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Promotion Sunday

August 3rd is Promotion Sunday for our children's Sunday School classes. A class for 2 - 5 year olds is led by our nursery workers; our incoming K - 3rd Grade teaching team is **Joyce Agent** and **Susan Merrill**. The 4th & 5th Grade class is led by **June Koch** and **Rod Zur** leads our youth class. This would be a great time for your children and youth to join a class since every class will be receiving new students.

Special thanks to **Kyle and Lisa Hancock** who have taught our K - 3rd Grade class since its inception over a year ago. They now look forward to participating in an adult class. Their "graduation" is a good reminder that if you say yes to leading a class, it's not a lifelong commitment!

We presently host three adult Bible Studies at 10:00am. The Cornerstone class meets in the Fellowship Hall under the leadership of **Larry Bradford**. After they finish Isaiah they will begin a study on Matthew. The Seasons class embraces people from their 20's through their 80's; they meet in the alcove and are presently studying Esther; their contact is **Cheryl Gillespie**. The "Class by the Drums" meets (well, you can guess where they meet!) and is working through a topical study entitled Parenthood. Leaders are **Bruce and Alice Morris**.

Whether a child, youth or adult, this is a great time to become part of a Sunday School class or Bible study. There's no better place to be at 10:00 Sunday morning!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

- *to know Jesus*
- *to grow disciples*
- *to show love*
- *to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ*



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist
Church

Children's Choir Registration August 17th



Parents sign your children up for this exciting Adventure In Singing!

Who: Parents of children in grades K - 5th

What: Parents Information Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 3, 2003 - 6:15 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

I look forward to a great time singing and praising the Lord with the kid's of PVUMC!

Carol Zur

Children's choir Director
Minister of Music PVUMC

Disciple Classes Coming to PVUMC in September

Disciple I

This 34-week Bible study covers 80% of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The course helps participants understand the Old Testament as the foundation for the New Testament and the whole continuous story of God's interaction with humankind. Daily reading of Scripture and a weekly discussion in a small group make this a life-changing experience!

Disciple II

This 32-week Bible study covers Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts in depth. Daily reading of Scripture and weekly discussion in a small group are the format. Each week's lesson has direct relevance to the daily living of a Christian. Prerequisite: Disciple I

Call the church office to register for either of these classes. Meeting days and times will be determined based on the input of those interested.

Kingdom of God Message Series

What's like a mustard seed, yeast, treasure hidden in a field, a merchant looking for fine pearls, and a net? Jesus taught that the kingdom of heaven is like each of these. What's more, he was telling people that the kingdom is near! On August 17th Pastor Jeff begins a four week series on the kingdom of God and our relationship to it.

August 17 **The Kingdom of God... Where Is it?** (Matt 4:17; Rev 11:15)

August 24 **The Kingdom of God... Am I In or Out?** (Matt 4:17, 13:47-50)

August 31 **The Kingdom of God... What Belongs and What Doesn't**
(Matt 4:17; Mark 9:43-38)

September 7 **The Kingdom of God... Taking It to the Streets** (Matt 4:23, 10:7-8)

Youth Happenings

September 5th & 6th

"Night of Joy"

2 nights of Christian music
at Disney World

Coming in September...

Got Game?

"if you think you got it,
bring it on"

Every Wednesday starting

September 18th

6:15 to 8:15pm

Game of the evening,
snack supper, fellowship,
Bible study and much more

Invite your friends, your
neighbors, your school buds

Youth Happenings are for youth
in the 6th through 12th grades

Any questions feel free to call

Mr. Rod at 904-827-0416



On A Musical Note

Children's Choir

Grades K-5th will begin meeting Wednesday, September 10th.
 Time: 6:15-7:15pm. Place: TBA
 Registration will be held Sunday, August 17th Following each service.

Youth Music/Drama News

Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Are you technically Gifted? Can you act? Do you dance? Are you artistically inclined? If so we have just the place for you. Starting Wednesday, September 10th Youth Praise Band and Drama Team.
 Time: 7:30-8:30 Place: TBA

The Praise Choir

Is off to a fantastic start! We meet every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Please come and join us in this serve ministry as we use the gifts God has given us to Exalt His holy name and lead others into His presence through music and song.

Seasonal Chorus will begin

Rehearsals Thursday, September 25th At 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Info: Contact Minister of Music, Carol Zur 280-5141 or e-mail carol.zur@pv-umc.org

Colossians 3:16, 17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in you hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever you do in word or deed; do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to

Pastor's Picks

Have you led or taken the Alpha Course? I want to hear from you! The Alpha Course consists of a series of talks addressing key issues relating to the Christian faith. There is a light meal together at the beginning of each session which gives people a chance to get to know each other. After each talk participants divide into small groups to discuss the topic of the evening, ask questions and express opinions. I'd like us to offer this excellent 10 week program next year.

In July I called for volunteers to drive the **Reverend Orrin Hall** around to visit some people that I can't see as often as I'd like. The response was excellent; Rev. Hall now has more drivers that he has people to visit! My thanks to **Maryanne Estes, Carol Harding, Carol Hart, John & Bette McEvoy** and **Bill & Robin Walters** who so graciously volunteered along with others who wanted to make sure that someone had volunteered.

- Pastor Jeff

Single Again

If you are divorced or widowed, this group is for you! Come the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm to hear a guest speaker and enjoy great fellowship. This month's meeting is August 5th. The topic of the evening will be Health and Exercise with guest speakers licensed nutritionist Kerri Napoleon and exercise instructor Barbara Silon. Come get great tips on caring for your body - God's temple. If you would like more information about this group contact **Nancy Nelson** by e-mail at singleagain@pv-umc.org.

Attendance & Giving

				Needed weekly
				(after "new church" support)
July				\$ 6,393
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	
7/6	71	85	\$ 6,604	Needed weekly
7/13	77	93	12,712	(before "new church" support)
7/20	86	81	4,098	\$ 15,685
7/27	74	82	4,169	
July Avg	77	85	\$ 6,896	<u>Designated Totals</u>
Sunday School (avg. weekly)			57	Building Fund \$8,418
Avg. weekly giving YTD			\$ 6,802	Missions \$5,835
				Enhancement Fund \$4,603

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

This fall I'll be attending my first ever professional football game, the Jaguars vs. the San Diego Chargers. I expect my ticket will permit me to sit in the stands to watch the real action which will be down on the field. Like most of us, for me football has always been a spectator sport; I don't think that will change on October 5th.

For many people *church* is a spectator sport. Fortunately God wants each of us to know the joy of being on the team, out on the field, playing our hearts out to the glory of Christ. This fall each of us will have an opportunity to **Get in the Game**. For seven weeks we'll grow together through preaching, personal and family devotional time and small group Bible study. We're anticipating **50 Days of Spiritual Growth** and it all kicks off on Sunday, September 28th. Let me tell you this much now: That Sunday we'll have a tailgate party the likes of which you'll never see at Alltel Stadium!

Why settle for sitting in the stands or warming the bench when you can be where the action is? Get ready to **Get in the Game!**

- Pastor Jeff



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