

Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family,

Are you enjoying your weekly weather roller coaster? Goodness. Praise the Lord Someone knows what is going on!!!

The psalmist confesses in Psalm 73:1-3, "Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart! But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling, my steps had almost slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant as I saw the prosperity of the wicked." This is an honest self-evaluation. There is acknowledgement of the goodness of God. But, he immediately confesses to struggling with the prosperity of the unfaithful around him. He sees the worldly success of his peers and struggles to maintain his faithfulness. Did you see where he said, "my feet came close to stumbling." He was close to walking away from the Lord to pursue the world.

How often do we feel like this? We know God is good. But we see the things other's are doing and getting and begin to wonder and wander. The temptations are subtle and come in directions we often do not anticipate. We compromise regular, good, deep time with the Lord to spend more time at work pursuing worldly prosperity. We see neighbors getting brand new material goods and compromise on our giving to the Lord so we can upgrade to the latest and greatest. The temptation is powerful. It feels like something that is forcefully drawing you down. It can feel overpowering.

The psalmist works through his condition and concludes in verses 16 and following, "When I pondered to understand this, it was troublesome in my sight **until I came into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end.** Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction...With Your counsel You will guide me, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth." (Emphasis mine.)

May we come into the sanctuary of God today and gain godly perspective on our lives. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit and the joy of the Lord. And may the prosperity of the wicked not cause you to stumble as you stand on the Rock of Jesus!

Standing with You,

Pastor Jim

Nicaragua 1.....

"The mission team is still looking for people to attend our next missions trip to Jinotega, Nicaragua. The dates of the trip are from March 16th-20th. These dates represent the Spring Break dates for both Fort Bend and Lamar school districts and would be a wonderful time for you to bring along your children. What better way to teach your children values such as gratefulness, service, compassion, sacrifice, and the love of Jesus than showing them in a tangible way. Or maybe you just need to be refreshed. Maybe the weight of deadlines, commitments, and other burdens are pulling your heart into complacency, and you want to get back to the simplicity of "just Jesus." This trip is for everyone young and old. Contact Doug Jeffrey if you have any interest in going or any questions regarding the trip, or the Lord's purpose for us in Nicaragua."

Worship Ministry.....

Pecan Grove is growing and one area you can be involved is our **Worship Band**. If you play an instrument and want to be a part of a group who loves the Lord and loves worship, please let Pastor Randy know. Get your instrument out of mothballs and come join us on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30** in the choir room. For more information, please see Pastor Randy.

Youth Ministry.....

It is week 3 of True Love Waits. Tonight we will be splitting up guys and girls and hearing personal testimonies from some of our adults and discussing practical strategy to avoid/fight sexual temptation.

Disciple Now '09 is coming up quick. It is March 6-8 and 6th-12th graders are invited and encouraged to come. Our theme is "Here and Now" and it will, Lord willing, help our students see the great work the Lord has called them to Here and Now! Often, Youth Ministry is forward looking and preparatory (as well it should be) but we also do not want to lose sight of our work that we are called to today. The cost is \$30 and this covers the whole weekend and a t-shirt. If you have not already done so, please turn in your registration envelopes and Medical Release forms A.S.A.P.

Specifically for tonight:

Pray that the students would benefit from the testimonies of their older brothers and sisters: that they would recognize that they are not alone in their battle with sexual sin; that they would see that the Lord is faithful to rescue and restore anyone from anything; and that they would heed warnings so as not to fall into the same struggles as others.

PGBS.....

In-house registration for Pecan Grove Baptist School is going on through the month of February for current students and church members. Make sure to turn in your registration form soon, because open registration begins March 2nd. If you have any questions or if you would like to set up a time for a tour, please contact Barbara at 281-342-2060.

Women's Ministry.....

Come get connected!
The Titus II PGBC Women's Ministry invites you...

New Member's Coffee
Saturday, February 14, 2009
9:00AM
PGBC Chapel
Breakfast will be provided

Our special guest will be all the women who have joined PGBC during the last year

"Let us not give up meeting together....but let us encourage one another...."
Hebrews 10:25

Fireproof Groups.....

NEW GROUP ADDED - Because of the incredible response of our couples to the 7 week small groups, we have to add a fifth group! Steve and Debbie Jensen will be leading a new group that will meet at the church from 5:00-6:30. Thank you to Steve and Debbie for making yourselves available to the Lord.

Super Bowl Sunday - Please check with your group leader for information on this Sunday's meeting time.

Curriculum - You should be on day three in the Love Dare devotional book. When we gather together each week in our groups, we will discuss the good and the bad from our interaction with the material and our spouses.

For More information about Pecan Grove Baptist Church

Please visit our website: <http://www.pecangrovebaptist.org/>

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