

THE WAVE



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When Less Is More: Creating Space

Overloaded? Maxed out? Our culture encourages us to live as if we have no limits. We do as much as we can, spend as much as we can, and acquire as much as we can—all in an effort to get as much as we can out of life.

The secret to getting more out of life is not doing more, but doing less. We must learn to create margin to live the life God intended for us. Come back from the edge with the help of this six-week message series beginning January 16.

Graceful Parenting with Love & Logic

In this fun and funny parenting workshop, learn how to: neutralize arguing and avoid power struggles, set and enforce limits in a loving way, get chores done without reminders, raise responsible kids, end lectures, threats and warnings, and battle sibling rivalry.

This 5-week parenting workshop begins **Wednesday, February 2**, 6:00-8:00pm (bring a snack supper if you like). \$60 for the first parent; second parent for no charge at this or a future workshop. Nursery, children (C.I.A.) and youth (YCAM) activities available.

Upcoming Messages

January 2 **The Resolution** (Luke 9:51) “Willow Diane” preaching

January 9 **The Monarch Mystery** (Ephesians 3:1-12)

January 16 *begin series* **When Less Is More: Creating Space** (Revelation 3:20)

January 23 **Down Time** (Job 14:5)

January 30 Pastor Damián Pacheco Diaz, Cuba sister church (date subject to change)

February 6 **Rightsizing Your Lifestyle** (Malachi 3:7-12)

February 13 **Reordering Your Finances** (Luke 16:1-13) *Scout Sunday!*

February 20 **A Time to Run** (2 Timothy 2:22)

February 27 **Finding Professional Margin** (Exodus 18:13-24)

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OUR MISSION:

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



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Missions Corner

B.E.A.M



We're happy to report that through January 2 we received **84** Publix gift cards totaling **\$1,620** in value. These cards will be bless many clients of Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry in the months to come. Good going, church!

Advent Challenge - Haiti

God bless those of you who gave to bless those in need in Haiti. Through January 2 your giving totaled **\$5,440**. It's not too late to give. The challenge is to match what you spent on Christmas gifts in a gift to the poor in the name of the One whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas.

Visit from Pastor Damián

The pastor of our Cuba sister church (la Sierra) is coming to visit us in January. Pastor Damián will be in Ponte Vedra for around three weeks, though we won't know the exact dates until his paperwork is approved. If you are interested in hosting Damián in your home for a couple of days, please let George Reed know (george.reed@pv-umc.org). Damián's visit promises to be an enriching experience for all involved.



Our Hearts Go Out To...

... **Jean Lusted** at the loss of her husband Carl on December 9. You are in our prayers, Jean.

A Word from John Wesley, founder of Methodism

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, wrote,

The best of all is, God is with us.

Jackson, V, 547.

Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom is a place where you can enjoy meeting other moms and listen to great speakers talking about relevant topics while your infant or preschool child is cared for in a loving, nurturing environment. Whatever your stage of motherhood, *Mom to Mom* will be there to nurture, equip and encourage you in forming relationships with God and each other. Meetings are **Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30am.**

Ponte Vedra United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women has had a very active year with enlightening, interesting programs, a successful garage sale and delivery of two large loads of donated items to Operation Shoebox with a third nearly ready for transport to the collection area. Additional items to this ongoing project can be placed in the box under the table near the Nursery and a list of requested items can be found in the UMW notebook on the table.

We were able to divide \$2300 among; Betty Griffin House, Mission House, Giving Hope Foundation, St. Gerard House, Florida Methodist Children's Home, UMCORE (disaster relief projects), Heifer Project, Costa Rica Missions (Faithful Service Mission), Hartfelt Ministries and Kiva Project. We also contributed to PVUMC Youth Missions, PVUMC Building Fund and Haiti Advent offering.

The recent "Cookie Walk" was also successful. A grateful "thanks" to all those who donated all the wonderful baked goods and all who purchased them. A special recognition to "Santa Lolo and "Snow Elf" Dotty. Thanks to the volunteers, Ann Cook, DeAn Foulk, Yolie Macon, Sue & Jay Morris, Natalie Loughran, Ann Krawiec, Carol Harding, the youth group, Scott Tinsley, Randy Bringger and Barbara Bowker for chairing this delicious event.

