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"Becoming a Contagious Christian"

There's this scary "e" word that Christians don't like to think about: evangelism. What picture does that word bring to mind? Billy Graham? A freaky looking guy shouting on a street corner? Handing out tracts in public places?

You might be surprised to learn that God intends you to be an evangelist, someone who brings the good news of Jesus Christ to people. You don't have to be obnoxious, have it all together, go door to door or get big wavy hair like some of the tele-evangelists of years past. There is a way to share good news that fits who you are.

Our own **Jimmy Jones** will be leading an hour per week, eight-week summer class entitled, **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. You'll learn how to share the gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God made you to be. The class will meet Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm on June 2, 9, & 30; July 7, & 28; August 4, 11, & 18. Call the office at 280-5141 to sign up. (By the way, no problem if you have to miss a week or two.)

-Pastor Jeff

Congratulations Disciple I & II Graduates

The following people have just completed one of the Disciple courses:

Disciple I - **Mike Cervellera, Carol Harding, Jerry & Mary Alice Sanders, Colleen & Dod Schroter, Sheryl Strickland;**

Disciple II - **Dottie Senn, Suvan Shine and Robin Walters.**

Disciple requires a commitment of 30+ weeks of in-depth Bible study learning about the Old and New Testaments and their direct relevance to the daily life of a Christian. Congratulations graduates!

If you are interested in this life-changing course, ask one of these graduates about their experience. Keep watching the Wave and bulletins for information about classes to be offered this Fall.

Upcoming Messages

Pastor Jeff will be away the first two Sundays of June but you won't want to miss the messages brought by two excellent speakers. On June 6 **Rev. Jimmy Jones** will share **How to Make Good Choices** from Luke 18:1-8. June 13 will find **Diane Lee** bringing a word from Isaiah 53:4-5 and 1 Peter 2:23-24. She's entitling the message **Walking Wounded**.

Father's Day finds Pastor Jeff back up front with the message, **Dads, Don't Bring Your Kids to church!** (Proverbs 22:6 is the inspiration on that one.) We'll round out the month June 27 with another in the *Strange Things* series. **Strange Things Jesus Told Me: A Rich Man, a Camel and the Eye of a Needle.**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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Summer Youth Retreat

Middle and High School youth will be attending a week-long retreat this summer in preparation for Youth Sunday and a youth-led/designed outreach event. They will "get-way" to Wild Adventures Theme Park for a day and to Epworth By the Sea on St. Simon's Island, Georgia for a week of development, rehearsal, and study for these upcoming events. The cost of this trip is approximately \$350 per youth for travel, meals, activities and lodging. This is a great opportunity for adults who wish to remain behind the scenes to be involved with youth ministry through prayer and financial support. Please pray for safe travel, that each youth is opened up to God in ways they have not known previously, and that the youth return with an enthusiasm to share Christ's love with this congregation and people in our community. If you would like to sponsor the cost of a youth's participation, in part or in full, please contact the church office. Thank you for your prayer and support. Don't miss Youth Sunday, August 8, as the youth share their talents and enthusiasm for Christ!



Congratulations to **Allison Evans, Justin Dickerson, Alec Hurley and Mike Joyce** who graduated from Nease High School. We are proud of you and wish you the best in your future endeavors!

Talent Show Videos

If you missed the April 30 Talent Show and would like to purchase a copy of the video you may place an order by calling the church office; \$10 per tape. Pastor Elvis and much, much more.

Nursery Workers Needed

We are in need of Nursery workers! If you love children and would like to share this love here at PVUMC we are in need of workers for all time slots - Sunday mornings, Thursday mornings and as needed for evening activities. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Lynne Tyndall at 249-0124. These are paid positions (must be 18 or older).



Children's and Youth

Creative Arts Ministry

Congratulations to all the youth and children on a very successful first year. We have accomplished much and now it is time to celebrate! Our end of year party will be held at Adventure Landing on Monday, June 7 at 9:45am. Because the party is at a water park, children under 11 MUST be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$20 per person. Children 3 and under are \$5. This price covers entrance to the water park, lunch and dessert. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY by contacting Carol or Denese in the church office at 280-5141.

