

## Sheryl Milliken

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**From:** on behalf of Sheryl Milliken

**To:** The Branch

**Subject:** 01.06.2010

## From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

Spoke with a fella in Michigan yesterday – it was 5 degrees without the wind chill. Praise the Lord for 40!

### A WORD

The Apostle Paul has a great, great section in 1 Corinthians 2:2-5. He says, *“For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.”* Faith is not limited to some set of beliefs. Rather biblical faith is another way of saying how you live your life. Paul preached in the power of God so that men would live their lives in the power of God.

But what does that mean? Who God leads us to be and what God leads us to do can not be done without the power of God. Jesus teaches us “love your enemies and pray for them.” His way in marriage is for men to “love your wives as Christ loved the church,” and for wives to “submit to your husbands as to the Lord.” In life we are to “deny ourselves daily.” In our ambition and desire and passion we are to cry out “not my will but yours be done.” The power of God is required to be and to accomplish everything Jesus has for us and is leading us to.

Brothers and sisters, I know many of you are not comfortable with change. New things can be hard. And here we are at Pecan Grove Baptist Church in a season of change. I continue to commit to you to lead us only as the Lord guides according to the Holy Spirit, the word of God, and the counsel of godly men and women. As there is nothing God leads us to do individually that does not require the power of God, so too everything God leads us to as a church requires His power. If He does not come through we will not succeed. May you find comfort and joy and excitement in the power of God. Peter says in 2 Peter 1:2-3, “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

### 2 SERVICES

Are you ready? We are going to make a BIG push with banners, the front sign, invitation cards, and facebook graphics announcing our move to 2 services. I am pumped – invited the store manager at Exxon yesterday! Here is our new worship schedule beginning Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:

8:00 The Gathering – Worship an Amazing God through modern praise songs and hymns

9:30 Bible Study

10:45 Mosaic – Many worshiping One through progressive music

### BUDGET MEETING

Don't forget we are having a budget Q&A meeting this Sunday at 4:00 in the chapel. All ministry leaders will be there to answer any and all questions you may have. Childcare will be provided. We will then vote on the 2010 budget in worship on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Oh ya....

**The box gets opened this Sunday!**

Pastor Jim!

## Women's Ministry.....

## GETTING HIGHER HELP WITH YOUR NEW HABITS

At this month's coffee we will be getting Higher help with our New Year's Resolutions. We will focus on some of the most popular New Year's Resolutions that women make: fitness, organization and growing your relationship with God. Probably every woman you know has made a New Year's resolution that relates to one of these three topics. Stop now and think who you could invite to join you.

Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 am in the Prayer Room. Childcare is available with reservations. Please contact Martha Kalkomey at [mskalk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mskalk@sbcglobal.net)

## Youth Ministry.....

We are back to normal tonight. Checkpoint is from 6:15-8 in the Chapel for all students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Our next Extreme night will be Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> (during Checkpoint), so make sure to invite your friends—especially those who do not attend church anywhere.

Disciple Now will be March 5-7. Cost is \$30 for the weekend (cost includes meals and a t-shirt). Registration will begin next week. Please do not wait until the last minute to register as it makes it very difficult to estimate host homes and leaders.

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