

# The Wave



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## *God Is Closer Than You Think (See for yourself)*

For several years now we've enjoyed *Celebration Sunday* at the conclusion of the fall church wide study series. Since we didn't all fit at 35 Executive Way we had been renting a school on that day. This fall we're in a school every Sunday so we'll be meeting together at Ocean Palms Elementary at **10:30am on Sunday, November 11**. We look forward to the offerings of the praise band and choir, the traditional choir, Youth Creative Arts Ministry (YCAM) and Children In Action (C.I.A.) and Pastor Jeff's message, *Heaven Breaking Through*. We'll enjoy a **meal** together (meat and beverage provided but you're welcome to bring a dish to share) immediately following the service as our worship space is transformed into, well, a cafeteria.

Don't miss Celebration Sunday!



*Saturday, November 3*

## *Upcoming Messages*

*"God Is Closer Than You Think" Message Series*

November 4 God Goes All Out for a Relationship with You (1 Kings 19:1-8)

November 11 Heaven Breaking Through (Luke 14)

November 18 The Stewardship Paradox (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

November 25 Knowing the End from the Beginning (Luke 1:68-79)

### OUR MISSION:

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

More majestic  
than the thunders  
of mighty waters,  
more majestic  
than the waves of  
the sea, majestic  
on high is the  
Lord!

*Psalm 93:4*

## Missions Corner

### Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Our church will be collecting the shoe boxes for children in need on November 11. Each box should contain simple gifts such as small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. A \$7.00 check made to Samaritan's Purse must accompany each shoe box. This donation is necessary for processing purposes. Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this mission.

### Cuba-Florida Covenant



Did you know that PVUMC has a sister church in Cuba? Did you know about the Cuba-Florida Covenant, a covenant between the Methodist churches in Cuba and Florida that support each other in Christian work?

PVUMC's sister church is LaSierra; Damian Pacheo Diaz began serving as pastor at La Sierra about a year ago. The church has 52 members with attendance of around 60 adults and 20 children. Nine Jacksonville area United Methodists are heading to Cuba to visit La Sierra on December 4 for one week including our members Ellen Carson, Loree Reed and George Reed.

We hope to send along church directories and plan to have a banner for all PVUMC members to sign which will be presented to our sister church. Pastor Damian has requested several items for his church: a laptop, microphones, external hard drive, flash memory, digital camera, video beam (a type of theater projector used to plug into a computer to play media on TV or a screen), video capture card, GSM 900MHz cell phone, saxophones, and tambourines. If you can donate any of these, email Loree.Reed@pv-umc.org.

### A Word from Wesley

[A] Methodist is one who has "the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;" one who "loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength." God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul.

# "A Journey of Faith" Followup

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

A Journey of Faith goal:	\$ 1.2 million
Pledged to Date:	\$ 1,234,570
Received on pledges to date:	\$ 1,165,509
Building Fund Total Balance:	\$ 358,131
Indebtedness:	\$ 300,000

We are presently in the 32nd month of the 37-month capital campaign which ends March 31, 2008. Thank you for your faithful, generous giving to the *Journey of Faith* capital campaign and for your giving in general in support of the ministry of the church.

– Your Followup Director Team: David & Patricia Branham

## Money Matters

*An occasional column on things financial*

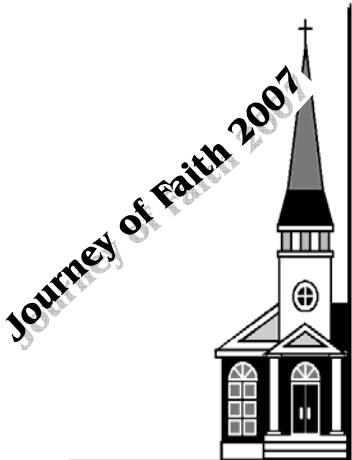
When people tell me they can't afford to tithe, I ask them, "If your income was reduced by 10 percent would you die?" They say, "No." And I say, "Then you've admitted that you can afford to tithe. It's just that you don't *want* to."

I'm not saying that it's easy to give. I'm saying—and there are thousands who will agree—that it's much easier to live on 90 percent or 50 percent or 10 percent of your income *inside* the will of God than it is to live on 100 percent *outside* it.

Randy Alcorn

*The Treasure Principle, p. 64*

★The church office is open Tuesdays—Fridays from 10am—2pm.★



## October 2007 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp.	Trad.	General	Capital	Designated Totals
9/30	89	104	\$ 6,888	\$ 765	Building Fund \$ 358,131
10/7	105	76	\$ 14,350	\$ 750	Missions (YTD)
10/14	79	58	\$ 5,610	\$ 290	\$ 27,429
10/21	71	68	\$ 4,220	\$ 615	Enhancement Fund
10/28	77	69	\$ 6,428	\$ 875	\$ (4,035)

Needed Weekly 2007 - \$11,346



On A Musical Note



Youth News!

