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The Summer Institute

We're offering three special small group opportunities for study on Wednesday nights, 7pm-8pm this summer beginning June 4. Interested? Call the church office to register. Childcare available through Grade 5.

My Identity in Christ (7 weeks)

Leading believers to become mature followers of Christ is at the heart of the church's discipleship ministry. Becoming a Christian means receiving a new identity in Christ and living a life that portrays Christlikeness. Study this exciting, transformational process in this resource from Gene Wilkes, Senior Pastor at Legacy Drive church in Plano, Texas.

Network: The Right People... In the Right Places...

...For the Right Reasons (8 weeks)

A dynamic program to help Christians understand who God has uniquely made them to be and mobilize them to a place of meaningful service in the local church. Participants learn the nature and purpose of the church as the body of Christ and the unique importance of each member's contribution. A Willow Creek resource. **Jill Bennett**, Leader.

Your Church Experiencing God Together (9 weeks)

In order to be effective Christians, it is necessary to invest our lives in ministry through the local church. This study addresses many thought-provoking and challenging questions, like: "What does it mean to be born into the family of God?" and "How can God use our lives to touch a world in need of salvation?" A natural follow-up to the best seller *Experiencing God*. **Diane Lee**, leader.

Worship Arts Conference

The Ponte Vedra Praise Team and Band are going to Chicago for the Worship Arts Conference at Willow Creek Community Church June 3-7. We want to take all in this group who want to go. The cost of this trip is \$800 per person for the conference, airfare, hotel and car rental. While this cost is very reasonable to spend 4 days in worship, learning, developing and bonding, it is prohibitive for some of our folks. Some of the ways you can help are by donating Delta Airlines frequent flyer miles, financial gifts, Marriott points, American Express points and any other ways you might think of. If you are willing and able to financially invest and assist this group to get to this life changing and church changing conference please call Carol Zur at the office, drop your gift by the office or in the offering plate. Please mark your gift "Arts Conference."

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



PONTE VEDRA
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Do You Need Physical Therapy or just a Good Massage?

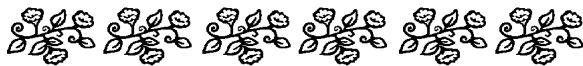
A new group, *Single Again*, is forming for you who are divorced or widowed to help meet the needs that used to be met by your other half. The very first meeting will be Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm. at Ponte Vedra UMC. Our guest speakers will be massage therapist Muriel Hattori and physical therapist Pam Geotz. The group discussion topic will be "Handling Stress." Contact **Nancy Nelson** (246-7388) for more information or just come!

All Ladies of the Church



Your presence is being requested at a ladies luncheon and tea scheduled for May 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Our speaker will be Debra Johnson, District President of the United Methodist Women. Hats and spring finery are the attire of the day. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 6 to Denese in the church office, 280-5141. If you have a donation for an item pulled from one of the fancy hats located in the sanctuary, bring it to the luncheon or drop it by the church office.



Good to Read

Our church library is up and running! Located on a cart near the sound booth and alcove, the books are all faith-based and have been reviewed by Pastor Jeff. Come and see the various choices - from biblical studies, to how to cope with teens in their difficult years to dealing with a loss of a loved one and more. If you'd like to take out a book, fill in your name, the name of the book you're borrowing, etc. in the notebook located on the top of the cart.

The books have come from Seymour's Bookstore (in the PVB Public Library) and from members of the church. If you'd like to donate your books, leave them in Denese's office or call **Mims Cushing**, church librarian, at 285-5781.

Vacation Bible School - June 23-27, 2003

We need more than just teachers to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success. What can YOU do? Just look below to see how you can help!

Lighthouse Kids Shining God's Light is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. We want to decorate our worship space around the Lighthouse theme. Do you have any of the following items that we could borrow for the week of June 22? We are looking for Life Preservers, Lanterns, Nautical Flags, Oars, Fisherman Nets, a Ship's Wheel, and any other items that might go along with this theme.



**Lighthouse
Kids**
Shining God's Light

Wanted!

Prayers—pray for the children, parents & volunteers

Someone to create a Lighthouse for our worship space.

Volunteers to coordinate snacks each morning.

Craft volunteers.

One more co-teacher.

Youth volun-

teers.

