

Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family,

I want to give you an awesome word of encourage this morning from the Lord through the life of Ezekiel. The Lord raised Ezekiel up and gave him an enormous responsibility in a very difficult time. He was to speak to a rebellious and divided Israel. The nation turned its back on God and His way for their lives. They would not respond favorably to God's message through Ezekiel. Yet, through all of this, Ezekiel remained faithful to God. How? And, for us, how can we live faithfully to the Lord in the midst of our own culture that is constantly pulling us in another direction?

The answer for Ezekiel, and for us, is in Ezekiel 1. In 1:4-28, God gives the future prophet an incredible vision of the glory of God. You do not have to be able to explain what the wheels are or why they have eyes all over the place or what the four living beings and faces mean. At one level, all you need to know is that God was showing Ezekiel how POWERFUL and MIGHTY He is. God filled Ezekiel with the reality of Himself. And it was this vision, in 1:4-28, that would seal Ezekiel's faithfulness.

Brothers and sisters, faithfulness is not conjured up or manufactured. It is not something you need to produce. Faithfulness is the natural result of being in awe of God! Your trust, love, desire, passion, power and drive will increasingly multiply as you take in more and more of the MIGHT of God.

Read Ezekiel 1:4-28 not to understand the details but to experience the wonder. Remember that all of these realities of God are summed up in JESUS! Let your inhibitions go and "set your minds on things above." Pursue the glory of God by saying to Him in prayer, "I want more and more of You!" Ask God to fill you today with more of His glory through the Spirit in the name of Jesus!

Let the faithfulness flow!

Pastor Jim

P.S. This Sunday is our **Old Fashion Sunday**. I am bringing my funeral fan (?????) and something to eat for dinner on the grounds. *This is going to be a great Sunday for our fellowship.* **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND FAMILY!!!** I am looking forward to spending some good time with you and am excited to share the word God has for all of us!

Women's Ministry.....

Now accepting registrations for this year's women's retreat scheduled for Oct. 16-18. Cost is \$95. Guest speaker Lisa Archinal will be discussing the Deeper Things of our Faith. Please contact Martha Kalkomey at mskalk@sbcglobal.net for additional information.

Mission's.....

Collection bags with request/announcement flyers benefiting the South Texas Children's Home Kans 4 Kids project will be available to you beginning Sunday, October 4th to take home and distribute in your neighborhood. The final collection date will be Saturday, October 17th with the filled bags, then brought to the church on Sunday, October 18th. If you have any questions please contact Dough Jeffrey - sdjeffrey@sbcglobal.net.

Worship Ministry.....

My grandma use to say, "Sunday's Acomin' ". She use to love going to church and loved to sing. As I grew up I remember week-long revival meetings that turned into standing room only 2 and 3 week long Camp Meetings. There was always about an hour of incredible singing and what seemed like hours and hours of hell-fire and brimstone preaching. Just when I thought the preacher was almost done he'd say something like, "...and now that's my introduction..." People got saved and some got baptized and some repented from all kinds of sinful things – even gossip! Those times bring back some great memories of spirit-filled gospel music. Ira Sankey, the father of gospel music said, "These songs awaken the careless, melt the hardened and they guide inquiring souls to Jesus Christ." This Sunday we're going to take a look back and celebrate those great songs of the past. After the service we'll clear away the chairs, set up tables and have an old fashion Dinner on the grounds. Bring some friends, bring enough food for your family and a little bit more – PGBC folks like to eat! It's going to be a great morning. Somebody please help Pastor Jim find out what a funeral home fan is. A good time will be had by all !!!

All For Him,

Pastor Randy

Children's Ministry.....

EXTENDED CARE WORKERS NEEDED!!!!

Volunteers are the keys to Pecan Grove's Preschool and Children's Ministries! We need 5 people to maintain our 5 week rotation schedule to staff Nursery - Children's church extended care positions. If you want to help a child experience God's power and love on Sunday mornings, please contact Lee Ann Haglin - lhaglin@gmail.com. The blessings you will receive will be exceedingly great!!!!

Youth Ministry.....

Checkpoint Tonight—6:15-8pm. Join us for fellowship, worship, and Bible Study.

We are starting a new six week series called "Christ and the Covenants".

We will track the promise of the Messiah through the 5 divine covenants (Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, Moses). This will help us see the full redemptive work of God from the fall through the consummation in Christ.

Properties.....

Do you have fun doing demolition?

Do you enjoy building and construction?

Do you get satisfied from a job well done?

Is the Lord calling you to do these things at church?

Come be a part of the Properties Ministry!

Here are a few of the open positions:

- Landscape Coordinator
- Special Projects Manager
- Subject Matter Expert (plumbing, carpentry, other)
- Folk who just want to help

If you would like more information, contact Chad Haglin at cwhaglin@gmail.com.

"All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded...." Ex35:10

For More information about Pecan Grove Baptist Church

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