

JUNE NEWSLETTER



Reflection from Pastor John Denton

In the Denton house, it is always easy to tell when summer is near because I start hearing about it every day from the kids! For the last 30 days, we've been counting down the "days of school until summer," and I can tell you—we are now just a few days away from summer break!

There are a few things that happen as we rapidly approach summer. First, our houses get a little warmer, and we start thinking about air conditioning. Second, we begin wondering what we are going



to do with our kids for more than two months with no school! You may have already received calls from your panicked adult children, you may already be scheduled to watch the grandkids, or, like my family, you might just now be starting to figure out what we are going to do with these kids!

June 22–26 is VBC at Grace—Vacation Bible Camp! This is a wonderful, free, weeklong camp for kids in our neighborhood and church family. We even celebrate at the end of VBC with a big BBQ and party for the entire church family.

For some people, summer is a time to sit back and relax. But at Grace, and in many families, the start of summer means things are just starting to get busy. I always tell my kids, "Don't sit at home all summer," and today I want to say the same thing to my church family.

Don't sit at home all summer.

Bring your grandkids to VBC. Sign up to be a crew leader, station leader, or simply an extra set of hands during camp week. We need kids, and we need volunteers. So consider this your invitation to make summer exciting.

By the end of the week of camp, I have never met someone who wasn't having fun or feeling blessed. Why not share your summer with your church family? Let's BBQ together. Let's spend time together. Let's worship together. Let's volunteer at VBC together.

At Grace, summer marks the beginning of an incredible season of ministry.

You're invited.



Ways you can give your tithes, gifts and offerings:

- In person at the weekly worship service.
- Online at www.gpcvista.org. Choose the "Donate" button and you can pay by credit or debit card or with a PayPal account or scan the QR code to the right.
- Mail or drop off to the church office (if office is closed, drop into the mail slot near the front door to the Fellowship Hall) at 1450 E. Vista Way, Vista, CA 92084



 Stewardship Corner
 The Grace of Giving

"But just as you excel in everything, in faith, speaking, knowledge, and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you also excel in this gracious work." (2 Cor 8:7)

Paul calls giving a "grace" in today's passage. For the Christian, giving is not a duty but a gift. The apostle did not command the Corinthians to participate in the offering for the poor believers in Jerusalem (v.8), instead, he encouraged them to follow the example of the Macedonian believers, who were poor themselves. They were so eager to share that they begged Paul (vv.3-4). There is an edge in Paul's observation that the Corinthians ought to "excel" in the grace of giving since they excel in the other gifts (v.7). It may suggest that Corinthian commitment to participate in the offering had begun to waver.

The apostle wanted the Corinthians to understand that the offering was not intended to create hardship for the Corinthians so that others might be relieved, instead, the goal was sufficiency—that there would be enough for everyone (v.14). This standard was established by God when He provided manna in the wilderness (v.15, Ex. 16:18). Paul was also concerned that the procedure for collecting and distributing these funds would be above board. Paul made the Corinthians aware of the need, urged them to give, and described how he wanted the money to be collected (see 1 Cor.16:1-4).

Some have criticized the church for talking too much about money. But Jesus made it clear that our attitude toward our finances is a spiritual matter. He urged His disciples to store up treasures in heaven, warning: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21).

 Financial Statement
 As of April 30, 2026

	Apr 2026	YTD 2026	YTD 2026 Budget
Income	\$ 77,465	\$ 240,857	\$ 258,807
Expense	\$ 56,865	\$ 220,429	\$ 258,586
Net Income	\$ 20,600	\$ 20,428	\$ 221

Note: Income includes 6-month distribution from the Legacy Fund and the money collected for the Solar capital campaign.

Vacation Bible Camp

Sign up now for an epic adventure! Vacation Bible Camp is rolling out from Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26, 9am to 12pm. It's open to all Pre-K to soon-to-be 5th Graders. And guess what? This year, it's absolutely free!



Men's Breakfast in June

Join us on June 6th at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a full breakfast, good fellowship and time in the Word and prayer. It is a great opportunity to feed your body and soul.



