

JULY NEWSLETTER



Reflection from Pastor John Denton

When I was a kid, we would have to wait four or five days for film to be developed and for our photos to come back. Then, at some point, everything changed with 24-hour photo developing, which felt pretty amazing. Slowly, we switched to digital cameras, and now most of us take nearly all of our pictures on our phones.

I was always a fan of the Polaroid camera. The pictures weren't quite as good as regular photos, but they gave you an instant snapshot of what had just taken place.

As Christians, we know that a day is coming when everything will be made perfect, when creation will be fully restored, and when we will live forever with Jesus. It will be a glorious day of celebration in the house of the Lord. Until that day, we occasionally receive snapshots of grace—moments that remind us God's kingdom is already breaking into this world.



Vacation Bible Camp always seems to provide a few of those snapshots. With more than 20 leaders serving for five days and over 60 children filling our campus, it is truly a wonderful week full of breakthroughs and reminders of God's goodness.

I am writing this article after returning home from the first day of camp. This year we welcomed more campers than ever before. We had amazing leaders step up to serve in big ways, and I had the chance to lead a skit and teach the children. By the end of the day, I was exhausted.

As I was leaving, ready for a nap, one of our leaders shared something she had witnessed. She looked over and saw her granddaughter reading her Bible, looking up Psalm 103:22: *"Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom. Let all that I am praise the Lord."*

Praise the Lord for this snapshot of grace: a beloved child of God reading God's Word.

When I first arrived on campus in September 2022, my prayer was that neighbors would come to the church, grandchildren would come to the church, children would come to the church, and that Grace would continue to be the hand and feet of Jesus in our community through acts of hospitality.

God is working. God is moving. And every now and then, we get these snapshots of God's coming kingdom—moments of breakthrough that remind us of what is to come.

What is your snapshot of grace?

Rev. John Denton

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
GREAT GIVING QUOTES TO PONDER

"No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave."

Calvin Coolidge

"The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving."

Albert Einstein

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." John Wesley

"You can have everything in life that you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want." Zig Ziglar

"Remember this – you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money."

Selwyn Hughes

"You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you." John Wooden

"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life." Billy Graham

"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity." John Wesley

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Jesus, in Acts 20:35

Financial Statement
As of May 31, 2026

	May 2026	YTD 2026	YTD 2026 Budget
Income	\$ 111,836	\$ 352,693	\$ 323,508
Expense	\$ 65,886	\$ 286,315	\$ 323,232
Net Income	\$ 45,950	\$ 66,378	\$ 276

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

Vacation Bible Camp

Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God...

Our week was full of showing kids what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their loving creator who knows everything about them. Our amazing

volunteers stepped out in faith to welcome more than **60** children every day to share that God loves us deeply.

We learned God is our creator, God knows everything, God is our safe place, God is love and God is forever. Imagine **"WOW, God!"** being shouted out by 64 children and 25 leaders multiple times every day!

"WOW, God!"

This week would not have been possible without your prayers, generous donations and encouragement. This week would not have been possible without families trusting us to care and raise up their children in faith. This week would not have been possible without an amazing Pastor who led us every day as our Rainforest Guide. This week would not have been possible without volunteers who planned, decorated, created, laughed, hugged, sang, shared their gifts and faith and ultimately every day all said **"WOW, God!"**



Due to the 4th of July weekend, there will not be a Men's Breakfast in July. Join us on August 1st at 8am 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.

Special Event: Best Yet!



BEST YET WINNING IN THE 4TH QUARTER

7-Hour Interactive Experience for All People Age 50+

Most football games are won or lost in the 4th quarter. Life is no different. Discover that retirement and aging are not a negative... The game is not over... You still have some touchdowns to score... You have great value and significance in God's Kingdom! Learn how to have your BEST YET life!

Register at the table on Sunday mornings or contact the Church Office. Payment can be made by scanning the PayPal QR Code, please note "winning" in the memo line, or pay in person.



**Saturday, August 8th
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Grace Presbyterian
Church, Vista**

**Includes:
Course Workbook
Light Breakfast
Lunch**

**\$30 Single
\$40 Couple**

**Instructor and Guide:
Dr. Charlie Bradshaw,
former Executive
Pastor of North Coast
Church**

*This is not about
retirement, but
rather making the
next 20 years of
your life, the **BEST
YET!***

Volunteer Spotlight: Ron Ryan



Ron enters every room with a smile on his face. He is a friend who offers to help when there is a need before you even ask. He is always ready to share from his deep knowledge of scripture. At the Men's Breakfast, he comes in early, helps with set-up and makes his "award winning" pancakes and engages with the others who are there in conversation to "check in" with how everyone is doing; and offering encouragement and assistance. On several occasions, he has stepped in to lead the devotion. I am pleased to be able to call Ron a friend and Grace Presbyterian Church is blessed to have him as a part of our congregation. ~ Tom Bryan

Ron Ryan has dedicated his life to leading and teaching others. He is a gifted teacher who equips people not simply to learn, but to teach others as well. This is multiplication at its best and reflects the heart of the Great Commission—disciples making disciples who make disciples.