Kid's Korner

Vacation Bible School

Kids - Don't sit on the sidelines! Join in at SonGames 2004! July 12 - 16 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. We'll have a great time with songs, skits, crafts, games and Bible stories. Call 280-5141 to register to be a part of God's team.





On A Musical Note

Children's and Youth Creative Arts Ministry
 Congratulations to all the youth and children on a very successful first year. We have accomplished much and now it's time to celebrate! Our end of the year party will be held at Adventure Landing Monday, June 7 at 9:45am. See announcement on page 2 for details.

Parents of Youth CAM Members

Information meeting to be held June 2 at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss our Summer retreat July 25-31 at Epworth By The Sea

Cherub Choir/Rhythm Dancers Ages 3&4 will resume meeting Wednesday, August 11.

Children's Choir Grades K-5th will resume meeting Wednesday, August 11. Time: 6:15-7:15pm

Youth Creative Arts Ministry Team will continue meeting through the summer on Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm. Dance Team Thursdays 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Praise Choir meets Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please come join your voice with ours.

The Seasonal Chorus will resume meeting Thursday, June 17 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Info: Contact Minister of Music, Carol Zur at carol.zur@pv-umc.org or 280-5141.

Colossians 3:16 & 17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever you do in word or deed; do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Pastor's Picks

It's summertime! One of my favorite things about summer is Vacation Bible School. I loved it when I was a kid. I love it now as a pastor. There were a couple of years while I was working as an engineer that I took half-days off from my job to volunteer... **I love VBS!**

Would you like to share in the joy of working with children? **July 12 - 16, 9am - noon** we'll involve kids from our church and the community in Vacation Bible School. This year we've got a way cool Summer Olympics theme: **SonGames 2004**. Jill Bennett (285-2134) is leading VBS; give her a call and help out in advance of that week or during the week itself. You'll have fun, the kids will be blessed and the kingdom of God will advance.

- Pastor Jeff

Notes of Thanks

We want to thank each and everyone of you for your prayers, visits and food during the time of Larry's illness and passing. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

What an awesome privilege it has been to serve these past few years in the worship ministries of this church through the traditional and contemporary services/choirs, the children's choir, and the youth program. I also appreciate the opportunities I've had to engage in activities outside of the music ministry, such as Sunday school, service at the soup kitchen, and our wonderful church pot-lucks. All have given me the chance to grow and I am thankful for that. Thank you always for your words of support and encouragement that you have given me each and every week and for your support of me while at school (attending my performances, asking about my progress, etc.) Again, thank you all for a great opportunity to be used by God.

-Tyson Hankins

Attendance & Giving

May (partial)

	<u>Contemporary</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Designated Totals</u>
5/2	82	110	\$ 7,165	Building Fund
5/9	103	107	11,145	\$88,096
5/16	92	99	7,374	Missions (YTD)
5/23	92	74	3,130	\$ 15,246
May Avg	92	98	\$ 7,204	Enhancement Fund
Sunday School (avg. weekly)		54		\$ 4,262

Needed weekly
 (after "new church" support)
 \$ 8,277

Needed weekly
 (before "new church" support)
 \$11,680

A Note From Pastor Jeff.

Great Expectations. It's not just the title of the famous Charles Dickens novel. As I write this I'm preparing to travel to Cuba for a visit with the brothers and sisters of our sister church, La Sierra Methodist. I'm excited about going. I think it will be like meeting extended family for the first time, family that you have every expectation will love and embrace you. (That's how it's supposed to be in the body of Christ, isn't it!)

Great Expectations. What are God's expectations of me and my trip to Cuba? Perhaps God's expectations aren't that different from his expectations of me here. To be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, loving God, loving people.

Great Expectations. What are my expectations of God? I hope to encounter God in new ways and familiar ways, to grow in my faith and to be used to bless others. I expect God to lead me. On my better days these are the same great hopes and expectations I have right here.

Good to know, isn't it, that the God we worship Sunday mornings is a 24/7 everywhere present God: at work, the grocery store and in Cuba. May we expect great things of God and fulfill the great expectations God has of us.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

May God's great expectations find fulfillment in us, that we and others through us might realize God's hope-filled future.

-Pastor Jeff

P.S. Expect a Cuba presentation from me Sunday evening, June 27.



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