April which included: Roy and Katrina Smiley, Chris Antunovich, Ligia He maiden, Ericka and Ryan Fultz, Naomi Hall, Shelley Clay, Lendell and Elsa Sims, Gunner Gist, Harold Kurtz, Barbara and Kris Pyatt, Gary and Melissa Eastman, Lizbeth Hernandez, Amy Fritts, Mary Bremner, Kirsten Conrad, Mary Hallum, Jean, Kathie and Kristi Kaiser, John and Donna Moorvartian, Terry and Donna Gallian, Suzy Dean, and Vernon and Peggy Sue Griffin

For these things and more, we give God all the glory and praise!

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May 2008

					<p>1 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm APEX</p> <p>Ed Cowley</p>	<p>2 6:00 am Men's Morning Study 6:30 pm Praise/Tech Teams Fellowship</p> <p>Jessica Mohler</p>	<p>3 10:30 am & 3:00 pm Parkside on KRDU Radio</p> <p>Tiffany Bier Barb Coney Karina Peters</p>
<p>4 8:00 am & 10:45 am Sunday Celebration 9:30 am Disciple-making Classes</p> <p>5:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting 5:30 pm College/Career 6:00 pm PHOP</p> <p>Steve Daniels</p>	<p>5 6:30 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Crossroads 7:00 pm <i>Pray It Forward</i> Team Meeting</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>7 6:15 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Men's Study</p> <p>Betty Jane Eastman LorAnne Maze</p>	<p>8 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm APEX</p> <p>Hannah Nimitz</p>	<p>9 6:00 am Men's Morning Study</p>	<p>10 10:30 am & 3:00 pm Parkside on KRDU Radio</p> <p>9:00 am All Church Work Day</p> 	
<p>11 MOTHER'S DAY! 8:00 am & 10:45 am Sunday Celebration 9:30 am Disciple-making Classes</p> <p>5:30 pm College/Career 6:00 pm PHOP</p> <p>Sabrina Antunovich Alex Haley</p>	<p>12 7:00 pm Crossroads 8:30 pm Volleyball</p>	<p>13 9:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>14 6:15 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Men's Study</p> <p>Sherry Brinkerhoff Kevin Pujol Branden Withey</p>	<p>15 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm APEX</p> <p>Bailey Knickerbocker</p>	<p>16 6:00 am Men's Morning Study</p> <p>Lauren Hasebe</p>	<p>17 10:30 am & 3:00 pm Parkside on KRDU Radio</p>	
<p>18 8:00 am & 10:45 am Sunday Celebration 9:30 am Disciple-making Classes</p> <p>5:45 pm <i>Pray It Forward</i> Celebration Banquet</p>	<p>19 9:30 am Alliance Women 7:00 pm Crossroads 7:30 pm Volleyball</p> <p>Jim Gist</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study</p> <p>Stevi Daniels Don Meyers Doug Pitman</p>	<p>21 6:15 pm AWANA Awards Night</p> <p>Zachariah Glasgow</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm Praise Team</p> <p>Carsen Aguilar</p>	<p>23 6:00 am Men's Morning Study 6:00 pm Small Group Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>24 10:30 am & 3:00 pm Parkside on KRDU Radio</p>	
<p>25 8:00 am & 10:45 am Sunday Celebration 9:30 am Disciple-making Classes</p> <p>5:30 pm College/Career 6:00 pm PHOP</p> <p>Susan Pujol</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)</p>  <p>Hunter Johnson</p>	<p>27 9:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study</p> <p>Tyler Markley</p>	<p>28 6:30 pm Elders Meeting</p> <p>Michael Utsler</p>	<p>29 5:45 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm APEX</p> <p>Skip Landry</p>	<p>30 6:00 am Men's Morning Study 6:00 pm Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>31 10:30 am & 3:00 pm Parkside on KRDU Radio</p>	
<p>Alliance Women's Retreat at Simpson Fri., May 30 - Sun., June 1</p>							



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*"Come, follow Me,
and I will make you fishers of men."
Jesus
Matthew 4:19*

Important Dates to Note:

April 15 - May 15 - Prayer Visits
May 18 - Pray It Forward Banquet
June 1 - Semi-Annual Meeting
July 3 - Fourth of July Celebration



IGNITE STUDENT MINISTRIES

CROSSROADS

Monday Nights at 7 pm For Junior High

APEX

Thursday Nights at 7 pm For High School

For Info Call: 559-734-3775