

Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family,

In John 3, a man named Nicodemus, a Pharisee, comes to Jesus. He begins by applauding the work Jesus has done so far. Jesus seemingly interrupts Nicodemus' introduction and says, "I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Jesus later explains this means that a person must be born of the Spirit. When a person gives their life to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes into their spirit and regenerates their life. But Jesus' teaching says something about life more than just the requirement for salvation. Jesus teaches us that life is spiritual. The ability to have a great, wonderful life depends on the condition of our spiritual lives. If you are physically well and spiritually sick, you will not know life. But if you are physically sick and spiritually well, you will know life. According to Jesus, life is spiritual.

In fact, the role of the Spirit, and our spirits, in our overall quality of life, is one of the cornerstone beliefs of Christianity. This is not a secondary truth but a primary reality. Life is spirit is one of the key truths that differentiate those who follow Jesus from those who do not.

Consider today that your joy, your quality of life, depends on the condition of your spiritual life. With great joy come to Jesus and allow Him to fill you with the Spirit today. He brings depths of power and joy and hope. May you experience life today!

I hope God has been speaking to you through our series *Swimming in Grace*. I have completely enjoyed sharing the words God has given these past two weeks. This week, I have had difficulty clarifying the God's word for us. It has led me to pray more and more. Please pray with me for clarity of thought so that I am faithful to give you what the Lord has for us. He is faithful.

Reaching Richmond for Jesus,

Pastor Jim

University.....

We are offering three great classes that will serve you well in equipping you for full life in Jesus. Please consider taking any one of these this semester. Classes start Monday night, March 23rd at 6:30.

1. Women's Study on Esther – Bonnie Walker teaching
2. Men's Study on Wild at Heart – Doug Jeffrey teaching
3. Personal Evangelism Training through A Faithful Witness – Pastor Jim teaching

Register through the worship guide or by emailing Pastor Jim at jstern@pecangrovebaptist.org.

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.

Youth Ministry.....

Axis Student Ministry is enjoying an incredible season in the Lord. With true love waits and disciple now, God has really been moving in the lives of our students and they are responding in obedience and worship. Please come and join us in worship and fellowship tonight at 6:15 for Checkpoint. Also, springbreak is just around the corner (and all God's people said "Amen"). ASM has daily activities throughout the week that we will talk about tonight. At the end of the week (Thurs-Sat) we will have our guy and girl retreats. Please sign-up for those via emailing Paul at pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org. Let us continue to follow Christ, for he has the words of eternal life.

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.

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