

THE WAVE

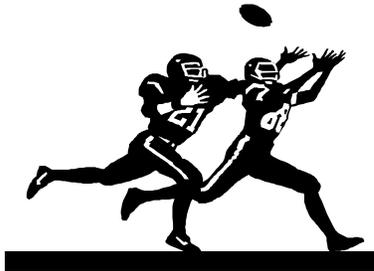


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Go Deep

This fall we're offering three opportunities for in-depth study of the Bible and the faith we share. Each requires 30 minutes daily for reading and reflection and 2½ hours for a weekly group meeting.

It's a substantial investment but if you make it you'll find yourself reaping incredible dividends. Learn about DISCIPLE I, DISCIPLE II and JESUS IN THE GOSPELS inside this issue of *The Wave*. Then contact the church office (280-5141) to indicate your interest or reserve your spot. (Each group is limited to 12 people.)

Covered Dish Dinner

We'll gather this month for one of our awesome covered dish dinners on Sunday, July 16 at 12:15, immediately following the traditional worship service. You bring your favorite appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert; we'll provide the meat and beverage. Oh yes... And don't forget your appetite!



Check Out Our Awards!

In June our church received a Certificate of Appreciation from the St. Johns County Detention Center and an appreciation plaque from Habitat for Humanity for our participation in the Apostle's Build home dedicated June 3. Both are on the wall in the kitchen. Check 'em out! Well done, church.

OUR MISSION:

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



PONTE VEDRA
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Missions Corner

Through your faithful giving, you have been providing salary support for Dan Dodge, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship staff worker at the University of North Florida. IVCF is an evangelical campus mission serving more than 35,000 students and faculty on more than 560 college and university campuses nationwide. InterVarsity has a rich tradition of campus witness, thoughtful discipleship, and concern for world missions. The chapter meets weekly as a large group and in small group Bible studies. InterVarsity also encourages students to belong to a local church. Pastor Jeff has spoken at the Monday night chapter meeting and attests to the vibrant worship and lively spirit of these brothers and sisters in Christ. We'll hear from Dan during the Mission Moment at each worship service on Sunday, July 16.

New Member Orientation

Pastor Jeff will lead an orientation for those interested in membership on Sunday, August 27 from 4 to 6pm. While participation is required to join PVUMC, attending orientation doesn't obligate you. We'll have a great time getting to know each other and learning more about that part of the church universal known as Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church.

A Word from Wesley

"You know that in seeking happiness from riches you are only striving to drink out of empty cups. And let them be painted and gilded ever so finely, they are empty still."

– John Wesley, *Works III, 240-41.*

Welcome



From the Campaign Followup Team

A Journey of Faith goal: \$1.2 million
 Pledged to Date: \$1,308,021
 Received on pledges to date: \$ 599,101
 Building Fund Total Balance: \$ 713,640

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

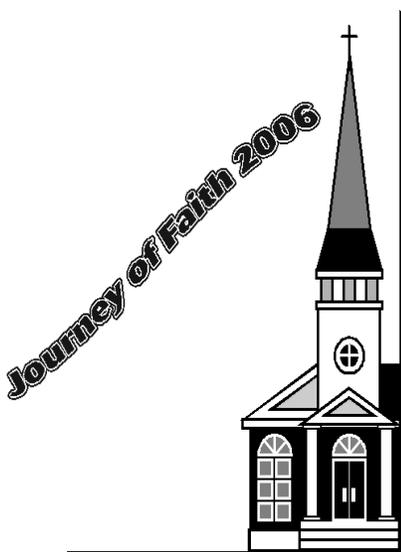


June 2006 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital
6/4	100	93	\$ 11,683	\$ 3,392
6/11	102	95	\$ 6,326	\$ 500
6/18	105	87	\$ 5,651	\$ 605
6/25	72	110	\$ 8,515	\$ 3,210

Designated Totals
 Building Fund
 \$ 713,640
 Missions (YTD)
 \$ 4,320
 Enhancement Fund
 \$ 4,748

Needed Weekly 2006
 \$10,346



DISCIPLE I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Prerequisite: None.

Will begin meeting the week of September 4, day and time TBD.

This is a general survey of the entire Bible. You will read approximately 70% of the Bible during the 34 weeks. Lesson 33 is a special time of positive affirmation and discernment where each participant will have opportunity to talk about their personal goals for discipleship. The purpose of the study is to develop biblically nourished persons committed to live as disciples.

Each meeting begins with prayer and a short introduction to the topic for the lesson. A video is viewed featuring an expert in the specific subject matter. A discussion period seeks to bring alive the daily readings. Following a break a second discussion time focuses on the discipleship aspect of the lesson. Prayer requests are shared and the session is closed with a prayer.

DISCIPLE II - Into the Word, Into the World

Prerequisite: DISCIPLE I

Will begin meeting the week of September 4, day and time TBD.

"Into the Word, Into the World" encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. The thirty-two week study selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Equal attention is given to Old and New Testaments with concentration on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts (8 lessons on each book). Participants will read familiar passages, see them in fresh ways, and anticipate that God will speak through them.

This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture. The purpose is to change habits and transform lives. The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. This study understands the growing Christian as under discipline in community and in ministry to the world. "Into the Word, Into the World" approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS - DISCIPLE Second Generation Series

Prerequisite: None.

Will begin meeting the week of September 4, day and time TBD.

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question "who is the Jesus that you see?" This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message. Two questions frame this study—"Who is the Jesus you bring with you to this study?" and "Who is the Jesus you take with you from this study?" JESUS IN THE GOSPELS takes participants on a journey from one question to the other.

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS focuses on the portraits of Jesus found in the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. This study looks at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and at the picture of Jesus that emerges in each of the Gospels. In the course of the thirty weeks, participants will read the four Gospels and considerable amounts of Scripture from other parts of the Bible.



On A Musical Note

The Children's and Youth
Creative Arts Ministry

Sam Welsh Leaving PVUMC

July 30 will be our keyboard player Sam Welsh's last Sunday with us. We are receiving a love offering for Sam; if you would like to participate please designate your gift "Welsh". Sam will continue his music studies on the graduate level at Ithaca College in upstate New York. We will surely miss you, Sam!

Cherubs Choir

Ages 3&4

Resumes Wednesdays beginning
August 23, 5:45pm

Children's Choir

Grades K-5

Resumes Wednesdays beginning
August 23, 5:45pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 5:45-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir

Resumes Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm in
August



July

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

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Jill and I have been watching a new show on television the past couple of weeks, *Windfall*. It chronicles the lives of 20 people who split a huge lottery jackpot, winning \$20 million each. Even though the characters on the program are fictitious, the potential downside of wealth that is portrayed is very real.

One of the risks of wealth is that we forget what is important. A few weeks ago, I idly wondered whether I should pray for another Great Depression, to bring our nation of consumers to its senses. For the sake of the poor who always suffer the most in any calamity, I decided against it.

Still, I wonder what kind of event might shake some sense into us. Nobody wants a tropical storm bearing down on them, but one thing you've got to say about a storm: It brings much needed rain. As I write this, the ground here is too dry. I'm praying for rain, not a storm. But I'm also thinking that much good can come out of trouble. Maybe God is teaching me not to curse the storm.

Some thoughts on a dry and dusty afternoon,

Pastor Jeff



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