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From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken
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From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

Jackets, sweaters, and maybe...snow!? I have a friend who is a meteorologist and there are two computer models predicting snow in Houston this Friday!!!! According to the weather report, we are supposed to have a low of 31 on Friday. That is exciting.

New Series

I am looking forward to sharing the word of God with you this Sunday. We are starting a new series called Jesus – the Lord of Glory. Through the series we want to anchor our devotion to Jesus. We want to move beyond belief to devoting every decision, thought, and way of life we have to Jesus as the Master of Life. We are going to walk through Luke 1:26-2:20. The announcement of the coming of Jesus begins with the angel Gabriel declaring, “For nothing will be impossible with God.” Christmas, the birth of the Son of the Most High, is a celebration and a remembrance of God’s ability to do the impossible. We eagerly want to be a part of God doing the impossible. We are going to spend the next three Sundays meditating on exactly what God did so that our Christmas can be Christ filled and powerful.

New Direction

You all know the direction God is leading Pecan Grove Baptist Church. 25 years ago those who started this fellowship had no idea of what Richmond would become. They did not know that in 2009, on any given day, 10,000 cars would pass in front of our church on FM 359. They did not know that Fort Bend County would become one of the fastest growing counties in the United States. But God did. Brothers and sisters, God has strategically placed our church in the middle of Pecan Grove. You do not have to go around a corner or look behind a tree. We are right here. There is no church in this area better located than we are to reach our neighbors. With our responsibility comes a requirement to change – to do whatever God is leading us to do to reach our community and be a part of 1000’s getting saved.

In Joshua 3, Joshua’s commanders go throughout Israel to prepare them to cross the Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The Ark of the Lord is to pass before them and they are to follow. The commanders say in verse 4, “There shall be a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure (between Israel and the Ark). Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” God is leading us where we have not been before. Our responsibility is to keep Him far enough in front of us that we do not mix His ways and ours. We must humble our selves, die to what we want daily, and follow where He leads. As we do that in our lives and in our church then we will have our own stories to tell declaring, “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Praying for snow this Friday!

Pastor Jim

Women's Ministry.....

Start pulling out your favorite cookie recipes for the 1st Cookie Bake-Off & Cookie Exchange which will be December 12th at 9:00 am in the Chapel. Please submit your favorite recipe to Susan Huber at susan.huber1@comcast.net by Dec. 6th. The honor of Best Cookie will be decided upon by a panel of judges.

Our special entertainment will be a mini-concert by The Sacred Harp Ensemble. The Sacred Harp Ensemble is a group of five women who share their love for God and music by leading others in worship through the compelling music of the harp.

Worship Ministry.....

This is my favorite time of the year and with the anticipation of SNOW this weekend I'm really excited. I'm also excited about the Christmas program on Sunday night from 5-7:30 pm. We are going to have a great time of fellowship and singing and oh yeah - EATING! We need everyone to bring their favorite dessert or cookies or finger foods. We'll provide the hot cocoa and coffee and some special things for the kids. Bring the whole family and bring a friend. We're going to have a great time.

Youth Ministry.....

Checkpoint is tonight from 6:15-8 in the Chapel. Invite your friends; we have a special guest speaker so you won't want to miss it. Also, this Sunday morning will kick off our four part video series "A Savior is Born", so be sure you are here right at 9 a.m.

A couple of important dates for the youth:

December 18th is our Youth Christmas Party from 6-11 p.m. starting in the Chapel.

January 20th is our next Extreme Week (stay tuned for the theme).

Children's Ministry.....

Christmas Connection December 5th from 10:00am to noon in the CLC. Come and Celebrate Christ through cookies and crafts. This event is for all children birth - 5th grade.

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