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From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken

To: The Branch

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From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

A Word

The Apostle James says in James 3:6, *“And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell...With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.”*

One of the marks of authenticity in the church is how we speak to each other and about each other. This passage from James is one of many, many example from the Scripture about the devastating effects of our words and how we are to speak to one another in the body. It seems the tone of our world is getting increasingly caustic. One politician this week compared those who oppose nationalized health care to those who supported slavery. The examples are daily and are abundant. But Jesus has saved us for something different. Jesus has saved us to be different. We believe every person has been made in the image of God. Each person whether they confess Jesus or not is God's creation. Let our attitudes and our words reflect that.

With respect to each other remember a few things:

1. Every one makes mistakes
2. We have been saved by grace
3. Nothing is more Christian than forgiveness

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has also forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:31-32.

The Budget

Please be aware of the 2010 budget voting process. The Finance Committee - Scott Lease, John Howell, Amy Kirby, John Robinson, and Barry Yeats – have worked hard this year to implement a new budgeting process and format. You should have received a copy of it this past Sunday after worship. Scott will be

available **Thursday night, December 10th**, beginning at 7:00 in the chapel to answer any questions you

may have. He will also be here at the church this **Sunday, December 13th** beginning at 8:00am. You may also reach him via email with questions. We will vote on the budget Sunday morning, **December**

20th during worship. As the Finance Committee is making them selves available for two weeks leading up to the vote, we will not have discussion the day of the vote. Please ask questions and make comments in the available times leading up to the vote. We want to hear from you and we want as many members to participate in the vote as possible.

Super Sunday

Are you getting ready?!!!! February 7th, 2010 is the Sunday we will be moving to two services! I am confident God is leading us to do this so that we can enjoy our worship and reach the lost of our community in the name of Jesus. There are many details of this transition that are being worked out. I

want you to have as much information as I can give you. Therefore, I will be hosting an informational meeting this

Sunday, December 13th, beginning at 4:00 in the chapel. If you would like to ask questions or hear the latest on the specifics of what God is leading us to do, please plan on being in the chapel this Sunday at 4:00.

God has great plans for Pecan Grove Baptist Church. By His grace He is making them known to us and we are obediently following. He is moving us to reach people for the Lord in 2010. We want to baptize people, receive new members, and witness the power of God to change people's lives. God is requiring much of us to succeed. By faith we will.

I am thankful to be walking through this with you...

Pastor Jim

Finance Committee.....

There will be a question and answer meeting on Thursday, December 10th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Chapel to discuss and answer questions regarding the 2010 budget. For those that can not attend Thursday's meeting there will be another opportunity on Sunday, December 13 from 8:00 am - 9:00 am in the CLC building.

On Sunday, December 20th the Church will vote on the 2010 budget.

Women's Ministry.....

This Saturday, December 12th at 9:00am in the Chapel:

Mini concert of Harp Music

by

The Sacred Heart Ensemble

and

1st Cookie Bake-Off and Cookie Exchange hosted by Titus II

Please plan to bring cookies to share as well as a container for taking cookies home in.

Childcare is available by reservation. Please email Martha Kalkomey at mskalk@sbcglobal.net

Worship Ministry.....

"For unto you is born this day a Savior..." We get so caught up in everything else, like the presents, wrappings and bows, the parties, parades and football games but if we truly grasped the reality of the "Savior" Christmas and how He has the ability to change our lives, we'll NEVER be the same. There is no present, game or parade that can do that. How will your Christmas be different this year? By January most of us will have forgotten the majority of our gifts but the Savior of Christmas will make such a difference in our lives that it will be a Christmas you will never forget. What an awesome change of perspective

Youth Ministry.....

We will have Checkpoint tonight in the Chapel from 6:15 to 8pm. We are looking at some of the prophecies that foretell of Jesus' birth. It is amazing to see their precession and clarity; you won't want to miss this.

Also, one week from Friday, on December 18th, we will be having our AXIS Christmas party. It will be from 6-11 p.m. in the Chapel. Invite your friends for food, games, a "hay" ride (probably won't be hay so bring blankets), and a bonfire (weather permitting). Remember to bring either a 2 liter drink or a dessert.

For More information about Pecan Grove Baptist Church

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