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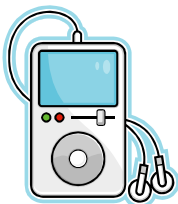
Children's Bible Stories for Big People

I remember my mom reading to us kids from a Children's Bible. The stories we heard then are still among my favorites today. This summer we're hearing some of those same stories with grown-up ears in the message series, *Children's Bible Stories for Big People*.

- Pastor Jeff

Have to Miss Church?

You Don't Have to Miss the Message



If you're away a Sunday, listen to the weekly message you've missed online at our website, www.pv-umc.org. The messages are also available as a podcast, giving you the option to select a message or automatically have messages downloaded to your iPod or other mp3 player. (Instructions may be found at www.pv-umc.org.) It's the next best thing to being here!

OUR MISSION:

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



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Keep in Touch Through Our Weekly Email

Not receiving *The Pastor's Pen*? Go to the bottom of www.pv-umc.org and sign yourself up. Between the weekly email and *The Wave*, you'll be in the know!

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.

3 John 2

Upcoming Messages

July 5 **Baby Moses and the God Who Rescues** (Exodus 1:8 - 2:10)

July 12 **Noah's Ark and Crazy Talk: When God Asks You to Do Something "Foolish"** (Genesis 6:5 - 7:13)

July 19 **What Not to Wear** (Colossians 3) *Willow speaking*

July 26 TBD; *Graham Hancock speaking*

Missions Corner

Saturday Serve Thank You

Hot, hot, hot! Thank you, **Phil & Georgia, Catee and Lexie de Roziere, Carolyn Schussler, and Jeff and Abby Bennett** for doing yard cleanup for a neighbor in need, Miss Eloise. And a special thanks to our team leader, **Phil de Roziere**.

Most Successful Food Drive To Date!

The members of Ponte Vedra UMC did it again, delivering a grand total of **86 bags of groceries** to B.E.A.M. (Beaches Emergency Aid Ministry). **Vivian Southwell**, B.E.A.M. director, stated that in today's economy her food pantry has been very depleted due to the increase in the number of local families in need.

It is an honor to help coordinate our future food drives at Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. If you have suggestions for future drives I am open to your feedback. My email address is vance.leclair@pv-umc.org.

Our next B.E.A.M. bag handout will be October 4th. We will gather the filled bags on October 11th.

Thank you again for all your help in this great cause.

-- Vance LeClair

A Word from Wesley

We are not able to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps.

We are not masters in our own house.

These statements illustrate the basic concern of the doctrine of **original sin**. Original sin is a reality that is bigger than we are and from which we cannot liberate ourselves. Says John Wesley, original sin is

“the state of every ‘natural man’: whether he be a gross, scandalous transgressor, or a more reputable and decent sinner.”

– Sermon 9: “*The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption*”

Sin distorts our whole being, our relationships with God and other people, our ideas of success, and even our relation to wealth. There is no hope for transformation except by the grace of God. When viewed from the perspective of original sin, salvation becomes a crucial concept. It implies resistance to the sinful conditions of our time, liberation from the structure of sin at every level, and new relationships.

**Standing In The Gap:
An Intercessory Prayer Opportunity**

A new opportunity for group prayer time will begin on Tuesday mornings in July at the home of Diane Lee, aka Willow. **Ezekial 22:30 says, I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap.** You are invited to share in this time of standing with Jesus between God the Father and those for whom we pray – personal needs, family and loved ones, our church, community, country and world. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, July 7 at 10:00am. For more information, contact Cecily Browning 285-2648 or Willow at 887-2160.

Pastor Jeff meets with intercessory pray-ers most Saturday mornings at 8:30 at the church property at 76 South Roscoe Blvd. **The Lord says in Matthew 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, There am I with them.** Won't you join us as we seek His guidance in the kingdom work He wants us to do through Ponte Vedra UMC?



Round Of Applause



- 👉 For all our graduates, Joe Boehner, Matt Pyle, Austin Patneau and Ross McSwain!
- 👉 For Dori, Tucker, and Ben, our summer counselors!
- 👉 For all of our students who survived another year of school and are now enjoying a MUCH needed vacation!

Upcoming Events:

Tubing Trip Tuesday, July 14. Meet at 56 South Roscoe at 9:00am., will return by 6:00pm. The trip will be \$10L \$5 for your tube rental and \$5 for river entrance. Bring a bagged lunch or extra money to purchase lunch at the snack bar at the end of the river.

Dignity-U-Wear Friday, July 24. Time TBA

Y.C.A.M. News

Y.C.A.M. (Youth Creative Arts Ministry) will not be meeting during the month of July. We will resume our scheduled meetings Wednesday, August 12.