From a Grateful Staff

Thank you, Ponte Vedra UMC, for blessing us with a generous Christmas gift. You are always quick to share words of encouragement and now you have blessed us in this way too. You are giving people and we are privileged to serve Christ through serving you.

– Your pastor, staff and musicians

Welcome! New Members



Jason & Jessica Tiedeberg became members Sunday, November 21.



Barb & Paul Bowker and Alyssa Bowker have moved to our area from outside Chicago. Since they've been active in women's ministry, youth programs and other ministries in their former church, they look forward to becoming involved at PVUMC. Frances Bennett is a resident at Vicar's Landing and is happy to be joining us. Michael & Michelle Babcock (with children Maclean and Marisol) have been in Ponte Vedra since June, moving from Winston-Salem, NC. Donna & Kevin Wemett also became members Sunday, December 19.

New Study Groups Starting January 2011

Study Title	Starting	Time/ Place	Contact
The Gospel of John	Jan. 10 th	4:00pm Monday 135 Governors Rd. PVB	Cooper Agent cooper.agent@pv-umc.org
Growing Through Life's Challenges	Jan. 8	11:00am Saturdays Room 209 PVUMC church,	Scott Tinsley scott.tinsley@pv-umc.org
Q3 Andy Stanley Study 3 Questions to start the year off right	Jan. 12	6:00pm Wednesdays Room 207 PVUMC church, second floor	John & Suzanne Joyner
Sabbath	Jan. 13	Thursday Men's Bible Study 8:00am Thursdays Room 207	George Reed
To Be Announced	Jan. 9	Shepherd's Class Room 211 9:45am Sunday mornings	Bruce Morris
The Study of Genesis This is an ongoing study, but all are welcome to join.	On going	4:00pm Mondays Nocatee	Ron and Barbara Owen

You are welcome to check out our web site at: <http://www.pv-umc.org/groups/> for more information on our small groups.

We will be having a table in the foyer (January 2 and 9) with samples of the books that will be used in the studies starting in January. Be sure to look them over and see what appeals to you! Join a group, get to know other church members!

Blood Drive Sunday, January 30

It's that time again. Please join us **Sunday, January 30** from **9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m.** Contact **Don Carson**, 280-2893 to make an appointment. Don will also be available every Sunday, beginning January 9, after both services in the foyer to sign up donors.

The Blood Alliance has changed their policy on walk-ins. In all fairness to those individuals with appointments, walk-ins will only be accepted if there is an available appointment slot. So please make an appointment for a time that you will be able to donate.

Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood every 56 days. We are currently in the 56 day window for our next drive, so **please don't give blood between now and January 30.** There is no upper age limit to donate, as long as your doctor says it is okay.

Please help. Remember, one donation can save up to three lives. **A photo ID is required to donate.**

Financial Status

Building on Faith Recap as of December 31, 2010

Project Cost	\$ 3.8 million
Campaign goal	\$ 1.3 million
Pledged to date (97 pledges)	\$ 1,526,434
Pledges received to date (85.3%)	\$ 1,302,738
Non-pledges received to date	\$ 152,817
General budget receipts	\$ 33,332
Interest income	\$ 16,311
Total received to date	\$ 1,513,878

General Fund Recap November 2010

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 55,301
Expenses	\$ 42,556
Parsonage Mortgage	\$ 1,788
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$10,957

Building Fund Recap as of December 20, 2010

Income	\$ 55,908
Paid on Principal	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 0
Balance	\$ 265,769

November 2010 Giving & Attendance

Date	Contemp. Attendance	Traditional Attendance	General Fund Giving	Capital Fund Giving	Other Giving
12/5	182	196	\$17,599	\$11,713	\$2,095
12/12	144	131	\$ 5,262	\$11,785	\$750
12/19	126	144	\$ 8,207	\$15,305	\$4,082
12/24	3 services	619	\$ 5,482	\$7,430	\$440
12/26	79	91	\$18,941	\$9,675	\$1,704

Designated Totals

Building Fund
\$ 265,796
Memorials
\$ 11,886
Enhancement Fund
\$ 1,764
General Fund
Needed Weekly 2010
\$ 11,395

Owed on Parsonage: \$165,237 Owed on Church Facility: \$2,575,000



Campaign Followup

At 33 months into our 36-month *Building on Faith* capital campaign, we have received nearly **85%** of funds pledged. Well done, church!

