

# THE WAVE

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## *GET in the GAME!*

### The 50th Day Approaches

We're entering the final two weeks of the 50 Days of Spiritual Growth we've been calling "Get in the Game." We'll emphasize our core value **love** the week of November 2 and **share** the week of November 9. Then we'll move to the wonderful conclusion of spiritual campaign: **Celebration Sunday**, November 16.

**What will we celebrate?** The many great things God's been doing among us these 50 days, including

wonderful times of **worship**,  
participation in our Get in the Game **grow** groups,  
people we've been **reaching** for Christ,  
Ministry Fair commitments to **serve**,  
answered prayers of those **praying** for our church these 50 days,  
expressions of **love** we've known,

and lastly

decisions to **share** that with which God has blessed us.

**How will we celebrate?** By making new and renewed **commitments to Christ** at both services on the 16th and sharing in a wonderful **Celebration Brunch**. You may come to the fellowship hall anytime between 10 and 11 for brunch. Also check out the **slide show** (featuring 50 days in the life of our church) that we'll have running continuously in the worship center from 10 to 11.

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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### *Ministry Fair A Great Success*

What an awesome and amazing sight it was...our fellowship hall filled with people who had come to see our colorful and creative displays, depicting the active and growing ministries at PVUMC. Each display, hand made and crafted to inform and inspire others to *Get in the Game!*, also included an assortment of goodies for visitors to snack on while reflecting on the work of each ministry, as well as on their own God-given talents. Some who attended the Ministry Fair chose to take information brochures about each ministry with them so that they could pray about which ministry to join. Others chose to sign up immediately for a place on a ministry team. As a result, many of our ministries gained new members!

Truly we can say to all who are contemplating joining any of our ministries - the Lord Jesus Christ needs you now to serve as his disciples. Please do not feel as though your talents are not needed...we need each one of you!

## Small Group Sign-ups

If you had to sit on the bench during "Get in the Game," you will have an opportunity during November to join a small group. There are currently eleven groups. Many of these groups will be continuing, new ones will be added. Watch for sign-up opportunities in the bulletin. If you have questions, contact **Larry Bradford** at 992-0196.

## Single Again

If you are divorced or widowed, this group is for you! This month's meeting is Tuesday, November 4th at 7pm. The topic is insurance — long-term care, life and health — and as always our speakers are only there to inform us and not trying to sell. Single Again meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Come join us and enjoy great fellowship. If you would like more information about this group contact **Nancy Nelson** at 246-7388 (after 6pm) or by e-mail at [singleagain@pv-umc.org](mailto:singleagain@pv-umc.org).

## New Member Orientation

Thinking about joining Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church? Or just want to find out what PVUMC is about? Our next charter membership orientation will be held Sunday November 23 at 4:00pm. Call the church office to register. Childcare available upon request.

## The Angel Tree is Here

This year we have the opportunity to support Jacksonville area needy children via the Salvation Army. We are responsible for 75 of these special children. Come choose your angel from the Angel Tree.



Each angel includes a stocking and a gift bag to be filled. More details will be included on distribution Sundays November 2 and 9. Angels must be returned by Nov. 30. Please call **Dawn Vogler** with questions or to volunteer to help with distribution 509-0085.

## Youth Happenings

Nov 7 - **Youthquake Live at the Jacksonville Landing** - leave church at 6:45pm return at 10:45 for pizza and games. Cost is free but you might want to bring spending money.

Nov 21 - **Thanksgiving Baskets\* & COSMIC BOWLING** - meet at church at 6:45 to fill Thanksgiving Baskets. Travel to Beach Bowl for Cosmic Bowling and return to church around 10:30. Cost: \$10 for shoe rental and 2 games of bowling.

\*During the month of November we will be collecting food items. These items will be put into Thanksgiving baskets that will be given to families in the area who are in need.

Also this month.....

### *Got Game?*

"If you think you got it, bring it on"  
Every Wednesday evening from  
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. Zur at 904-827-0416

The Youth are selling shirts with our church logo on them. Place your order today!

