

Sheryl Milliken

From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken

To: The Branch

Subject: 11.19.08

From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

We are in the final stretch of our Jeremiah/Lamentations reading. You have done a great job faithfully seeking the Lord through His word. In Jeremiah 51:53 the prophet says, "Though Babylon should ascend to the heavens, and though she should fortify her lofty stronghold, from Me destroyers will come to her," declares the Lord." You can see the grand nation of Babylon rising so high to be considered near the Heavens. They are THE world's super power. They dominated every aspect on the world scene. God speaks through Jeremiah and says even if Babylon should fortify their stronghold, I will bring them down. This conjures images of the tower of Babel in Genesis 9. No matter how high man thinks he is or can build his own empire, he is never more than God. He is never higher than God or stronger than God.

This speaks two powerful words to us today. First, God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble. Let us with increasing humility bow our lives before the Lord. Second, do not envy the worldly success of those around you who do not know the Lord. It is so easy to look at their lives and see what appears to be so good. They have so much and you, according to you, have so little. This is the foolishness of the world and the whispers of the evil one. Do not fall into temptation. Finally, we are strongest in Christ. While "Babylonian" nations will fall and "Babylonian" individuals will not endure, those who are in Christ will stand forever. **Rejoice today and take hold of the strength that is yours as a child of God.**

Press on in the good work of Christ church family. Please plan on joining us this Saturday from 10:00-12:00 as our Missions Team leads us to our **annual meal card distribution**. Then join us again on Tuesday night,

November 25th at 6:30 for a **church wide fellowship meal**. Bring a side and a dessert to feed your family and a few others.

Looking forward to being with you this Sunday.

Pastor Jim

Mission's Ministry.....

Mark your calendar for our annual meal card distribution, November 22. We will leave from the front parking lot promptly at 10 am.

Big Family Thanksgiving Feast Tuesday, November 25th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the CLC. Please bring enough sides and desserts to feed your family and two more people.

Worship Ministry.....

The fall and the holidays brings so many exciting and memorable times. We spend time with family and friends celebrating our thanks for blessings and celebration of the Savior's birth. Join us for our church-wide Christmas celebration on Dec 7. This will be a great time as we hayride to see the lights in Pecan Grove, return to the church and eat Christmas goodies and spend time singing Christmas carols - making memories together. You won't want to miss this!

Youth Ministry.....

Students, Checkpoint will meet today in the Chapel at 6:15. Also, it is the second Anchor Week in November so 6th graders will be upstairs tonight. Please note: **NO CHECKPOINT or ANCHOR next Wed.** in light of Thanksgiving Break.

PGK Ministry.....

PGK needs workers who will volunteer to assist in Children's church. The role would be every 4th week, coming in and **just sitting with the kids as crowd control**. As of now I only have 2 of the 4 slots filled. We have 4 leaders lined up and so all the job would be is to sit with the kids and help the leader keep control. I have already contacted a handful of adults and received little response. Please help spread the word in your Bible Study classes, and if you or someone you talk to would be willing to give up 1 out of 4 Sundays (with no prep time) please contact Paul at pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org. If you are thinking, I can't commit but I would like to be on a list of substitutes (both for leaders and crowd controllers) this is also a need. Please pray for the ministry and if the Lord would have you serve.

****WE EVEN NEED A SUBSTITUTE LEADER THIS WEEK. IS THAT YOU?**

Second, if you would like to be a Children's Church leader we would like to expand the rotation to 5 weeks so that our "unlucky servant" who happens to always be the 1st of the month can take the Lord's Supper regularly. This really is a vital ministry for the Children of PGBC and it would be a shame if we can't find enough adults, even parents, who would help it be a successful ministry.

P.S. it is not nearly as scary as you think. If you would like to observe before making a decision that would be great. Just, please, don't ignore the call if God has placed it on you