Save the Date: Annual 4th of July & VBC BBQ

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GPC'S ANNUAL

4TH OF JULY & VBC

BBQ



SUNDAY,
JUNE
28

11:30AM
-2PM

**HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS
TO BE PROVIDED**

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

★ Sign Ups begin Sunday, June 7 ★



AGENCY PARTNER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



MAY 2026 North Coastal Agency Spotlight: Grace Presbyterian Church

This month, we're highlighting Grace Presbyterian Church, a dedicated agency rooted in the Vista community that recently celebrated **10 years of partnership** with Feeding San Diego. They organize a twice-weekly walk-up distribution, offering a bounty of fresh produce and nutritious foods to the public. They are also one of the few agencies in the area that offer non-food items, such as pet food, cleaning products, and over-the-counter medication.

Every Tuesday and Friday morning, you'll find Maria, the passionate food pantry director, warmly engaging with neighbors outside the pantry. Her dedicated team of volunteers works tirelessly to ensure a smooth operation from food pickups to pantry organization. This nurturing environment not only builds trust but also offers reassurance, particularly for families concerned about mobility issues related to ICE enforcement.

Grace Presbyterian Church is a shining example of sustainable food distribution through food rescue. **With just five pickups each week, they serve approximately 160 families and have rescued nearly 90,000 pounds of food since last July.**

A BIG thank you to Maria and the rest of the Grace Presbyterian Food Pantry team for continuing to nourish and uplift your community!

Alice Nolf: Servant of Christ



One of the first questions Alice Nolf ever asked me was, "How can I pray for you?" Grace Presbyterian Church is blessed to have Alice faithfully praying over the church and congregation each day. Alice recently helped lead the return of the National Day of Prayer at Grace, reviving a long-standing church tradition that had faded in recent years. Through her leadership, she welcomed the congregation into a meaningful day of praying for our country. Many people know Alice from the choir or through her work with after school tutoring, where she serves with grace, joy, and enthusiasm. But for me, it's the time together in the choir room before Sunday worship – sharing stories, offering encouragement, and being a friend – that I appreciate most.

Thank you, Alice, for your ministry at Grace! ~Rev. Denton

Alice deeply cares about everyone around her. She is sensitive to individual feelings and demonstrates this gift by putting the needs of others first and foremost. She does not hesitate to step up and help where there is a need in so many areas of our church from Worship and Christian Ed to Fellowship and Community Outreach. Her happy disposition is authentic, sincere and free from any pretense. You can be completely honest with her, and she will calm you with her strong faith of God and prayer. Thank you Alice for bringing so much light and positivity here at Grace. You are a true blessing! ~Sue Bouchard

Alice and her family have been a part of Grace for over 45 years. The whole family, with Alice as the matriarch, view membership as so much more than attending church on Sunday. Alice SERVES! Of course, I love hearing her in the choir and delight every time the Nolf Family Singers grace our services, but Alice does so much more. Currently, she is an Elder and a member of the Worship Committee. This year, she brought participation in the National Day of Prayer back to Grace, getting all the materials and organizing the event. And until recently, Alice faithfully tutored in the after-school program, enveloping those dear children in her warmth and love while strengthening their skill and confidence in reading. Stepping away from that due to health issues truly broke her heart. Alice also carries her servant's heart beyond what folks may see. One of her precious gifts is time. She takes time to be present with people. She is a valued listener, a calm voice in times of trouble, and a fierce prayer warrior. Not only does she care, people in her presence know that it is real. I am blessed not only to have Alice in the choir, but to have her in my life as a dear friend and a model of Christian living. Grace is blessed to have such a strong and faithful woman serving to benefit our church and to extend God's kingdom. ~Jayne Parker

Alice is a shining star. She serves in many areas; After School program, Session, Missions Committee, Choir and many other ways. Alice is an inspiration and serves the Lord with zeal! GPC is surely blessed with her presence and great sense of humor! ~Maria Haigh

I love being in the choir, and when I joined the sopranos in 2022 no one knew me at Grace, I was also new to the church. Alice took me under her wing welcoming me and has blessed me ever since. When we "pass the peace" each Sunday I go to Alice and say, "May the peace of Christ be with you," as we are told to do, but instead of her responding with "And also with you." - She responds with a longer, more lovely version that brings tears to my eyes each time - even now as I write this I have welled up once again from the lasting impact of her kind words of peace. ~Karen England

Grace Presbyterian Church & Preschool has had a joyful and exciting month as we wrapped up another wonderful school year! May truly flew by, and we were so proud to celebrate the graduation of another preschool class. This year, we joyfully sent two students off to Kindergarten, and we are thrilled to announce that Grace Preschool will also be opening our very own TK classroom this coming school year!



