

Sheryl Milliken

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

Church Family,

I am still processing the enormity of the victory God gave us this past Sunday! The Lord is good to give us physical, tangible expressions of His Spirit moving in the \$41,000 He gave us. My prayer, though, is that the degree of the spiritual freedom you received in giving far surpasses what you gave. I pray that you have new peace in your life and have taken steps forward in intimacy with your spouse and family because of your faithfulness to the His work! I pray that you have joy knowing that God, who is your Father, loves you and will never desert you nor leave you.

Thank you for your faithfulness to Jesus.

I want to encourage you, as the excitement of God's moving in our church continues to grow, to invite your friends and family to experience Jesus with us on Sunday mornings. According to statistics, 85% of your friends will accept a personal invitation to come to church *if they are asked*. In John 1:43-46, Philip responded to what God was doing in his life and decided to follow Jesus. The next day Philip found his friend Nathanael and invited him to come and see Jesus. The exchange goes like this, "*Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'*" Nathanael said to him, "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*" Philip said to him, "*Come and see.*" Nathanael came and ended up giving his life to Jesus!

We know the number one way we are going to reach our community for Jesus is by all of us inviting those people whom God brings us into contact with. You may be at a place where you are already, regularly sharing your faith. And that is not a big deal to you. But there are many of us who are not yet ready for that step. Take courage – you are making progress. Follow the example of Philip and simply say to your friends and family, "Come and see!"

It is good to be your Pastor,

Jim

Women's Ministry.....

Now accepting registrations for this year's women's retreat scheduled for Oct. 16-18. Cost is \$95. Scholarships are available and are kept confidential. Please contact Martha Kalkomey at mskalk@sbcglobal.net for additional information.

Worship Ministry.....

I've been watching a video this week from the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and one of the songs they were singing was "Oh How I love the name of Jesus". The testimonies they gave about the deliverance they received and the lives that were changed simply because of the name of Jesus. We have such an awesome gift in our relationship with Jesus and yet we take it for granted and try to do things on our own. I'm reminding myself regularly to lean on Him and praise Him through my worship. Praise the name of Jesus and watch Him work!

Children's Ministry.....

EXTENDED CARE WORKERS NEEDED!!!!

Volunteers are the keys to Pecan Grove's Preschool and Children's Ministries! We need **5** people to maintain our 5 week rotation schedule to staff Nursery - Children's church extended care positions. If you want to help a child experience God's power and love on Sunday mornings, please contact Lee Ann Haglin - lhaglin@gmail.com. The blessings you will receive will be exceedingly great!!!!

Youth Ministry.....

I am pleased to announce that this morning's See You at the Pole was a great win for the Kingdom, as over 1,000 FBISD and LISD Jr. High and High School students gathered at their flag poles for prayer. I haven't received exact numbers from the Fort Bend Schools yet, but there were around 42 students at foster, 35 at Brisco, 25 at Wertheimer, 40 at George Jr. High, and about 30 each at Lamar and Terry High school. We know that the Lord has heard the prayers of his people and that he has an incredible plan for the schools as well as all of Richmond Rosenberg.

Tonight at Checkpoint we will have testimonies from See You at The Pole, and we will celebrate the work that God is doing in the lives of our students; be here at 6:15, you won't want to miss it.

Properties.....

Do you have fun doing demolition?

Do you enjoy building and construction?

Do you get satisfied from a job well done?

Is the Lord calling you to do these things at church?

Come be a part of the Properties Ministry!

Here are a few of the open positions:

- Landscape Coordinator
- Special Projects Manager
- Subject Matter Expert (plumbing, carpentry, other)
- Folk who just want to help

If you would like more information, contact Chad Haglin at cwhaglin@gmail.com.

"All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded...." Ex35:10

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