

At Second-Ponce



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SPdL'S ULTIMATE SUMMER

Giving Staycation

Inside: Easy giving prep, staycation activities,
a personal giving tracker and more!

Dear Second-Ponce Family,

This letter begins with gratitude for the generous gifts you offer toward our church budget. Your tithes are essential in our ministries to each other and to the world. Stewardship of our wealth is the way God has chosen to finance his kingdom here on earth, and the new covenant church continually has financial needs that must be met.

Our process of giving is through pledged commitments during the annual stewardship campaign along with other special gifts our congregation feels blessed to give. The Second-Ponce budget is predicated on these commitments in partnership with other available financial resources, and that's it. Our ministries can only operate within the amount budgeted, a task made even more difficult when tithes and offerings fall short of that budgeted amount.

Being the hands and feet of Christ requires a commitment to financial stability.

Please don't allow the busyness of summer travel to be a hindrance to your stewardship contributions. Second-Ponce needs you even when you are away. We invite you to plan a summer giving stycation from May through July. While you're on vacation, let your gifts stay at Second-Ponce. There are plenty of activities in which your tithe can participate, and throughout the summer, we'll spotlight ministries made possible by your gifts.

God has a plan for our congregation. Our work continues, so should your giving.

In Christ's Name,
Generous Church/Stewardship Committee

OUR MAY—JULY GIVING GOAL:
\$400,000.00

You asked for more financial information and we're happy to report it. Look for an expanded financial position in the second newsletter of the month.

OPERATING BUDGET (through 4/30/18)	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledged Contributions	\$429,564	\$432,902
Non-pledged Contributions	\$121,041	\$157,313
Total Income	\$559,845	\$598,462
Expenses	\$672,699	\$669,893
Net Unified Budget Shortfall	(\$112,854)	(\$71,432)
AUXILIARIES (FLC & PRESCHOOL)	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$434,336	\$4450,136
Expenses	\$398,418	\$423,121
Net Auxiliaries	\$35,918	\$27,015
Net Income/Loss	(\$76,936)	\$44,417)

Preparing Your Gifts for the Ultimate Staycation

The Ultimate Giving Staycation doesn't have to be stressful. Here are three ways you can give with ease all summer long.



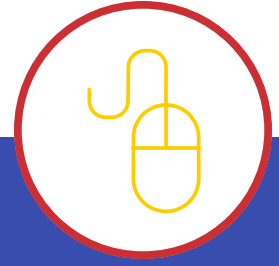
OFFERING ENVELOPES

Complete your offering envelopes for the entire summer. You can even post-date checks and bring the entire stack to the church office.



MOBILE BANKING

You can set up a gift to Second-Ponce as an electronic bill pay with your online banking system.



DIRECT GIVING

Give directly anytime by using Easy Tithe, our simple and secure online giving portal at www.spdl.org/give

The Ultimate Giving Staycation Itinerary

Second-Ponce has plenty of activities budgeted during the Ultimate Giving Staycation, and these are just a few. Who knew your giving could do so much so close to home?

SOAK UP LOCAL CULTURE

Support local missions efforts and partners

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Host VBS and provide scholarships to other summer camps

MAKE THE MOST OF A RAINY DAY

Make much-needed improvements to the Welcome Center

SHARE A MEAL WITH NEIGHBORS

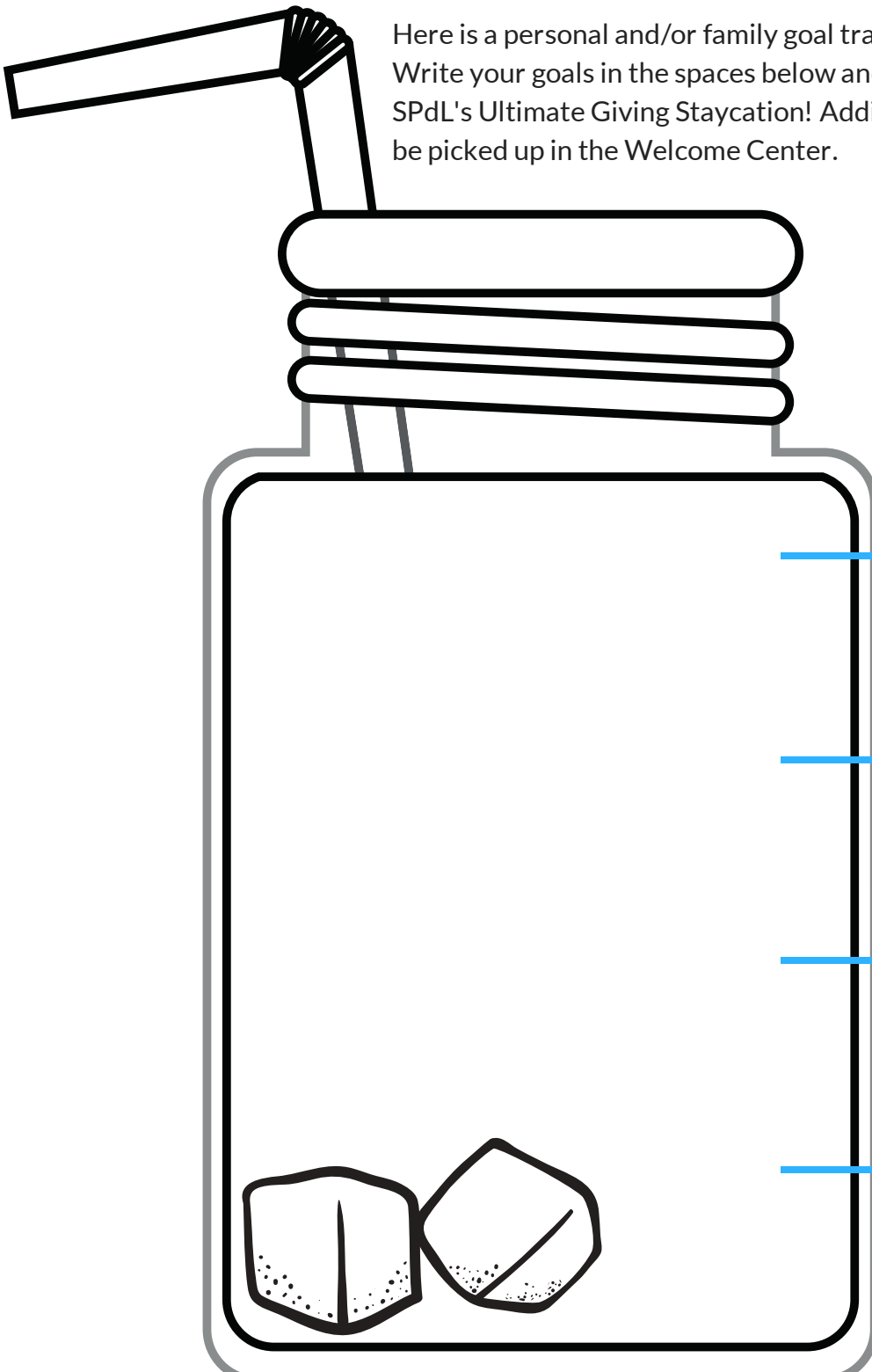
Provide food & supplies during our BCM Food Drive

