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COME THIRSTY { ...and discover a living water that will flood your soul and quench your thirst forever

Thirsty for a better life?



Sometimes life can leave you burned out and burdened. Simple tasks become difficult and often you find yourself irritable around those you love the most. If you are looking for more out of life, then *The Come Thirsty Experience* is right for you.

Come Thirsty is a 6-week, church-wide experience based on the popular book by best-selling author Max Lucado. Join us as we journey into God's well for our souls and find the fulfilling life we're all searching for. Come thirsty and drink deeply!

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
United Methodist
Church

Upcoming Messages

- March 5 **"Come Thirsty: Five Pillars of God's Grace"** (Ephesians 2:1-10)
March 12 **"Come Thirsty: God Didn't Leave Us Powerless"** (John 7:37-39)
March 19 **"Come Thirsty: Father Knows Best"** (Luke 22:42)
March 26 **"Come Thirsty: Five Life-Changing Questions"** (Romans 8:31-39)
April 2 **"Come Thirsty: What Would a Celebration Be Without Gifts?"**
 (Jeremiah 2:12-13; John 7:37)

Missions Corner

Here are two opportunities for hands on, short-term mission work.... Beach United Methodist has invited us to join them on a mission trip to **Costa Rica**. You'll have opportunity to share the love of Christ with children and families in San Ramón, Costa Rica as this 45 person team hosts multiple Vacation Bible Schools. The dates are July 15 - 23; total cost per person is \$1,100. PVUMC'ers already on board are **Larry & Cheryl Bradford, Gary & Julie Proctor** and **Kyndal Hughes**. For more information call (as soon as possible) Karen Agan or Pastor Tim Machtel in the Beach Church office, 249-2343.

Our district is putting together three teams to serve a **storm ravaged part of southern Mississippi**. Gautier UMC has volunteered to host the teams. Needed are team leaders and team members. The three dates are the weeks of March 19, April 9 and May 7. Estimated cost is \$130. It'd be great if interested persons from PVUMC could all go the same week. **Cheryl Bradford** has volunteered to coordinate with those interested: cheryl.bradford@pv-umc.org, 992-0196.

A Word from Wesley

John Wesley, the father of Methodism, considered himself to be *homo unius libri*, a man of one book. A word from Wesley about that book, the Bible:

There are four grand and powerful arguments which strongly induce us to believe that the Bible must be from God, viz., miracles, prophecies, the godness of the doctrine, and the moral character of the penman. All the miracles flow from divine power; all the prophecies, from divine understanding; the godness of the doctrine, from divine goodness; and the moral character of the penmen, from divine holiness.

Works XI, 485.

PVUMC Hosts Community Bible Study

A women's Community Bible Study (CBS) is forming in Ponte Vedra Beach and we are privileged to be the host church. The class is meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30am for 1½ to 2 hours. They will meet once a week for 30 weeks, coinciding with the public school calendar. Before coming to class, each person is asked to read the week's scripture and answer related questions. Upon coming to class, the member goes to their Core Group of about 15 to share their home study questions and answers. The core group is led by a trained leader and consists of people from various backgrounds and church denominations. At the end of the Core Group time, groups move to a central area to hear a 20 - 30 minute lecture on the same passage prepared by a Teaching Director. The class member leaves with a commentary on that week's lesson and questions for the next week's study.

An eight week study on the book of Nehemiah is now beginning. Women, you are invited! Contact **Joy Schultz** (273-8958) for more information. Learn more about CBS at

Interested in Joining PVUMC?

Pastor Jeff will be offering a new member orientation on Sunday, April 30 from 4 - 6pm. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about our church and meet some other people along the way. There's no obligation to join, but the orientation is required for membership. Let the office know you're coming (280-5141); childcare available upon request.

From the Campaign Followup Team

A Journey of Faith goal:	\$1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$1,302,921
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 556,610
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 671,142

Our purchase agreement for our number one property choice was not accepted. The seller has now posted his property "for sale by owner" and has set the asking price at twice the amount we had negotiated. The Trustees are revisiting six potential sites to see what might shake loose. Please continue praying as together we continue on our journey of faith.

