

Sheryl Milliken

From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken
To: The Branch
Subject: 07.19.2009

From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

How are you doing today?

Pedal down...getting after it hard today...Wednesday already and too much to do before Friday...don't have time to read this email...

We took the kids to ride the carousel at Katy Mills Mall a couple of weeks ago. I rode with the kids and Brooke watched from the tables. Every time we came around Collin would say, "Hi mommy," and we circled around. That is about all he had time to say to her before he passed by. There was no way he could hear her because of the noise in the mall, the distance between us, and the circle we were on. **EVEN IF ALL SHE WANTED TO SAY WAS, "I LOVE YOU," HE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO HEAR IT.** Jesus has so many things to share with you and to give you and to teach you – so many.

In Haggai 2:1-9, God has a word for the nation of Israel. He wants to speak to them an awesome word of encouragement in light of some difficulty they are going through. He gives them three reasons to have courage in their lives:

1. I am with you (v.4-5)
2. I have a plan I am co-working with you (v.6-8)
3. There is greater glory to come (v.9)

This is just a great, great word that exactly fits the needs of Israel at the time. But what if they never slowed down to get it? They would unnecessarily live in fear and frustration because **they were not in a position** to receive the word from God **He wants them to have** that will settle their hearts in the situation they are in. Can you imagine God trying to get all of that in as they cross in front of Him on the carousel? Not going to happen.

Do you even know how you are doing today?

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! God has great words for you that will break the insanity of your life and give you breath.

DISCIPLINE yourself every day to spend good time with Jesus in the morning. DISCIPLINE yourself to reflect at the end of the day on the way God has moved in your life for that day.

He is so good...

Pastor Jim

Missions.....

Our Fall Nicaragua trip is October 6-11th. Registration deadline is August 30th. We will be helping Pastor Oscar move houses, building roofs, working with children, and much more. **DO NOT LET MONEY STOP YOU FROM GOING.** If God is calling you to go – you need to go. Please email Doug Jeffrey at djeffrey@pecangrovebaptist.org if you are interested.

Baby Dedication.....

God has given our fellowship so many babies we have to do two baby dedications a year now! Praise the Lord.

We are going to have a Fall Baby Dedication on Sunday, September 13th. If you would like to have your baby (ies) dedicated, please email Lee Ann Haglin at lhaglin@gmail.com. (We also need more nursery workers!!!)

Fall University.....

NEW!!! We are offering a U class on Wednesday nights! Registration begins this Sunday. There will be an insert in your worship guide. Check which class(es) you would like to be involved in and put your registration in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Jim!

Women's Ministry.....

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Living Words Weekly Bible Study
 Tuesday Mornings 9:30-10:30 am
 Childcare Provided
 Taught by Whitney Larson
Begins Tuesday, September 15

"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David" written by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore, Kay Arthur
 Monday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Childcare Provided
 Led by Bonnie Walker
Begins Monday, September 14

SAVE THE DATE:

October 16 - 18th
 PGBC Women's Retreat

Worship Ministry.....

The term "Virtual Reality" is a familiar computer term meaning a simulated environment that creates a simulated experience by means of our computer. This experience involves our senses through images, events, characters and sounds that aren't really happening. They are imitated. As worshippers, never get into worshipping a virtual God. Our God is very real and not simulated. He hears our worship and our praise and responds to our hurts and sorrows as well as our joy and celebration. We serve the God of "Actual Reality" who created us to worship Him with all of our senses using images, events, characters and sounds as we lift up "Actual Worship" not "Virtual Worship." Thank Him today for who He is to you

Youth Ministry.....

We will be having a very special Checkpoint tonight from 6:30-8. Tonight will be a time of reflection and testimony of what God has done in each of our lives over the summer. Please come and share encouraging testimony of God's work. It will be an open floor for anyone who wants to share. If you don't want to say anything, there is no pressure; come and be encouraged by your peers as we worship God through praise and thanksgiving

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