### **Children In Action**

Age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm

### **YCAM**

Grades 6-12  
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

### **Praise Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

### **Traditional Choir**

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

## **District retreat**

Friday, November 9- Sunday, November 11. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm and travel together to Epworth in Georgia. We will join 6 other UMC churches from our area in a weekend of God and fun! Friends are welcome!! \$70/person, medical release required.

## *Revolve Tour...* February 1-3 in Orlando.

Revolve Tour is a weekend convention geared towards teen girls! Put together by Women of Faith, the weekend is full of concerts, speakers, praise and worship, and fun with a stadium full of your closest friends. ☺ Put this on your calendar!

Boy's camping trip...February 1-3, somewhere in Florida. ☺ While the gals are away, the boys will...camp! Leave this date open on your calendar, boys, and get ready for a weekend of male bonding!

**Mission Trip 2008** update!!! We have changed the dates on the High School trip to San Francisco. We will now be going July 5-12. Please mark your calendars accordingly, and bring your deposits in ASAP!

**Wii wish you a merry Christmas!** Saturday, December 9 @ Kelly's house. Beginning at 1:00pm, bring your Wiis and wii-motes and be prepared to have fun!! (please, even if you don't have a wii, come and bring friends ☺)

**Jaguar's game!** Sunday, December 9. \$40/person, 1:00pm Jaguars game against the Carolina Panthers! Have your money in ASAP, call Kelly to reserve your spot!



One of our youth, **Austin Patneau, Jr.** is conducting his second and final fundraiser for his Eagle Scout project. Austin is organizing a carwash from 1-4pm Saturday, Nov. 11 and 1-4pm Sunday, Nov. 12 at Prosperity Bank across from Rawlings Elementary and just in front of our former worship site. Your car will be clean and you will have helped Austin on the trail to Eagle. Austin's project is building bookcases in the resource room of the Student Ministry Life Center at Beach UMC.

## *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church Financial Plan 2008*

	<b>2007 Plan</b>	<b>2007 <i>Projected</i></b>	<b>2008 Plan</b>
Missions	59,000	16,695	25,000
Payroll & Benefits*	247,450	237,281	261,400
Administration	16,000	14,874	14,800
Programs (including advertising)	44,200	34,870	45,800
Computer Replacements			8,200
Worship, Office, Storage Facilities			
Rent	156,000	148,151	46,300
Utilities, Maint, Ins, Relocation, etc.	24,000	31,284	35,500
Building Fund			50,000
Parsonage	37,000	34,603	37,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>583,650</b>	<b>517,758</b>	<b>524,200</b>

*Details available upon request*

\*Includes for 2008 an increase of Youth Minister from 1/2 time to 3/4 time and creation of 1/4 time Children's Ministry Coordinator

### *Church Conference to be held November 13*

Our annual church conference (Rev. Rick Neal, District Superintendent, presiding) will be held in conjunction with those of other new church starts and redevelopment churches of our area on Tuesday, November 13, 7pm at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 12046 Normandy Blvd in Jacksonville. All are welcome to participate.

### *New Member Orientation November 18*

Pastor Jeff will be offering a new member orientation on Sunday, November 18 from 3-5pm at our ministry house at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd. 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).

## *Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women*

**REMINDER:** Ladies please send your UMW pledge current balance due to date to Treasurer, Vera Combs. Thank you!

For those of you who were not able to attend the Ministry Fair last month, you missed seeing a sample of the Quilting Circles' handiwork - a lovely baptismal quilt. There are several ready to go home with their new owners!

We continue to send items to Operation Shoebox. Your contributions are always needed and appreciated. When you send us your gifts, please itemize your contributions and also let us know who the donor is. Include this information on a sheet of paper and place it inside the bag/container. Thank you.

At the next scheduled meeting, December 15, we will plan for a slate of officers for the coming year. Please give us your input. Volunteers for serving as officers are welcome.

Book Circle information: Anne Torgerson (221-8057)

Quilting Circle information: Marilyn Elston (223-9477)

## *Yoga Classes*

For a healthier you, come join our yoga exercise class every Saturday, 4pm at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd. You will need loose fitting clothes, a yoga mat (we have extras) and \$5. Space is limited; please call Jane Ellis (273-0094) to reserve a spot. If you've reserved a spot and are not able to attend please let Jane know so others may participate.



