

## Sheryl Milliken

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**From:** on behalf of Sheryl Milliken  
**To:** The Branch  
**Subject:** 04.15.2009

## From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

**What a great RESURRECTION celebration!** It was so good to be in Jesus' presence. And it was so good to be with so many brothers and sisters who love Him. Pastor Randy and the worship team did an excellent job honoring the Lord and leading us into Jesus' presence. I have heard we have several of you coming out of the "weeds" that play instruments and are joining the worship team! What a great addition that will be to our team. If you have been involved in a worship ministry before, or you would like to start, please let Pastor Randy know. We know who some of you are and will be coming after you soon!!! The Lord blessed us holding off the heavy rain until everyone got here and stopped it before church was over. We were also blessed with 293 people! It is exciting to be a part of a group of believers that are moving forward in the name of Jesus.

In 1 Samuel 16, God sends the Prophet Samuel to anoint the next King of Israel. Saul was the current king but was disobedient to the Lord. So God sends Samuel to Bethlehem leading him to David. We are reminded today of everything wrong with David. First, he lived in Bethlehem. While Bethlehem was near Jerusalem, it was not Jerusalem. It was not a city of prestige but rather a small city on the route from Jerusalem to Hebron further south. Second, David was the youngest in his family. Third, David did not have the right look. Yet, in spite of these negatives, God's hand was on his life. Why David? Why was God's hand on him and not on others? We know the answer. In 1 Samuel 16:7 God says, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him (God speaking about Eliab, David's oldest brother); for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Why David? **Because his heart was open to the Lord.**

**God knows where you.** It does not matter if you feel like you come from no where. Bethlehem was no where. Maybe your "no where" is a terrible upbringing filled with scars and bruises and hurts. **God knows where you are. God also knows who you are.** It does not matter if you are the youngest most disqualified uncoordinated goofy damaged fill-in-the-blank, God knows who you are. **And, if your heart is open to God, God's hand is on your life.** God, through Jesus His Son, works in the lives of those whose hearts are open to Him.

Every one of us has reasons we are disqualified or qualified according to the world. But God says the key to enjoying Him and receiving His work in life is the condition of our hearts. If your heart is open, the rest does not matter. The heart is the key.

What a great word of encouragement from the Lord! All we need to be in the flooding flow of Jesus is an open heart. None of the stuff that we get so hung up on matters!!! Will you do something? All of the stuff that hangs you up – will you write it down and then burn it, tear it up, nail it to a cross, attach it to a missile, blow it up, use it for target practice...whatever you have to do to get rid of it, get rid of it. **Forget all of it and open your heart to Jesus!** Be filled with Him today and everyday forward!

Live in the joy of the Lord.

Pastor Jim

*Don't forget to invite friends, neighbors, family members, people you meet in the community to your church!  
 Together we are going to reach every person in Richmond with the GREAT NEWS of Jesus!*

## 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.

Invite your neighbors and friends, 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.

Please RSVP to Carey Cappis for planning purposes at (281)750-0646 or [carey.cappis@gmail.com](mailto:carey.cappis@gmail.com).

## Titus II Special Event

Mark you calendars....  
**"Running Toward Goliath"**  
Catered by Affairs with Flair  
May 9 from 10-12 in the worship center of the CLC  
You won't want to miss it!!

## Worship Ministry.....

What a great Celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Thank you to everyone who helped and made the celebration a success. From the start of the morning with the sunrise service to the last note and last word of the morning service – the whole day was great and God kept the rain from being an issue. He is so good! As many of you noticed – the addition of some brass horns to the service made quite an impact. Some of you may have an instrument in moth balls. Its time to either get it out and start practicing or get it out, dust it off and make it available for someone else to play. We're excited about the things God is doing in our worship ministry and we'd love to have you be a part. For more information, see Pastor Randy.

## Youth Ministry.....

Good afternoon. Today we have Checkpoint from 6:15-8 (four square starts promptly at 6:15). This week we will continue our study of the Crucifixion account. Great job last week of asking questions and trying to really understand what all was going on in Christ's final moments. Please come prepared with questions and comments from the text.

"Beauty and the Beast," Father-Daughter dance is coming up in two weeks. It will be from 6-9pm, Saturday April 25. This is a free event for all ages. Please help us get the word out. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to foster the father-daughter relationship, but we will also be giving a gospel presentation so be intentional about inviting friends and neighbors who need to hear the good news of Christ.

## Men's Ministry.....

Father/Son Campout  
Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm to Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> after breakfast

Bring your tent and camping gear.  
We will have BBQ for dinner, a bonfire, games, and lots of fun!  
Invite your friends, all men and their sons are welcome.

For questions, please call Karl Johnson @ 281-932-9600.

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