

## Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family,

What a great, great reality that God's Word has all the answers we need for life. We do not have to "search in the dark" to understand how to have a blessed life in Christ. Paul writes to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, correcting, rebuking, and training in righteousness *so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*" The equipping that we need is found in Scripture! Look no further – it is right there before you. There is nothing in life Scripture does not speak to. For example, one of the aspects of the Tower of Babel we did not get to cover this past Sunday is the limitations grace puts on the use of technology. How do we determine what is an appropriate use of technology? Scripture directs us, in part, through the Tower of Babel.

Now, there are only two feasible options in setting limits on the use of technology. Either you have no limits at all or you have some limits. In the no limit scenario, technology can be used on anything indiscriminately. There are no guidelines that limit the use of science. So abort all you want, custom design babies all you want, do research on stem cells all you want, clone all you want with no consideration for any limitations. The second option is having some limits. This option recognizes that there are going to be some things man discovers that we can not pursue or use. Our country puts limits on things all the time. We limit drug use through making some illegal, others available by prescription, and others available over-the-counter (and others available at Starbucks!). We limit the use of technology for speeding on the highway by controlling speed allowed. The question is not whether or not we are allowed to limit, the question is what source do we use to determine limits.

President Obama recently lifted the ban on creating new lines of stem cells. In his lifting the ban he said, "Our government has forced what I believe is a false choice between sound science and moral values." (You can read the whole article here [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090309/ap\\_on\\_go\\_pr\\_wh/obama\\_stem\\_cells](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090309/ap_on_go_pr_wh/obama_stem_cells).) So President Obama believes science has been unjustly limited by moral values. That accuracy of his argument depends on the source of his belief. Where does he get his belief that the "moral values" that limited stem cell research were wrong? Does morality of any sort have any role in the proper use of technology for the President or for science in general?

Well, we find at Babel the same situation. Men used technology with no moral limitations. God had already spoken His word to His people, there was a command, to, "Go." There use of technology was not in line with God's expressed, revealed, known command. Without adhering to God's word, the first nation brought unnecessary suffering upon them selves. We learn from Babel that the use of technology must be limited by a proper understanding of God's word. God's word sets the limits for what man can do with the technology he discovers. Therefore, if God is pro-life, scientists should not be allowed to use technology, nor should the government sanction, abortions or stem cell research.

Speaking to the use of technology is only one very small example of the effectiveness of God's word in our lives. He has given you and me His word so that we can have confidence knowing we are living His life. May you feast on His word today and be empowered for life!

Pastor Jim

## Men's Breakfast

Properties Team has asked all men to bring your 6' and 8' ladders to Men's Breakfast this Saturday morning. We will eat from 8:00-9:00 and then get busy changing light bulbs throughout the campus.

## Youth Ministry.....

We will have checkpoint tonight at 6:15 in the Chapel. We will continue in our study of Jesus' ministry during his last week. With the cross looming, what did Jesus consider as most important and necessary for accomplishing his mission? How did he relate to the Disciples, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, Judas, and God? Where did he find the courage and strength to go to the cross? Come tonight and explore the answers to some of these questions.

## Worship Ministry.....

As we prepare for worship, this week brings each of us to such an awesome point of reality concerning our salvation. Sunday is Palm Sunday and I hope you are preparing your heart (and voice) to celebrate just like Jesus was making His triumphal entry right through the CLC. He deserves our praise. Remember – Worship is our response to Him. How will you respond this week? Next week is Passion week. Passion week calls us to focus on the suffering, humiliation and death that are a part of this week leading up to Easter Morning, Celebration Day. Pray that God will show you something special this year. Maybe He'll bring something to your attention this year that you never noticed before. We're going to join together as a family to remember, to mourn and finally to CELEBRATE! Get ready – Sunday's coming!

## Women's Ministry.....

Titus II Ladies Ministry  
Invites You To a  
Ladies Night Out

\$5 per person  
at La Finca Mexican Restaurant  
located at 23930 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy, TX, 77494 (281-693-0140)

Saturday, April 18, 2009  
5:30 P.M.

There is a prize for the woman that brings the most guests.

If you are interested in carpooling, meet in the  
front parking lot of the church at 5:00.  
We will plan to leave at 5:10.

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