Ron has been a champion of Bible reading at Grace. He helped launch Bible reading plans through the YouVersion Bible App and has trained countless people to use these tools for deeper Bible study. For some, this was their first experience with daily Scripture reading. As a result, lives have been transformed, families have been strengthened, and thousands of hours have been spent in God's Word.

Ron has faithfully taught Bible classes while also encouraging and equipping others to step into teaching roles themselves. His impact extends far beyond the classroom. Ron is a welcoming presence at Grace, always ready with a handshake, a hug, or a word of encouragement.

I am grateful for Ron's faithful ministry, his servant's heart, and his friendship. I am blessed to call Ron Ryan a friend.

~ Rev. John Denton

Ron Ryan is such a gift to Grace church. He is a warm, giving man, and he is always willing to support the activities of our church—including his frequent attendance at the monthly Preschool Family Chapel. And you couldn't find a better person to ask questions you might have while reading the Bible. He's always willing to share his vast knowledge and valuable, yet easily accessible resources to help understanding of scripture. He's added a "How to Read the Bible" class to our Bible study programs and helps Joseph Cleary with a Monday night Bible class that I learned a lot in. What an interesting man, and what a valuable member of our congregation! ~ Jayne Parker

I have the pleasure of leading the Monday Evening Bible Study alongside Ron Ryan. Ron's Sunday morning Bible class inspired me to begin an evening study that takes a deeper dive into the Old Testament. His approach—understanding what the Bible says, why it says it, and how we should apply it—has been a model for my own teaching.

Ron is both a mentor and a friend, and I am grateful for his guidance and encouragement. I greatly enjoy the spiritual journey we are undertaking together and the opportunity to grow alongside others in God's Word. ~Joseph Cleary

Ron Ryan is truly a blessing to our preschool and a familiar face to many of our families through his involvement with our Preschool Chapel team. Each month, he warmly welcomes our families with coffee and muffins and is always a friendly face, helping families feel at home as they enter the church. Ron, thank you for your kindness, your servant's heart, and for so graciously welcoming our families. We are grateful for the many ways you help make Grace such a special community! ~ Frankie Zavala

Summer is in full swing, and June was filled with fun, fellowship, and countless reminders of God's faithfulness here at Grace Preschool! As we look back on the month, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the many ways the Lord continues to bless our school, our church, and the families He has entrusted to our care.

One of the greatest joys this month was welcoming two of our Grace Preschool students to Vacation Bible Camp. Even more exciting, many of our preschool families invited friends to attend VBC and to experience the love and community found here at Grace Presbyterian Church. It has been such a blessing to see new faces on our campus and to witness families connecting with one another. Our

prayers for growth and for opportunities to share Christ's love are being answered right before our eyes. We give thanks to God for His provision and for the doors He continues to open.

June also brought an exciting lineup of summer camp themes that kept our students engaged, active, and eager to learn. During Sports Week, our young athletes had the opportunity to experience a variety of games and activities, including lawn bowling, T-ball, soccer, basketball, and kickball. More than simply learning the rules of each sport, students practiced teamwork, perseverance, encouragement, and good sportsmanship. It was wonderful to watch friendships grow as children learned what it means to work together and cheer one another on.

The following week, our classrooms transformed into kitchens as our students became little chefs. Through hands-on cooking experiences, they discovered the joy of creating and sharing food together. Students made pancakes, fruit smoothies, pasta, pizza, and homemade popsicles while learning valuable life skills such as measuring, following directions, taking turns, and cleaning up after themselves. Cooking together provided many opportunities for conversation, problem-solving, and trying new foods. There were plenty of smiles—and a few messy aprons—as our young cooks proudly enjoyed the fruits of their labor.

Following a wonderful week of Bible Camp, we turned our attention to one of God's greatest gifts: the abundance of His creation. During our Farm-to-Table theme, students learned about farm animals, crops, and the amazing process that brings food from the earth to our tables. They explored the importance of caring for God's creation and gained a deeper appreciation for the farmers and workers who provide for our communities. One of the highlights of

the week was planting vegetables of our own. Our students are excited to continue caring for the garden throughout the summer and to watch what God grows through their efforts.

Grace Preschool is more than a school—it is a community grounded in faith, built on relationships, and dedicated to helping children know they are deeply loved by God. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry. We look forward with great anticipation to all that God has in store in the months ahead.