Volunteers to help set-up for VBS on Sunday afternoon, June 22.

If you are interested in volunteering or have items we can borrow for the week, please call **Jill Bennett** at 285-2134.



On A Musical Note

We are excited to announce the start up of our Praise Choir. This group will sing with the Praise Band and Team in the Contemporary Service. Rehearsals are slated to start in late May. Sign up before or after the gam service.

Thank you to those who participated in the Easter Seasonal Chorus! Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

The Seasonal Chorus will resume meeting on Thursday May 9th at 7:00 pm as we work through the "Choir Members Companion" by Ginger G. Wyrjo. This is a group study open to all who are interested in gaining an understanding of the fundamentals of Music Theory, Vocal Techniques and Music Ministry, books are provided. Please call Denese in the church office to sign up.

PVUMC Praise Band and Team will go to the Willow Creek Arts Conference in June. If you wish to invest financially in our participation in this life changing, church changing conference call Carol Zur at the church office or drop your gift designated "Arts Conference" by the office or in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Children's Choir will start in the Fall. Stay tuned for more information. If you have questions please contact The Minister of Music, Carol Zur at 280-5141 or e-mail carol.zur@pv-umc.org

Worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth.

Pastor's Picks

Might you be the next Olan Mills? I'm looking for one or more photographers to take digital photos of the members and friends of our growing congregation. We're not talking pictorial directory quite yet but it sure would be helpful to have a "face book" around when you just can't put a name to the face or vice versa.

If you're out there, Olan, please give me a call at 280-5141. And the rest of you get ready to say Cheese!

The Kingdom Assignment

Here's yet another story of one of the \$100 bills handed to volunteers at the November 17 services as part of the *Kingdom Assignment*. **Sandy Milan** and son **Max** used the money entrusted to them in two ways. They decided early on to spend \$25 on a gift for a child on the Angel Tree. The remainder went to underwrite the bi-fold business size cards now available for you to give to people you invite to church. (These are on the cart next to the sound booth; help yourself.)

Here's a twist. Sandy suggests that we listen first and then invite. Sandy says you might tape a penny to the back of a card and write "Penny for your thoughts" as a reminder to listen to others. If we also remember to listen to God he'll guide us in meeting that person right where they're at.

Thanks, Sandy and Max for listening to God. May the kingdom be extended through the faith-

BEAM

Brown Bag Sunday

We will be distributing brown bags Sunday, May 11 for BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry). The bags will include a list of food items needed with a request to return the bag by the following Sunday, May 18.

Attendance & Giving

	April		
	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>
4/6	70		87 \$
4,370			
4/13	103	121	9,522
4/20	132	166	6,169
4/27		101	79
3,085			
April Avg	102	113	\$ 5,786

Needed weekly
(after "new church" support)

\$ 5,114

Needed weekly

Offering Envelopes

If you would like a set of boxed offering envelopes for 2003, call Denese in the church office, 280-5141.

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

You've been hearing about our plans to send our musicians to The Arts Conference at Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago in June. I've decided that I'd like to send another 20 of you to a Willow Creek event. The good news is you won't even have to leave Jacksonville!

The Leadership Summit 2003 is being held August 7-9 in Chicago with satellite locations across North America. One of those locations is CrossRoad United Methodist Church, located on Gate Parkway just north of JTB.

I attended last year's *Leadership Summit* at Crossroad and came away mightily impressed. The speakers were awesome, the facility ideal, and I got to sleep in my own bed at night! This year's event promises to be even better if you'll be sitting with me as we experience it together. It will be a great opportunity to grow personally, connect with others, and dream big dreams as together we pursue our God-given vision for the unique ministry of our church.

The faculty this year includes pastors Bill Hybels and Andy Stanley, author Jim Collins (*Built to Last, Good to Great*), Karen Hughes (former White House Press Secretary) and more. You can read about the summit at <http://www.willowcreek.com/conference/summit/index.asp>

Register through our church office this month and qualify for the Early Bird

Upcoming

Messages:

"The Powerful Presence of Je-

sus....

May 25 Guest Preacher:

May 4 *...in Times of Trial"*

May 11 *...in Weakness and in Power"*

Pastor Marvin Nash

May 18 *...in Judgment and in Grace"*

of New Friend-



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