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

Church Family,

We have so many reasons to praise the Lord in our church! Let me share a few with you this morning:

- Our next Step One class is Sunday, March 22nd. We already have four new families signed up for the class! That means God has blessed us with reaching 15-18 new families in the past 3 months!!!!
- We had another real strong week of giving!
- Jane Stark and Denise Kellogg have agreed to lead VBS this year – that is a STRONG, STRONG leadership team! (The dates for VBS are July 20th-24th. Please contact Jane/Denise if you want to serve.)
- This Sunday is our last Sunday of Fireproof Groups. I have heard all sorts of good testimonies of how God has used this to move in your marriages and grow your relationships with other church members.
- We have an awesome Easter weekend planned to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and celebrate His Resurrection
 - Good Friday Worship – 6:30-7:30. We will have five hands-on stations that will take you through various movements of this sacred day.
 - Easter Sunday
 - Sunrise – We are having ONE Sunrise service this year. It will be at Pitts Road Park from 6:45-8:00
 - Egg Hunt – 9:00-10:00 at the church. We will have one for kids 2-4 and another one for kids 5 and up.
 - Worship – 10:30. (We are working on something that will be a great assist to us in celebrating the resurrection.)
- God is moving on Sunday mornings! Every week God is leading us one step closer to Him as we learn to worship Him, pray, and know His word.

It is so good to let go of yourself and follow Jesus. He is faithful. And He will show you new and wonderful works as you walk with Him every day. In Mark 4:35-41, we are given the familiar account of Jesus calming the winds on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus led the disciples to get into a boat and set across the Sea to get to the other side. On the way the winds kicked up to the point that the disciples feared for their very lives.

We all go through seasons of life where the “winds kick up.” Too often, though, we misinterpret the winds. “He must not want me to go this way.” “This is too hard.” “Satan is at work.” These can be true at times but not always. Sometimes, as in Mark 2, God is using the winds to teach a lesson of faith and reveal something about His power, love, faithfulness that you could not have learned otherwise.

So Jesus gets up and rebukes the winds and they immediately calm down. The disciples' jaws drop at this display of the power of God. What would they have missed if they would have jumped out of the boat? (Set aside, for a moment, that they would have died!) What a missed opportunity that would have been!

Some of you are considering jumping ship. The winds have kicked up and are pounding against you and you are afraid. You are afraid of what going forward will cost you. You do not want to pay the price. And you want to jump ship. Could it be that Jesus is doing this in your life to make known to you, for you, that power of God? Can you imagine the testimony the disciples had when they got to the other side? Can you imagine the testimony you will have when you get to the other side? This is not easy. The fear is real. But the power of God in you is greater than the power of fear. Rest in Him today. Rest in Him.

All for Christ,

Pastor Jim

University.....

Sign up this Sunday for classes. Classes start Monday, March 23rd at 6:30. Childcare will be available.

Esther – Bonnie Walker is teaching Beth Moore’s study on the book of Esther.

Wild at Heart – Doug Jeffrey teaches this new Men’s study on John Eldridge’s book.

Personal Evangelism – Pastor Jim is training any who will come to comfortably, confidently share their faith in Jesus with others.

Worship Ministry.....

It’s the first part of March already. The months are flying by so quickly. Easter will be here before we know it and we are getting ready. With Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Sunrise Service and Easter Sunday Celebration Service we have so many opportunities for you to get involved. We need people in so many areas – not just singing. If you are willing to be a part, we need people for setup, tech team, sound team or all-around helpers getting all of the details together for the Celebration to go off without a hitch. See Pastor Randy for more details.

PGBS.....

Pecan Grove Baptist School Chili Cook Off – Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Chili Cook Off tickets are on sale now. We already have 5 teams signed up! Sign ups are in the CLC foyer. We need chili teams, chili, and desserts. If you would like to be a “Judge” please let me know. There will be good food, prizes for winning chili and a silent auction. If you have any questions please contact Barbara at 281-342-2060.

Women's Ministry.....

March, We Meet Again!
Woman’s Ministry Coffee

Saturday, March 14, 2009
9:00 – 10:30 A.M.
Church Prayer Room

”It’s Tough Being a Woman”
(borrowed from Study of Esther by Beth Moore)

A panel of Woman will share the current challenges of their lives, and how God sustains them!

Hazel Gibson
Cathy Stephens
Destiny and Claire Pickett
Praise Music led by Carolyn Bell

Bring a dish and a friend!!

Youth Ministry.....

Checkpoint tonight from 6:30-8. Disciple now is this Friday. We may still need drivers, if you are able to drive for us Friday or Saturday please email Paul at pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org. Please pray for our students this weekend. They will hear challenging teaching on the mission God has for them "HERE and NOW"

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