

Sheryl Milliken

From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken

To: The Branch

Subject: 11.04.2009

From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

You really have to appreciate the consistency of God's message through His Word from Genesis to Revelation. We are so prone to change our stories from one person to the next. We are so vulnerable to be tossed about. But God's Word is strong, true, and consistent. His message never changes. So we have seen this progression of winning in action in Acts 17:1-4. We saw the same progression in Isaiah 66:1-2 which was written 600 years before Paul was in Thessalonica. And the same progression is found in Psalm 25:12-13 written 600 years before Isaiah. The psalmist says, *"Who is the man who fears the Lord? He (God) will instruct him in the way he should choose. His soul will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land."* Do you see the psalmist begin with the attitude of man towards God? There it is – the awe of God. Awe of God naturally produces humility which produces clarity in the way God has for man to go. **LOOK AT THE BLESSING** – the humble man's soul will abide in prosperity AND his children will benefit!!! Following God's progression of winning nets a man a soul full of rest and a family filled with blessings. The message is the same in the Psalms, the Prophets, and Acts.

This is the way of Jesus and the word of God for our lives.

May we joyfully acknowledge our foolishness, continually receive from the Lord, powerfully live, and greatly enjoy His blessings!

As God leads us, sinners made saints by grace, to two services and more, He will provide.

Pastor Jim

Men's Ministry.....

First Annual Men's Strategy Retreat – Gentlemen, understanding the importance of having God-led strategy in our lives we are going to have a men's retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to hear from the Lord what He has for us in 2010 as men, husbands, and fathers. The cost of the retreat is \$120 per man. (I have no idea if we have scholarships, etc. But God always provides for what He calls us to.) The dates are Monday to Tuesday, December 28th-29th. I picked these dates because they are in between Christmas and New Year's which is normally a slow time of year. And, these dates are before the New Year. The plan is to have this retreat at this time every year so that we can receive what the Lord has for us for the following year.

Because we are men and the Lord showed me the necessity of this last week, my planning is way off! ☺ I need to know if you are going by this Sunday, November 7th. If you are going/interested in going, please email Sheryl at office@pgbc.org. I am going regardless. I would love to have 20 of you go with me. The Lord will be there with words for you and it will be good.

In the fight - Jim

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Women's Ministry.....

Please join us at the November Coffee. Jen Leiendecker will share her testimony and remind us we are all "fearfully and wonderfully made." We will also be showing a slide show from this year's women's retreat. You won't want to miss it. Mark your calendars now! November 14th at 9am in the prayer room. Childcare is available. Please contact Martha Kalkomey at mskalk@sbcglobal.net.

Worship Ministry.....

I read this week in Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Another version says "and I will show you things you could never imagine." As I have spoken with people throughout my entire ministry, I have people tell me "Oh, I could never speak publically," or "Oh, I can't sing." But I've never had someone say they have NO imagination. Maybe a limited imagination as far as being creative but God created every one of us with the ability to imagine things beyond our current reality. Jesus told the disciples in a word picture to imagine the future, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." He also said, "In my father's house are many mansions. Just think about all of the things He has for us. I couldn't help but think that as our imagination runs wild about our heavenly Father, how should it affect our worship. Do you ever just burst into spontaneous worship? When was the last time you called out to Him and let Him show you a few things – totally beyond your imagination?"

All For Him,

Pastor Randy

Children's Ministry.....

PGKidz Ministry Needs You!!

Please start saving the following items. A collection box will be behind the nursery

- Empty Butter boxes (the kind that holds 4 sticks of butter)
- Baby food jars
- Paper towel rolls

Youth Ministry.....

We are having Checkpoint tonight @ 6:15 in the Chapel. Also, this is a big week for the youth ministry. We will have some of our students leading in worship and drama Sunday morning in Worship. Also, we will have our Chapel open house immediately following the service. And don't worry about lunch! It is on us.....sort of. We will have pulled pork sandwiches and chips for \$5:00 in the Chapel. You can take a couple to go, or stay and eat with other members. We are also selling drinks for a dollar for those who want to stay.

Baby Shower.....

Laura and Jeremy are setting sail for a new adventure called parenthood. Before they set sail, let's shower them with love and joy for the arrival of their baby boy.

When: November 7th
Time: 10:00 am- noon
Place: Prayer Room

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