Many limited time offers come across as hokey come-ons. We think this one is different. This month the balance of our loan will be amortized over 19 years, meaning that **every gift given between now and January 9 reduces the principal we owe and therefore our monthly payments** over the next 19 years.

As you are able, consider blessing your church by

- 1) prepaying the balance of your Building on Faith pledge, or
- 2) making a special gift to the building fund.

Above all, receive the thanks of a grateful church for each dollar you have given. We recognize that many of you have given sacrificially. We thank and praise God who has brought us this far on our journey. The building is built but the best is yet to come as God continues to build his church.

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



On A Musical Note

C.I.A. Children In Action

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm

YCAM

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Praise Choir

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Choir - GodSong

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Children's Corner



C.I.A. Briefs

CIA will be ready to swing into the new year on January 12 as we begin our new unit entitled “**Mission Impossible: Heroes of the Bible**”. We will use games, crafts, cooking and missions to explore biblical and modern heroes. We will also discover how we can become heroes ourselves! All children Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join the fun each Wednesday from 6 – 7:30 pm. Bring your sack supper and get ready for action!



Kingdom Kids

C.I.A. is a growing and lively group! We are in need of adult or youth helpers in the following areas:

JUKEBOX HERO – We are searching for someone to play either piano or guitar for music practice.

CO-LEADER – Someone who is interested in helping prepare the lessons for Wednesday nights. Curriculum, materials and team support provided.

As you are making your New Year's resolutions, please consider joining the younger members of our church as they learn to receive and respond to God's call for mission in their lives! For more information, contact **Anne Torgerson** at anne.torgerson@pv-umc.org.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS for a week of VBS fun at the **SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ** ! Vacation Bible School will be held at PVUMC June 27 – July 1. Watch for details!



Round Of Applause

- 👍 For everyone who donated/cooked/delivered food for our mission blitzers! We could not have done it without you!!!!
- 👍 For all of our church family members who supported mission blitz this year. You will hear more about it in the coming months, we cant wait to share our experiences with you!
- 👍 To our students and to Dori Schaffield, Tucker Holland, and Matt Pyle (our counselors) and all of their tireless work at Mission Blitz 2010!

Upcoming Events

Busch Gardens! Saturday, January 15. We will meet at the church at 7:00am and travel to Tampa for the day. Because of our late return time we will be staying at the church on Saturday evening, so bring an overnight bag that you can leave at the church for the day! Trip cost \$55/person and bring money for your food. Money due by January 10.

Taking some time off! We won't meet again for youth group until Sunday, January 10. Take your break to spend time with your family, see your friends, rest, and come back in January rejuvenated!

MISSION SUNDAY! Sunday, January 16. We will be making PB&Js and heading to St Augustine to hand them out!

Parent conversation night! Wednesday, January 19. Parents, have you ever wondered how to strike a balance between when to push your 'tween or teen, and when to back off? You are not alone! We have Brynne Plant, Guidance counselor from Bolles, coming in to lead you in conversation about this topic! Invite friends, it is free and we will have food and conversation! Beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 7:30pm, in the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!



A Note From Pastor Jeff:

While tucking in my six-year old son I found myself wishing that *I* was six years old again. Oh, to go to bed with no worries or cares about the next day, week, month or year! As I left his room, I got to thinking, why can't I go to bed with no worries? I know my heavenly father cares for me. Yet while some areas of my life cause me no concern, others I worry about almost constantly.

I never worry about having enough money. I almost always worry about having enough time. Both time and money are in finite supply; what is the difference? In a nutshell: I live my financial life with plenty of margin, which is to say, my family lives well within our means. There's always some cushion. When it comes to time, I have the same problem others have with money: I spend 100% (sometimes I shoot for 110%!) of the time I have. Then something unforeseeable comes and I find myself stressed to the max.

Beginning January 16 I'll be preaching a six-week message series from which I myself hope to benefit greatly. **When Less Is More: Creating Space** is the title, and the first two topics are time and money.

– Pastor Jeff



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