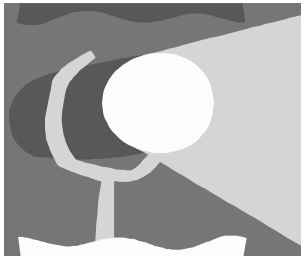
## *Ponte Vedra UMC Blood Drive*

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Ponte Vedra UMC's second blood drive as successful as our first. We had 28 people who attempted to donate and we collected 22 units of blood. It is nice to know that some of the blood that we donated has already saved lives in the Jacksonville area. If you were unable to participate this time, don't worry, you can go to any Florida Georgia Blood Alliance location and give a pint. If you tell them you are from Ponte Vedra UMC we will get credit for it.

## *Hanging of the Greens, November 25*



**J**oy, joy, joy, joy, joy. On Sunday, November 25 we'll gather at 7pm at Ocean Palms Elementary to decorate our worship space and sing the songs of the season during our festive "Hanging of the Greens" service. Got kids? Come early (5:30) to enjoy Christmas crafts with them.



## *Spotlight on Volunteers*

Many of us know that **John** and **Bette McEvoy** are examples of PVUMC's faithful servants! Some of John's volunteer duties in the past and present include: chairman of trustees (3 yrs), was on the property search committee, sings in the Praise choir (4 yrs), taught Disciple 2 and 3 classes, built a wheelchair ramp at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd, is chairman of the new building committee, is leader of small group study, helps setup for Sunday worship services, is the church contact for Habitat for Humanity, builds ramps for HartFelt Ministries, helps with home and yard maintenance and makes assessments for materials for repairs. With all that said, Bette says "But he can't tap dance!" Bette helps with many volunteer opportunities: children's choir program at Christmas, hostesses small groups in their home, sings in the Praise choir (4 yrs), has been involved in HartFelt Ministry and "approves" John's desire to help out around church and the community on an as needed basis.

After going out on a blind date while both attending the University of Florida, John and Bette have been married almost 37 years. They have twin daughters, one granddaughter, Emma, and Emma's brother soon to be born in November.

John is a Jacksonville native and is retired military with 36 years in the Army Reserve, was Lt. Col. in the National Guard, and Army Corps of Engineers. Some amazing information I found out about John is that he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Desert Storm! No surprise to find that out.

Bette is from South Florida. She is retired from 30 years teaching elementary school. She is now Volunteer Coordinator at the new PGA/TPC senior center in Ponte Vedra which keeps her busy. They are both members of Cornerstone Sunday school class, and enjoy traveling, especially to go on cruises. They spend a lot of time helping out with Emma, and soon will be helping with the new baby.

We know John as a quiet, gentle man. He is also a true gentleman. Bette has an outgoing personality who seems to never meet a stranger. This is what is meant by the saying, "Opposites attract!" They certainly do.

We are all grateful that John did not make a career being a pig farmer...! When he was at UF, he got a job working on a pig farm and loved doing that! We are blessed to have John and Bette among us at PVUMC!

## *Children's Ministry Position Available*

We are seeking a Children's Ministry Coordinator to plan programming, choose curriculum, and coordinate volunteers to work with children Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. In place are Sunday morning Kingdom Kids (two sessions), Wednesday afternoon C.I.A. (Children In Action) and four seasonal programs. This is a new paid position (the first we've created since beginning in 2003) that will average 10 hours per week. If you know a person with relevant experience, please encourage them to e-mail or FAX a resume to [kids@pv-umc.org](mailto:kids@pv-umc.org), 904 280-0599.

## *A Note From Pastor Jeff.*

We all look forward to having more children in our church but I want to share with you how much my kids enjoy our church as is. On a recent Sunday afternoon I asked Abby if she liked church that morning. “I *always* like church, Daddy!” That night Jill told me that as they were approaching Ocean Palms, Spencer shouted from his car seat, “Where my buddy go?” Who do you think he was talking about, Jill asked? My first guess was C.J. Joyner, another 3-year old. No, she said, it’s **Dod Schroter** and **Bill Walters**. Dod and Bill are among the greeters faithfully stationed outside the school when my family arrives and Spencer is looking for them even before the minivan makes the turn. I’m told that Bill and Dod are in the habit of giving Spencer a “high five” when he comes in and he loves it! (Abby and Sophie like their high fives too.)

Whether you’re teaching Kingdom Kids, facilitating Children In Action, leading Children’s Time, greeting members and guests, setting out cookies, or being the body of Christ in some other way, you make church special for my kids. And that is special to me. Thank you.

– Pastor Jeff



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## *Parenting and High School... Coming Monday, November 12!*

*Parenting and High School* is a free, interactive seminar being hosted by PVUMC for parents of high school students. The two hour program will empower parents by helping them understand that they can positively influence their sons and daughters despite the many other influences that exist today in the life of a high school student. The seminar also offers concrete advice about special issues that arise when parenting a teenager. **Ross McDonough** of New Day Counseling in Jacksonville Beach will lead. Ocean Palms Elementary, November 12 at 7:00pm.

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