We continue to feel incredibly blessed by the growth of our preschool ministry. Our preschool classroom is almost completely full, we already have six students enrolled in TK, and we are now looking to fill our toddler classroom as many of our current toddlers have officially "aged up" into preschool. It is such a blessing to watch these little learners grow academically, socially, and spiritually within our Grace family.

Our preschool community continues to grow beyond Vista, as we are currently serving families from Vista, Oceanside, San Marcos, and Fallbrook.

We are so thankful that God continues to bring families through our doors, and we ask for your help in spreading the word about Grace Presbyterian Preschool! As we continue growing, we are also hiring new teachers and welcoming more students into God's kingdom through faith, love, and early childhood education.

Our graduation ceremony was especially meaningful this year. Last year, we were able to host the celebration on the patio, but this year we joyfully filled the Fellowship Hall with proud families, friends, and church members who came to celebrate our graduates and all they have accomplished. Seeing so many gathered together in support of our children was truly heartwarming.

We also want to thank everyone who joined us for our ice cream fundraiser at Handel's! It was a "chillin' good time," and we are so grateful for the love and support shown to our preschool and graduating students. Fellowship, laughter, and sweet treats made for a wonderful evening together.

As we look ahead, we are excited for another fun-filled summer at Grace, including having our preschool students participate in VBS once again. We are thankful for the continued support, prayers, and encouragement from our church community as this ministry continues to grow.

Current Donation Needs:

- Glue sticks
- Tissues
- Hand soap
- Sand toys

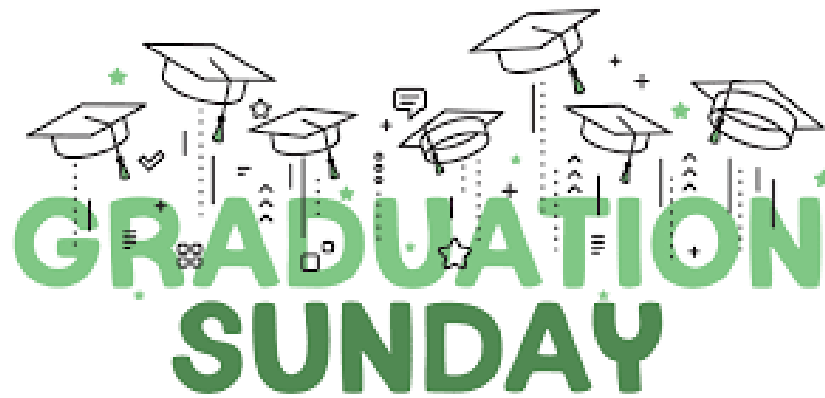
Thank you for supporting Grace Presbyterian Church & Preschool and helping us continue to provide a loving, faith-filled environment for our children and families.

-Grace Preschool Staff



Graduation Sunday

Join us on Sunday, June 7th for Graduation Sunday as we honor and celebrate all of our graduates!



We'll be offering a special blessing for our graduates during worship, followed by cake to celebrate together!

Deacons Corner



In addition to Mary Becerra, this is the roster of current Deacons:

Pastor Will Bynagte, Denise Stockman, Anna Belle Beaman, Linda Huston, Pyong Dusang, Dorene Comerford, Peggy Paradis, Terry-Jeanne Sawyer, Glenna Spindelman, Karen England and Adriana Nolf.

Deacons Corner

Meet Mary Becerra, the Deacon in charge of the GPC Tele-care Ministry

The tele-care ministry reaches out to all members by phone or in-person to maintain a connection to the community. It's a way for the deacons to stay informed of what's happening in the lives of congregation. It lets the people of our church know that we care. If anyone is not being contacted currently and would like to be added to the ministry, Mary and the deacons would be happy to add you. Also, you can help Mary and the deacons by volunteering to be on the Tele-care team. Contact the Deacons through the church office.



Generation G: Leaving a Spiritual Legacy
 (or Hot Topics on Grandparenting)
 -by Gramma Pat Whisler



Check out a quote from an article I recently read: *"Being a Christian grandparent means more than loving your grandchildren deeply, it means helping them discover the love, truth and presence of God in ways that are real, gentle and lasting."* Wow!! So how, we ask?