Variety Show DVD's

The 2009 Variety Show DVD's are now available. For just \$20 you can re-live the experience. All proceeds benefit youth missions. Contact Scott Tinsley at the church office, 280-5141 or email scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org.

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap

Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (96 pledges)	\$1,536,535
Pledges received to date (42%)	\$ 658,735
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 64,497
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 7,934
Total received to date	\$ 764,498

General Fund Recap May 2009

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 48,740
Expenses	\$ 35,977
Mortgage	\$ 1,454
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$ 11,309

Building Fund Recap as of June 27, 2009

Income	\$ 11,464
Loan Draws	\$258,252
Expenditures	\$375,763
Balance	\$198,589

June 2009 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
6/7	Combined	202	\$ 11,676	\$ 2,454	\$ 268
6/14	73	91	\$ 9,515	\$ 1,130	\$ 1,026
6/21	96	73	\$ 13,228	\$ 570	\$ 137
6/28	81	55	\$ 6,580	\$ 7,310	\$ 281

Designated Totals

Building Fund	\$ 198,589
Enhancement Fund	\$ 630
Memorials	\$ 8,780
General Fund	
Needed Weekly 2009	\$ 9,600



Campaign Followup

We are now 15 months into our 36-month capital campaign. We have received **42%** of funds pledged.

The building continues to progress. The roof framing has been completed. Installation of the windows is underway. Electrical and plumbing rough-in is underway. Installation of the synthetic stone on the tower feature should be completed this month. Installation of exterior doors should take place near month end. Interior framing continues and drywall hanging should begin this month.

We continue building on faith, grateful for every dollar given to the building fund and to the general fund for our week to week operations and missions giving. May God continue to find us faithful in every way.

Please remember in your prayers our general contractor E.C. Kenyon, also Ronald Scalisi Architects and the subcontractors on the site. May God give them wisdom and keep them safe as they build.

Thank you for your prayers and your financial support of this ambitious project.

– Your Followup Director Team: Jim Wynn, Dave & Patricia Branham



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. Children In Action

Kindergarten through 5th Grade
Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm
resumes in September

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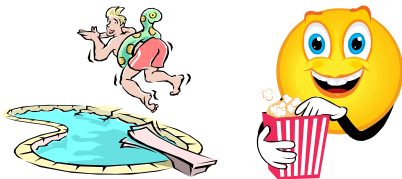
Grades 6-12
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm
Palm Valley Community Center

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm
Palm Valley Community Center

Traditional Choir

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm
Palm Valley Community Center



C.I.A. (Children In Action)

Mark your calendars for our movie outing Tuesday July 21.

We will be going to see Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G) at the Beaches Movies Theater. We will meet in the Fresh Market Parking at 9:00a.m. and carpool to the theater. After the show we will have lunch at Chick-fil -A.

Swim Party at Turtle Shores

Grab your swimsuit and come to Turtle Shores on Monday, August 3 from 10:30am until noon. Please call **Lynn Straughan** at 904-806-4508 or email lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org to RSVP for each of the events listed or if you need directions.



A BIG Thank - You to all of our VBS Volunteers- without you Vacation Bible School would not be possible!!

Look for pictures of our GREAT TIMES and GREAT KIDS at Crocodile Dock in the August issue of the Wave Newsletter!

Kingdom Kids

All children in Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join us each Sunday morning for Kingdom Kids during both the 9:30 and 11:00am worship services. We are in need of volunteers to serve the first and fourth Sundays of the month. This is a great way to get to know the kids in our church. If you are interested in this opportunity please call **Lynn Straughan** at 904-806-4508 or send an e-mail to lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org.

3 & 4 Year Old Class

Join our volunteer team and get to know the young people in our church. We are looking for volunteers to read a Bible story to the children immediately following Children's Time at the 9:30am worship service. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity please call **Lynn Straughan** at 904-806-4508 or send an e-mail to lynn.straughan@pv-umc.org.

A Note From Pastor Jeff:

Ah, summer. While I'm looking forward to a little kick back time during my vacation this month, I won't be taking a vacation from Jesus. While I'll try hard not to think about my work (it *is* vacation) I will be thinking a lot about the relationship Jesus and I share. Maybe you'd like to be asking some of these questions yourself this summer:

“How is it between you and me, Jesus?”

“Am I listening to you?”

“Am I responding to what you say?”

“Am I loving you back?”

For ten days or so I'll be in minivan-close relationship with my family. Maybe how I relate to them will show me how it is between Jesus and me.

Jesus is speaking. Am I listening? Something to think about during the dog days of summer...

– Pastor Jeff



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