

## Sheryl Milliken

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**From:** on behalf of Sheryl Milliken  
**To:** The Branch  
**Subject:** 07.08.2009

### From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

God is so good to us! If you have 30 seconds today read Psalm 31:9-18. In vv. 9-13 the psalmist describes the intense difficulty he is going through in his life. His difficulty is exceedingly grave. But then in vv. 14-18 the psalmist declares the glory of God and his trust in God's work in his life. This is what God has for you today. As followers of Jesus although **we suffer difficulty we are never defeated! DIFFICULT BUT NOT DEFEATED!** If you feel like life seems to be just about surviving issues you have allowed your difficulty to turn into defeat. Though you have difficulty – and some of us are in seasons of tremendous difficulty – you are never defeated. Do not let your issues attack you – attack your issues trusting in God. Stand on top of the pile – do not let your self be buried. **God is always present. There is always a way. There is always hope.** “For you have been called for this purpose (to suffer in Jesus' name), since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...” 1 Peter 2:21. *Even in the difficulty of the cross Jesus was not defeated.*

Rest in the Lord.

Declare out loud your trust in Him.

Handle difficulty in victory today!

These next three Sundays are important in the life of our church. We have a lot of procedural work we are considering that is critical to our success. Please plan on being in church the next three weeks ready to pay attention to what the Lord is doing in our church and ready to participate as the Lord leads.

It is a joy to serve as your pastor.

A Fellow Soldier,

Pastor Jim

### Women's Ministry.....

You are invited to attend July's Titus II **coffee** featuring your choice of one of three "specialty" topics.

#### **Loving your husband**

A comfortable and familiar blend revitalized with Debbie Jenson's 35 years of marriage wisdom.

#### **Passion for the Word**

A generous portion of the bread of life served with passion and insight for God's word by Whitney Larson.

#### **\*Knitting with Karen**

A traditional blend with Karen Thomas delivering encouragement and community with other women while learning to knit.

\*Made to order only so please RSVP to Martha Kalkomey at [mskalk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mskalk@sbcglobal.net) or (281)239-2681

**Saturday July 11**

**9:00-10:30 AM**

**Prayer Room of CLC**

## Light Refreshments will be served

## Worship Ministry.....

Remember something very important - Prayer and Worship must be a part of our EVERY DAY LIVES. Just like food and water to our bodies, prayer and worship sustain our daily spiritual lives. Prayer is something you hear more about and all of us have been taught our whole lives that we should spend time in prayer every day but when was the last time you heard some one say, "You should worship every day?" We pray throughout the week but we reserve worship as "That thing we do" before the sermon – you know – the "warm-up" for the WORD. Worship is so much more. Try adding it to your week. You'll be surprised how your attitude, your responses and your outlook will change in the light of HIS worship and prayer.

You'll also be amazed how much easier it will be to enter into corporate worship with your church family on Sunday when your corporate worship is simply a continuation of your time with your Savior from during the week. God is so good. Share Him with someone through worship. Show His Worth-Ship.

All For Him,  
Pastor Randy

## Youth Ministry.....

After an incredible month of service and ministry, the Student Ministry is back to a normal schedule...at least for one week. Tonight, we have a regular Checkpoint starting at 6:15. Invite your friends for a great time of fellowship, worship, and Bible teaching. We will be studying Paul's prayer for spiritual strength (Eph 3:14-19). Many of us are coming of powerful—and frightening—decisions from this past month's mission trip and camp. However, tonight we will look at the great power that is ours in Christ, and how we are strengthened in order to accomplish our calling.

Youth VBS Workers:

Students, you can serve your God and your church by volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School. We need youth who are willing to help with Rec Staff, Bible Study, Refreshments, and/or Crafts. If you would like to work in VBS please let Paul know tonight at checkpoint or via email at [pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org](mailto:pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org)

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