

## Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family!

Well, I guess we got a little more winter. WOW was the first part of the week *cold*. Isn't this a great time of year? I hope your mind is filled with Jesus today. In 1 Samuel 30, King David has made a terrible decision. Because of a choice he made he suffered so much in his career and in his family that the Scripture says he cried until he no longer had the strength to cry. In fact, his decision caused his entire community to turn on him. Then in verse 6 the Scripture says, "But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God." And in verses 7-8 David prays to God for direction.

We can make terrible decisions that negatively impact our careers, our families, and our own lives. That does not make us failures – it makes us human. The reason we have Christmas is *because* we made a terrible, history changing decision. Without knowing it, when he strengthened himself in the Lord, David CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS! Christmas is Jesus making God available to us because we made (make) bad decisions!!! I think Jesus would be blessed if, in part of our Christmas celebration, we strengthen ourselves in Him! Have you made a terrible decision? Welcome to the club! Now celebrate Christmas – strengthen yourself in Jesus and pray. God will show you the way!

Have a blessed week.

Pastor Jim

### Worship Ministry.....

As you're starting to think about 2008's new year's resolutions and trying to figure out just how many of them you are willing to leave in the "Has not been done" column, Why not go ahead the begin thinking toward 2009. 2009 would be a great year to join the music ministry at PGBC. We are looking for instrumentalists and vocalists and we would love to have you join us. To make this even easier for you, we are going to begin a "First Sunday" choir. This choir will only sing one Sunday a month and will remove some of the pressure of an every week commitment. It will also allow you to be a part of other ministries in the church. We're going to add to our band in much the same way. Please be praying about your contribution to worship ministry. We need you, are you willing? For more information, please see Pastor Randy.

### Youth Ministry.....

Don't forget to bring your books and study material tonight for our first **Checkpoint Study Hall**. I like to say that we at PGBC put the "stud" in study. Also, we still need a couple of deserts for the Youth Christmas Party. If you can bring something on Friday please let Paul [pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org](mailto:pfaseler@pecangrovebaptist.org) or Kathy [kathysark@texaslilies.com](mailto:kathysark@texaslilies.com) know.

## Children's Ministry.....

### **EXTENDED CARE WORKERS NEEDED!!!!**

Volunteers are the keys to Pecan Grove's Preschool and Children's Ministries! We are currently redoing the whole extended care session and we need **60** people to create a 5 week rotation schedule to staff Nursery - Children's church extended care positions. So far, we have 20 people who have signed up to serve. If you want to help a child experience God's power and love on Sunday mornings, please contact Lee Ann Haglin. The blessings you will receive will be exceedingly great!!!!

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