This month's GP Hot Topic: NATURAL SCRIPTURE

GOD'S WORD: *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road..."* Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

What can we do to make faith natural? As our grandchildren grow, there are many things available to occupy their time. Reading the Bible often does not come high on their totem poles. So how can we, grandparents, become a bridge to scripture for them? Let's try some quotes:

When they are afraid, we can say: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* (Philippians 4:6)

When they are lonely tell them that Jesus said: *"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* (Hebrews 13:5)

When they are happy about something, help them thank the Lord for those good things. *"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."* (John 15:11)

A walk outside can feature the beauty of God's earth. *"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."* (Genesis 1:31)

Before tests or sports participation: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* (Colossians 3:17)

A meal (even at a restaurant) can make the grace of God apparent: *"He gives food to every creature. His love endures forever."* (Psalm 136:25)

At bedtime mention that God is with them through the night. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Colossians 3:17)

If they are sad: *"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Put your hope in God."* (Psalm 42:11)

We need to bring the opportunity of knowing scripture to our grandchildren. We, as Christian grandparents have spent a lot of time either at worship, bible study, Sunday School or simple daily devotions learning God's Word. We need to pay attention to scripture and think how it can apply to a conversation with our grandchildren. It's serious business that can be fun.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we know that your words given to us are important. Please help us to pass these words to future generations. Give us the courage and wisdom to know how to use your words that you have taught us through the years to influence others. May we be a Christian Influencer. In your Son's name we pray *Amen*.

Action: Quote a scripture to your grandchild during an appropriate time.

A Thought and a Smile: Thank you to Ray Francis of Christian Grandparenting Network for some of the ideas in this article.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

9am How to Read the Bible Class
 9:30am Prayer Group
 10am In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
 10am Online Worship

MONDAYS

6:30pm Evening Bible Study
 7pm AA

TUESDAYS

8am Food Pantry Distrib. (no 6/23)
 10:30am Staff Meeting (no 6/23)
 2:00pm Meals of Grace (no 6/23)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30pm AA Men's Group
 7pm Worship Band Reh.

THURSDAYS

9:15am Bible 101: Spanish (no 6/18, 6/25)
 10am Women's Bible Study
 7pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAYS

8am Food Distribution (no 6/26)

SATURDAYS

9:30am Soul Line Dance Class

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 12:30pm Personnel Comm.	4	5	6 8am Men's Breakfast
Preschool Closed						
7 11:15am Christian Ed. Comm.	8	9 6:30pm Deacons	10 9am B & G 12:30pm Worship Comm.	11 8:30am PEO	12	13
14	15	16 4:30pm Fellowship Comm.	17 12:30pm Finance Comm.	18	19	20
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
Vacation Bible Camp 9am-12pm						
28 11:30am All Church BBQ 	29	30 6:30pm Session				



2	Judy Ambrose	18	Miriam Mojica-Santos
9	Barbie Nicholson	20	Will Bynagte
14	Arcilia Tauber	29	Terri Bassett
17	Tom Harris		

8	Joseph & Amy Cleary (24 years)
10	Patrick & Sonia Ryan (37 years)
15	Ron & Alice Nolf (58 years)
22	Ron & Gloria Ryan (58 years)

If you have a birthday or anniversary in June and your name does not appear above, please contact the church office at 760-724-0077 to update our records. Thank you!

Ana
(Maria Haigh's Friend)

Larry Luther

Judy Ambrose

Nolf Family

Bassett Family

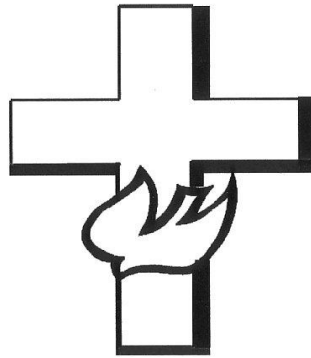
Ed Paradis

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anna Belle Beaman's Mom

Maureen Russell

Apollo Bostian
(Elizabeth Bostian's Son)



Steven Sailors

Browning Family

Judi Salazar

Bob C.
(Tom Krasovic's Friend)

Tricia Sanger

Laurie Gilmore
(Pat Sexton's Sister)

Randy Sawyer

Betty Haver

Terry-Jeanne Sawyer

Savannah Haigh

Kim Sparkman & Family

Ann Henry Family

Russ Whisler

Hiltbrand Family

Mary Wilhem
(Arlene Cratsa's Sister)



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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS A CONFESSING CHURCH,
and we believe:

That Jesus Christ alone is Lord of all and the way of salvation.

That Holy Scripture is the triune God's revealed Word,
the Church's only infallible rule of faith and life.

That God's people are called to holiness in all aspects of life.