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GET in the GAME!

The excitement's building as we prepare to embark upon a new season of spiritual growth at Ponte Vedra UMC. Our **Get in the Game KICK OFF** will be Sunday, **September 28th**. 50 days focused on spiritual growth, all starting on the 28th with a special **10:50am combined worship service** followed by a **TAILGATE PARTY at noon** (burgers & dogs provided, bring a side dish if you can).

Get in the Game will be a great opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ, connect with new people and taste life in a small group Bible study. Starting on the 28th we'll take seven weeks to focus on the seven core values of our church (**worship, grow, reach, serve, pray, love, and share**). The week's core value will carry through the Sunday message, small group Bible study, family devotional and daily devotions. We'll conclude the 50 days on November 16 by celebrating the ways in which God has grown us during *Get in the Game*.

Pre-Game Activities: On September 7th commit to **pray** during one of the 50 days for the success of our spiritual growth campaign. Beginning on the 14th sign up for a **small group** where you'll find friends, fellowship, and a place to belong; a family, really, that will help move your relationship with Christ to a deeper level.

Are you ready to experience more of what God has in store for you? It's time to **Get in the Game!**

Upcoming Messages

It's going to be a great month for preaching at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church!

Two more messages on the Kingdom of God, followed by a look at fasting for normal people. We celebrate the kickoff of **Get in the Game: 50 Days of Spiritual Growth** with a combined 10:50am worship service on the 28th. Our focus that first Sunday will be **worship**.

August 31 **The Kingdom of God... What Belongs and What Doesn't**
(Matt4:17; 1Thessalonians 2:10-12)

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

September 14 **Prayer and Fasting?**

September 21 **Great Commission Eyes**

September 28 **Worship: Who's on First?** [Combined 10:50am worship service]

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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Disciple Classes Starting Soon

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! This class will meet Wednesdays at 7:00pm beginning September 10 and will be led by **Diane Lee**. Call the church office to register.

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. This class will meet Wednesdays at 7:00pm beginning September 10 and will be led by **John McEvoy**. Call the church office to register.

New Member Orientation

Thinking about joining Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Or just want to find out what PVUMC is about? The charter membership orientation being held Wednesday September 10 at 7:00pm is for you! Call the church office to register. Childcare available upon request.

Kid's Corner

To encourage our children to grow in their walk with Christ we will be presenting **Bibles to 3rd graders** on Sunday, October 5. Please call Denese in the church office (280-5141) if you have a child in the 3rd grade. We also welcome the names of older children who haven't received a Bible.

Reminder: Children's Council meets Friday, September 5th at 9:00am at the church.

Got A Team?

If you are interested in leading a *Get in the Game* Small Group or if you would like more information about small groups, contact Larry Bradford at 992-0196. Small group sign-ups will begin Sunday, September 14. There will be a variety of days and times so you can find the group that best suits your needs.

Youth Happenings

Sept 5 - Youth Quake

Sept 6 - "Night of Joy" at Disney World

Sept 7 - Wet N Wild

Also coming this month.....

Got Game?

"If you think you got it, bring it on"
Every Wednesday starting September 10th
6:00 to 7:30pm.

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 6th-12th grade

Any questions feel free to call
Mr. Rod at 904-827-0416

The Youth will be selling shirts with our church logo on them. Place your order beginning this Sunday!

Church Conference to be held September 23

Our first ever Church Conference will be held Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00pm under the leadership of our new District Superintendent, **Rev. Rick Neal**. Every chartered United Methodist Church is required to hold either a church or charge conference annually. While we are not yet chartered, we'll begin the annual exercise of reviewing and evaluating the total mission and ministry of the church, receiving reports, and adopting objectives and goals recommended by the church leadership. Also this will be a great time to greet our new DS, Rick Neal.



On A Musical Note

Announcing The Children's and Youth Creative Arts Ministry

This Ministry will use music, drama, dance and visual arts to share Christ with our church family and the community.

Parent Meeting 9-3-03 6:15 Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers
Ages 3&4 will begin meeting Wednesday, September 10th. Time: 7:15-8:15pm.

Children's Choir
Grades K-5th will begin meeting Wednesday, September 10th. Time: 6:15-7:15pm.

Youth Praise Band and Drama Team
Starting Wednesday, September 10th. Time: 7:30-8:30pm.

Praise Choir
We meet every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Please come join your voice with ours.

The Seasonal Chorus will have a short meeting Thursday, September 4th 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 your 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 God the Father by him.

Pastor's Picks

I'm looking for good stuff to give away. Each week of our *Get in the Game* spiritual growth campaign will feature a memory verse; I want to have some fun with that. At each service I'd like to call for a volunteer to come up and recite the previous week's Bible verse with a prize for the successful memorizer. (I'd recite a verse for a Starbucks gift card, wouldn't you? And wouldn't your child be thrilled with a coupon for a free ice cream cone at her favorite ice cream parlor?) Contact me if you'd be willing to help me round up 14 freebies from area businesses.

I'd like to see our church library get more use. (It's on a rolling cart near the sound booth.) There are some great books there. Might you be willing to write a monthly highlight or book review on one of the books in our collection? Let me know.

- Pastor Jeff

Single Again

If you are divorced or widowed, this group is for you! This month's meeting is Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm (please note the change.) The guest speaker will be Jack Morey of Sun Trust Bank speaking on the basics of investing. Single Again will resume its regular schedule of meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in October. Come join us and enjoy great fellowship. 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) |
| August (partial) | | | | \$ 6,393 |
| | <u>Contemporary</u> | <u>Traditional</u> | <u>Giving</u> | Needed weekly |
| 8/3 | 78 | 92 | \$ 10,646 | (before "new church" support) |
| 8/10 | 71 | 79 | 4,486 | \$ 15,685 |
| 8/17 | 86 | 84 | 8,341 | |
| 8/24 | 87 | 96 | 4,304 | |
| Aug Avg | 81 | 88 | \$ 6,944 | <u>Designated Totals</u> |
| Sunday School (avg. weekly) | | | 58 | Building Fund \$14,721 |
| Avg. weekly giving YTD | | | \$ 6,851 | Missions \$8,613 |
| | | | | Enhancement Fund \$4,603 |

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

The start of the professional football season is upon us. To some of you that means absolutely nothing. I'm always surprised though by how many people who won't watch a single game the entire season will tune in for the Super Bowl in January. Why? (1) It's a great opportunity for a party and (2) it's a great opportunity to see some of television's most creative advertising. Especially when it comes to beer.

Some of you will remember the series of commercials from years back when they began marketing light beer. One brand was advertised with the tagline, "Tastes Great, Less Filling." That may be fine for beer but I sometimes fear that Christians will settle for a watered down form of the real thing. **"Christianity Lite: Tastes Great, Less Filling."** Taste just enough of God to feel better and then fill up on something else. How different from what Jesus promised the woman at the well in John chapter 4: "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

It may be football season but **Get in the Game** has nothing to do with football or beer commercials and everything to do with receiving that spring of water Jesus talked about. Come on, why settle for less filling? **50 Days of Spiritual Growth** can be yours beginning September 28.

- Pastor Jeff



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