

Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family,

I have thoroughly enjoyed working through our series on the four Gospels. Have great confidence today in your faith because of God's design in giving us Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. *Be like one who enjoys the symphony and has the ability to appreciate how the composer has uniquely crafted each of the parts to contribute to the whole.* As we have looked at each of the contributions we have seen the Divine Craftsmanship of the Ultimate Composer at work. Instead of giving us one Gospel, God, in His perfect wisdom, orchestrated the authorship of four distinct accounts of the life of Jesus. God takes the power of the "three fold strand" and adds a fourth strand. Four different Gospels, written on three different continents, over 20 years apart and, while there are differences, there are no inconsistencies. Four different men uniquely contributing a powerful understanding of Jesus as the Good News; the Fulfilled One; the Radical; and the Son of God.

So someone asks you, "Why do you believe?" May you say confidently, boldly, and humbly, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John." Someone says, "The Bible is unreliable – men writing what they want to write." Respond, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – four different, independent accounts written in different places at different times – how many witnesses would it take to convince you?" The evil one whispers to you, "Living radical is unnecessary." Strongly claim, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."

God has not left your faith to whims and unfounded convictions. **Faith in Jesus is rooted in the great wisdom of not only the words of God's revelation but the methods of that revelation.**

Stand up.

Be strong.

God is with you in Jesus.

I want to give you a heads up on two ministries in our church and who is heading them up. I am excited to announce to you that **Ken Moore** is taking on leadership of our **Greeter Ministry**. Doug Tomlinson has done a wonderful job of carrying the ministry! God has brought us Ken who has a strong vision for how we can love on guests and visitors in Jesus' name. Thank you Ken for receiving from the Lord the call to serve in this area! The second ministry is what we are calling Life Events. We have heard from many of you a desire to improve how we communicate the life events of our church members to the church. I am excited to announce to you that **Shonda Jeffrey** is our new **Life Events Coordinator**. Life Events is a ministry of our Deacons that Shonda is going to be point for. In the coming weeks we will share with you what this is going to look like and how you can ensure that your Life Events can be communicated to your church family. Thank you Shonda for joyfully stepping into this role!

What about you? Where can you serve? Do you have a ministry on your heart that we do not currently have? Let's talk! It is always exciting to see people get involved in their church. Call me, email me, call Sheryl and set up a visit and let's pray together for how God has gifted you to serve Him through PGBC!

God is building a great church!

Pastor Jim

Ladies, do not forget this Sunday is Father's Day. Let's help the men enjoy the day by relieving all men from extended care this week!

Youth Ministry.....

We have Checkpoint tonight (June 17th) at the chapel. We will not be having anything next week since we will be going to camp.

Wired Camp 09- June 22-26

We are leaving this Monday at 9:00 A.M. Please be in prayer for us as we take 22 students and adults to camp.

Mission Ministry.....

The missions team is collecting baseball gloves for the children of Jinotega, Nicaragua. There will be a receptacle in the CLC. We are asking that all donations be made by June 21st.

Worship Ministry.....

Summer is not even here yet and it is SO HOT !!! A great place to cool off and enjoy an evening is in the music ministry. Every Wednesday evening in the choir room upstairs in the CLC at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. If you love to worship you'll have a great time and beat the heat. For more information, call Pastor Randy OR just show up Wednesday night at 6:30.

Celebrate Freedom

Our annual 4th of July party is happening on Saturday, July 4th from 2:00-9:00. Softball starts at 2:00 – food will be served beginning at 4:30. We will enjoy the Pecan Grove Country Club's fireworks from our parking lot. **We will have the event rain or shine.** If it rains, we will move to the CLC. If you would like to be a part of putting this together, please see anyone of these men and get on board:

Leader – Randy Strain

Softball – Karl Johnson

Water Games – Paul Faseler

Food – Deacons

Entertainment – Randy Strain

We are looking forward to a great day celebrating the freedom we have in our country!

For More information about Pecan Grove Baptist Church

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