

## Sheryl Milliken

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**From:** on behalf of Sheryl Milliken  
**To:** The Branch  
**Subject:** 02.26.2009

### From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

I pray you have had some wonderful experiences in the Lord this week. He has so much to show you, to do in you, to do through you, and to do through Pecan Grove Baptist Church! He has planted us where we are to reach thousands for the Kingdom. Can you see the harvest that waits for us? In Mark 2:1-13, Jesus heals a man who has been paralyzed. The sequence of events gives us some rich insight. First, Jesus heals the paralytic of his sins. He says, "*Son, your sins are forgiven.*" Then, the Pharisees rebuff His words stating, "*Who can forgive sins but God alone?*" (This is a great text to use for those who say Jesus never claimed to be God. The Jews, who are more learned about God than any Mormon or Jehovah's Witness today, knew what it meant for Jesus to forgive this man's sins.) Now, at this point, Jesus would have been content to leave the man forgiven **and** paralyzed.

**Jesus knows what the crucial issue of life is.** The issue is not education or being good or success or wealth. The issue is not even, according to this text, physical health. **The issue is forgiveness of sins.** Jesus' message is clear, "*Repent and believe in the Gospel.*" Salvation/life in Christ is the crucial issue of life. Jesus only heals the man of paralysis as a sign to those there that He was legitimate. Anyone of us can say, "Your sins are forgiven." But Jesus validates His words with His miracles.

Jesus' word to you and me and our church is clear – be about the mission of leading people to find forgiveness in Jesus. Live life in the freedom of Jesus who has bought our lives with His blood. Be careful not to confuse the priority of issues in your life. If you are in Christ, you are born again, free from sin, living in the presence of God as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

I am looking forward to our time together on Sunday as God leads us through this new series, "Swimming in Grace." Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker to enjoy this word from the Lord!

Believing God for Great Things,

Pastor Jim

### Women's Ministry.....

March, We Meet Again!  
 Woman's Ministry Coffee

Saturday, March 14, 2009  
 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.  
 Church Prayer Room

"It's Tough Being a Woman"  
(borrowed from Study of Esther by Beth Moore)

A panel of Woman will share the current challenges of their lives, and how God sustains them!

Hazel Gibson  
Caren Stephens  
Destiny and Claire Pickett  
Praise Music led by Carolyn Bell

Bring a dish and a friend!!

## Worship Ministry.....

It's easy to get busy this time of year! Baseball, school activities, soccer, gymnastics and so many other things lobby for our attention and soon Spring break will be here and before you know it, we simply won't have time for anything else. We can give in to the busy schedules or we can give our time and our schedules to the Lord. Interesting how we know we're suppose to tithe on our income but we forget that our time is given to us by God as well. He deserves our time and our service not just our money. Each of us has talents, gifts and abilities that are God-given. We need help in the Worship ministry. If you play an instrument or have ever wanted to sing in a group leading worship, we need you. Look at it as your opportunity to give back through worship! See Pastor Randy for more information.

## Youth Ministry.....

Tonight we will have our commitment banquet for True Love Waits from 6:30-8 in the CLC. If you would like to come and support the youth who are making commitments (even if you are not a parent) we want to make that available to you. Part of this commitment is a commitment from the student's to their church family so if you are close with any of our youth, it would be a special blessing for them if you would come and be a part of this ceremony. For the rest, please be in prayer for our students who will attend tonight. This is a wonderful commitment, but should be made with sincerity and much fear and trembling. Pray that the students are encouraged by the Spirit in their inner beings. Pray that they will know that the Lord is faithful and just; that he has promised to strengthen us in times of weakness and temptation (Heb 4:15-16), and yet he is our advocate before the Father when we fail (1 John 2:1-2). Oh how wonderful is the love of God!

## Children's Ministry.....

### **HAVE YOU HEARD THE BUZZ??**

Extended Care is new and improved!! We still need a few more **adults** to complete our 5 week rotation schedule.

Here's the breakdown:

Nursery: 2 needed  
Toddler I (younger one year olds): 2 needed  
Two's: 1 needed  
Three's/Four's: 2 needed

If you are curious to know what is happening in Extended Care, please contact Lee Ann Haglin and sign up to serve!

**PGBS.....**

**PECAN GROVE BAPTIST SCHOOL  
CHILI COOK OFF**

Come and sample the best homemade chili this side of the Brazos!

**WHEN:** Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** PGBC Parking Lot

**TICKETS:** Adults \$5

Children \$2.50

**NEED:** Chili and Desserts

Sign up in CLC foyer or PGBS office

If you are interested in joining a chili cook off team, please sign up or call Barbara Koenig at 281/342-2060.

This will be a fun family time. There will be a silent auction. If you have items to donate for the action, please let me know. All proceeds will go toward upgrades to education building.

**SIGN UP AND SUPPORT  
PECAN GROVE BAPTIST SCHOOL**

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