## Welcome New Members

In October 3 new people joined the membership of PVUMC. Please welcome

**Shay Collins**

**Samm Morgan**

**Jim Schwenk**



## On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth  
Creative Arts Ministry

Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers  
Ages 3&4 meet Wednesdays  
from 6:15pm -7:15pm. in the Preschool  
Room

Children's Choir  
Grades K-5th meet Wednesdays  
from 6:15-7:15pm. in Room 2

Youth  
Praise Band /Drama & Dance Team  
Wednesdays Time: 7:30-8:30pm.

Adult Music & Drama Ministries

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

The Seasonal Chorus Celebrates Christmas.  
Rehearsals are underway.  
Please prayerfully consider joining voices  
with ours every Thursday evening at  
7:00pm in the sanctuary

Adult Drama Team  
Thank you to those who signed up at our  
ministry fair. Are you interested in  
being part of the Adult Drama Team?  
We have a place for you. Adult Drama  
Ministry Team is now forming.  
Stay tuned for information.

Contact Carol Zur [carol.zur@pv-umc.org](mailto:carol.zur@pv-umc.org)  
or 280-5141

John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has  
Now come when the true worshipers will  
worship the Father in Spirit and in truth,  
for they are the kind of worshipers the  
Father seeks.

## Pastor's Picks

This month's pastor's picks center on the **church nursery**. From time to time our regular Sunday morning nursery workers call in sick, leaving us shorthanded. (Our goal is to always have two workers in each of our two nurseries.) I'm looking for **adult volunteers** with a love for children who will make themselves available on an as needed, as available basis to substitute for a sick worker. Call **Denese** in the office 280-5141.

We also need additional **paid nursery workers**. Experience is welcome but the chief qualification is a love for children. On the job training will be provided where necessary. Minimum pay during the week is \$6.25/hour and \$9.37/hour on weekends. Pass the word along if you know someone who might be interested. If you're the one, please call our nursery coordinator **Lynne Tyndall** at 249-0124 (daytime).

For the safety of the children entrusted to our care, paid workers undergo a criminal background check. We'll soon be doing the same check on volunteers who work with children and youth.

- Pastor Jeff

## A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and concern during my recent difficult times. Also, I would like to thank Pastor Jeff Bennett for his visit in the hospital. Most of all I thank God for guiding me to this precious church family where I've found so many wonderful people. My love to you all.

- Lolo Eldridge

## Attendance & Giving

October

	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Designated Totals</u>
10/5	82	86	\$14,316	Building Fund
10/12	75	93	5,647	\$24,137
10/19	77	87	3,545	Missions
10/26	118	74	5,436	\$14,730
Oct Avg	88	85	\$ 7,236	Enhancement Fund
Sunday School (avg. weekly)	58			\$ 4,603
Avg. weekly giving YTD	\$ 6,814			

Needed weekly  
(after "new church" support)  
\$ 6,393

Needed weekly  
(before "new church" support)  
\$ 15,685

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff:*

I can't wait for November 9. It's "share" Sunday and I get to talk about one of my favorite topics: **money**. We're not doing a financial campaign this fall, but as part of our spiritual growth campaign I'll be talking about the joys of generosity that day in my message "**Share: What Goes Around Comes Around.**"

June 1 we began setting aside 10% of our weekly offering for a building/property acquisition fund and another 10% for missions beyond our local church. If estimated giving holds out, by the end of 2003 **you will have given \$20,000** to work that God's doing beyond our immediate reach. On November 9 we'll look at where that money's been going. I hope you'll feel as good about this sharing as I do!

In this issue of *The Wave* you'll find our financial plan for 2004. As a new church start we receive diminishing support from the denomination through 2005. (We're on our own in 2006.) Our part of next year's plan is \$120,000 more than this year. Here's my dream. My dream is that we would underwrite not only our part of the 2004 plan but **continue taking 10% off the top for missions and setting aside another 10% for building/property acquisition**. Ambitious, I know, but if we are faithful then God can bring it to pass.

Begin thinking now about how you'll respond to the Lord in 2004. I pray that it will be with a heart filled with gratitude and joy.

*- Pastor Jeff*



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