– Your Followup Director Team: David & Patricia Branham, Jim & Sherry Banks

February 2005 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
2/5	92	123	\$ 13,511	\$ 3,805
2/12	100	128	\$ 10,052	\$ 225
2/19	80	112	\$ 6,805	\$ 400
2/26	105	140	\$ 12,520	\$ 1,465

Designated Totals
Building Fund
\$ 671,142
Missions (YTD)
\$ 150
Enhancement Fund
\$ 4,748

Needed Weekly 2006
\$10,346



Choirs to Sing Easter Cantata

The Traditional Choir is up and running well. We are having a wonderful time singing praises to God and fellowshiping together. However, there is always room for more. As you can see we are growing a bit at a time. We have grown in the alto and soprano sections, and we would like to grow in the tenor and bass sections. If you can carry a tune and love to sing praises to God, please give some thought and prayer to joining us on Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30.

We are in the midst of preparing a beautiful cantata for Easter called "He's Alive." All of the choirs in the church will be singing this. If this is something that you might be interested in, please free to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:45. I look forward to seeing you.

In Christ's love,

Diane

The PVUMC Contemporary Praise Choir invites you to come sing with us. What a blessing it is to sing praises to God. We have a great group that meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Whether you have experience singing in a choir or think this might be something you would like to try, there is not a better time to start than now. The praise choir is currently working on a Palm Sunday cantata as well as our contemporary line-up for each Sunday. All three choirs (traditional, contemporary and youth) will join together for the cantata on April 9th at the traditional service. It's a very exciting time for the praise choir. If you are interested please contact me at 463-3791 or you can e-mail me at the church.

In Christ
Scott Tinsley



Sunday, April 9

4:00 p.m.

Location: TBA

All kids are invited!

Thanks for the Piano!

Our Lady Star of the Sea has kindly donated to us a piano they no longer needed. We're shopping for a set of dollies so we can move the instrument to where we need it when we need it there. Thank you *Our Lady Star*, piano movers **Scott, Laneya & Bill Tinsley**, and **Marilyn Elston** who made us aware of the piano's availability.



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

Vacation Bible School

FIESTA! Where Kids are Fired up About Jesus. Making summer vacation plans and scheduling kids for camp? Be sure to save the dates of June 19 - 23 so you can join us for Vacation Bible School.

Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

Preschool Room

Children's Choir

Grades K-5

Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 5:45-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

In Hebrews 10: 23-25 God's word says , "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the day approaching."



Nursery Pager System

We are installing a nursery pager system on a demo basis for the month of March. When you leave your child in either nursery you'll be given a pager; if you are needed for any reason your pager will vibrate and you'll know to come to the nursery.

This system is being purchased with money from the Enhancement Fund. When we've oversubscribed askings for minor capital needs, we've put that money aside for needs like this one. Your past generosity makes this purchase possible. Thank you!



A Note From Pastor Jeff.

How do you handle disappointment? I was hoping the property for which our Trustees had negotiated would be "the one;" we could then point to a plot of land and say, *This* is where our church will build. But alas, it seems it is not to be. The seller did not accept the agreement we'd negotiated, instead putting a "For Sale By Owner" sign on the property and doubling the price. Was I disappointed? You bet I was! Then I thought about this scripture:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways my way, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are my ways higher than your ways
And my thoughts than your thoughts

Isaiah 55:8-9

There's comfort in knowing that just because we can't make sense of what's going on, doesn't mean it's senseless. God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. So we continue in faith, doing what we know to do, which for the Trustees means checking out every angle we can think of. Like the apostle Paul, we are "perplexed, but not driven to despair." (2 Corinthians 4:8) We know that God has a vested interest in our church (it is God's church after all!); surely God will provide all that we need to be faithful.

- Pastor Jeff



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