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Our summer giving goal is \$400,000.00, and we ask that you prayerfully consider gifts toward that benchmark.

Here is a personal and/or family goal tracker just like the one in the Sanctuary. Write your goals in the spaces below and follow along this summer as we share SPdL's Ultimate Giving Staycation! Additional copies of this giving tracker can be picked up in the Welcome Center.



MAY—JULY GIVING GOAL!

\$ _____

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May 2018 at SPdL

01 TUESDAY

LIFE ENRICHMENT DAY

Noon in the Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

02 WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S END-OF-YEAR MUSICAL

Walking in the Light of God

6:15 p.m. in the Chapel

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

05 SATURDAY

KEEP ATLANTA BEAUTIFUL

10 a.m. In the SPdL lower lot

06 SUNDAY

YOUTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

07 MONDAY

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

10:30 a.m.

08 TUESDAY

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

09 WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MISSIONS YEAR-END PARTY & AWARDS

5:45 p.m. on the Plaza

SPdLU WITH DAN HAYES

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

YOUTH PROJECT 4:12

6 p.m. in the Youth Area

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30 p.m.

13 SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

15 TUESDAY

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

16 WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SPdLU WITH DAN HAYES

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

YOUTH: PROJECT 4:12 FINALE

6 p.m. in the Youth Area.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

18 FRIDAY

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

20 SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

21 MONDAY

DEACONS' MEETING

6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Ryland Knight Room

22 TUESDAY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m.

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

23 WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SPdLU WITH DAN HAYES

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

27 SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

29 TUESDAY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m.

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

30 WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SPdLU WITH DAN HAYES

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

COMING UP IN JUNE

4-8 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

10 VBS FAMILY FUN DAY

17-22 PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP

SUMMER AT SECOND-PONCE

SPdLU SERIES WITH DAN HAYES AND ORCHARD

May 23 & 30: *Prayer to Change Our Lives and the Lives of Others*

Led by Dan Hayes, SPdL member and executive director of ORCHARD

Studying Jesus' prayers and what he taught about prayer has helped thousands of people deepen their personal experience of God. It has also led people to find ways their prayers can impact their church, community and world.

THE PARABLES OF JESUS: A BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays, May 22 & 29, June 12, 19 & 26 at 9:30 a.m. in room B-207

Join us as we explore several of the parables of Jesus and learn how their truths are still relevant today. All materials will be provided. For additional information or to reserve childcare, contact Karen Harwell at kharwell@spdl.org.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY SOCIAL: FELLOWSHIP AT CANOE RESTAURANT

Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. (come when you can)

Let's celebrate us and our fellowship with some fun riverfront dining! We'll meet for an informal get-together spotlighting the one-year anniversary of our women's monthly fellowship. Appetizers provided.

RSVP to womensministry@spdl.org.

SECOND-PONCE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Application deadline: Monday, June 4

Information about scholarships and a downloadable application can be found at www.spdl.org/scholarships.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

June 4–8 from 9 a.m.–Noon; cost is \$25/child which includes a t-shirt and camp music CD

Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, worry, struggle, do wrong or feel powerless. It's all happening in Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. Register now at www.spdl.org/vbs. VBS leaders are in need of some supplies! There is an Amazon Wish List which makes donating items easy. Find the link at www.spdl.org/vbs.

YOUTH PASSPORT CAMP

June 17–22 in Greensboro, North Carolina; cost is \$385/camper

Open to grades 6–12, PASSPORTchoices is a 6-day, 5-night creative discipleship youth camp that allows your kids the freedom to customize their camp experience, explore their passions, and live out their calling. With Choice Tracks ranging from environmentalism, to health and fitness, to music and ministry, campers will have the opportunity to explore their interests and discover how to live out the calling of God in their lives. Register now at www.spdl.org/events.

SENIOR ADULT SOCIAL

June 19 from 1:30–3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; No charge

Do you remember old-time "socials?" There will be finger food to enjoy and fellowship to share around the theme of *In the Good Old Summertime*. Gather with long-time friends or meet some new ones. There is no program to watch but there will be opportunities for the group to have fun together!