

Sheryl Milliken

From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken
To: The Branch
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New Year's Eve

Come join us as we ring in the New Year. We will meet in the Worship area from 8:00 pm –12:30am. Bring your favorite game and dessert for a fun-filled evening.

From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

I hope you are enjoying your holidays. I understand many of our men are off until the 4th – how are things going at home? There were five of us that went to Camp Tejas Monday and Tuesday of this week. The Lord met with us and every one of us has returned with direction from the Lord in our lives, our marriages, and our families. Men – plan on joining us next year!

A WORD

Jesus teaches us in Luke 6:46-49, *"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?*

47"Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like:

48"he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

49"But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

Jesus offers a life that can endure storms without falling apart. **Notice he says the life he offers can survive a flood and torrents “bursting” against it.** He is not offering a life that can endure small issues but one that can stand against raging storms. Jesus is very clear how any one of us can have that kind of life. We must do three things: **1. Come to Jesus. 2. Hear His words. 3. Obey what He says.** In all things in all matters at every stage of our lives we come to Jesus and live according to Him and our lives will be strong. Everything is Jesus. He is the Wisdom of God. *The assumptions in Jesus' teaching are that He speaks, that He speaks to you, and that He speaks to you in a way you can understand.* Jesus speaks to give you wisdom for life so your life can endure.

Do not try and reinvent the wheel. Do not try and figure it out on your own. **Come to Jesus. Come to Jesus. Come to Jesus.** In your life, in your family, in our church – may we be faithful to follow Jesus as He leads us in all things.

RJ KNAPP

We were blessed this past Sunday to enjoy the worship leading of RJ Knapp. RJ is joining Pecan Grove Baptist Church as our Interim Worship Leader. He currently assists in leading worship at chapel services for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here in Houston. RJ is an exciting addition to our church family. You will be very blessed to know him and worship Jesus along side him. He will be with us as our Personnel Committee prayerfully considers God's leading for our permanent worship ministry solution. Please join me in welcoming RJ to Pecan Grove Baptist.

2 SERVICES

We are full on going forward with our February 7th move to 2 services. I am thrilled with the creative work Sara Jiminian and Carey Cappis have been involved with. RJ is very busy talking to our worship team and assessing our worship staff for both services as well as practice schedules. Bruce Lane is getting our ABS leaders prepped. Lee Ann is doing the same with our new extended schedule. I will have to share some of the story of God supplying the musicians we have needed sometime soon. It has truly been incredible to watch God stock our church with skilled leaders in all areas and musicians specifically for this transition.

Here is our schedule starting February 7th,

8:00-9:15	The Gathering – Blended worship
9:30-10:30	Bible Study
10:45-12:00	Mosaic – Progressive worship

I know change can be difficult. Trust in the leading and direction of the Lord. Pray. Pray for me. Pray for us. God is good. And He is faithful.

I am excited to be a part of this with you.

Living life in Jesus,

Pastor Jim

Women's Ministry.....

Spring Life University Bible studies are scheduled to begin the week of January 11, 2010. we have two offering for you:

Experiencing God - Knowing and doing the Will of God by Henry and Richard Blackaby. Bonnie Walker will be teaching the study which will include small group discussion and prayer time. Let's join together in seeking to experience life to its fullest measure. The cost of the book is \$15 and will be available at the first class. Scholarships are available. Class will meet Monday evening from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Prayer room.

Living Words, an inductive Bible Study of the book of Genesis. Whitney Larson will be teaching this class. Come learn how to study the Bible in a friendly, comfortable environment. Class will meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:30am.

Childcare is available for both classes. For further information, please contact Martha Kalkomey at mstkalk@sbcglobal.net

Youth Ministry.....

No Checkpoint tonight....see you in 2010!

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