-Grace Preschool Staff



Vista Hall of Fame: Lois Vaughan Cavalier

The Vista Historical Society (VHS) hosted a luncheon on Saturday, May 16, 2026, where seven new members of the VHS Hall of Fame were inducted. One of the inductees was our own Lois Vaughn Cavalier, who was editor of *The Vista Press* in the 1970s and 1980s. She also wrote a book titled *Vista*, which contains over 200 historic photos.



Congratulations to you, Lois, on this wonderful recognition of your fine life and work.

Seven New Members Inducted into Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame

May 18, 2026

Article by TR Robertson

Source: <https://www.thevistapress.com/seven-new-members-inducted-into-vista-historical-society-hall-of-fame/>

Deacons Corner



Deacons Corner- Peggy Paradis

Peggy is the Corresponding Secretary who mails out cards and notes every month such as get-well cards, birthday, congratulations, sympathy, thank you, anniversaries, Christmas, Easter, etc., on behalf of the Deacons to the congregation. Make sure to keep your mailing address updated with the church office so that you don't miss getting Peggy's special cards in the post.

In addition to Peggy Paradis, this is the roster of current Deacons: Pastor Will Bynagte, Denise Stockman, Anna Belle Beaman, Linda Huston, Pyong Dusang, Dorene Comerford, Mary Becerra, Terry-Jeanne Sawyer, Glenna Spindelman, Karen England and Adriana Nolf.



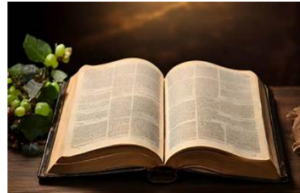
Generation G: Leaving a Spiritual Legacy (or Hot Topics on Grandparenting) -by Gramma Pat Whisler



There are many versions of the bible. To us grandparents we take any version and believe the words come from God. We take the words and apply them to us. I wanted to do that for grandparents. When I was young I memorized Psalm 100. I want now to make that Psalm into a grandparent's version. I pray the Lord will bless this attempt to biblically connect the grandparents who read this. His blessings are always genuine.

This month's GP Hot Topic: **A GRANDPARENT'S SCRIPTURE**

- **GOD'S WORD:** "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."
John 15:11



A Grandparent's 100th Psalm	KING JAMES version (my memory)
<i>One of the outstanding joys from the Lord are grandchildren. I praise him for this blessing.</i>	Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands
<i>All opportunities we have to bring our grandchildren into believing in the Lord makes us glad.</i>	Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
<i>We are children of God, and as our grandchildren grow in life, He will take care of them just as he takes care of us.</i>	Know ye that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
<i>When the time comes for us to live with Him may we find the joy never before experienced and may all welcome our joy.</i>	Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.
<i>There is no one as great as our Lord, he has anointed us with his blessings especially our grandchildren and may we show his truth to every grandchild on earth.</i>	For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Prayer: O Father of us all, may we take the words that you give us and be able to apply them to our lives. May we make our actions mirror your teachings and pass them on to generations to come. In Jesus name, Amen

Action: Find joy in God's word,

A Thought and a Smile: An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.

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.
 10:30am Staff Meeting
 2:00pm Meals of Grace

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

9:15am Bible 101: Spanish (no 7/2)
 10am Women's Bible Study

FRIDAYS

8am Food Distribution (no 7/3)

SATURDAYS

9:30am Soul Line Dance Class



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 12:30pm Personnel Comm.	2	3 Campus Closed 4 th of July (Observed)	4 
5	6	7	8 9am B & G	9	10	11
12	13	14 6:30pm Deacons	15	16	17	18
19 11:15am Christian Ed. Comm.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:30pm Session	29	30	31	



1	Mary Becerra	13	Sailor Denton
4	Lucy Dickson	25	Annie Kumar
	Kim Robison	28	Judy Black
6	Caralei Elliott	29	Larry Parker
10	Douglas Barrie		



5	John & Michele Earnest (46 years)
16	Jayne & Larry Parker (49 years)
20	Juan & Judi Salazar (30 years)
27	Will & Jackie Bynagte (52 years)
31	Russ & Pat Whisler (55 years)

If you have a birthday or anniversary in July 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)

Nolf Family

Judy Ambrose

Annie Kumar

Anna Belle Beaman's Mom

O'Malley Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Apollo Bostian
(Elizabeth Bostian's Son)

Ed Paradis

Kathy Browning

Jayne Parker

Barbara Coley
(Kim Sparkman's Sister-in-law)

Maureen Russell

Bob C.
(Tom Krasovic's Friend)

Steven Sailors

Laurie Gilmore
(Pat Sexton's Sister)

Judi Salazar

Betty Haver

Tricia Sanger

Nancy Haigh

Randy Sawyer

Savannah Haigh

Terry-Jeanne Sawyer

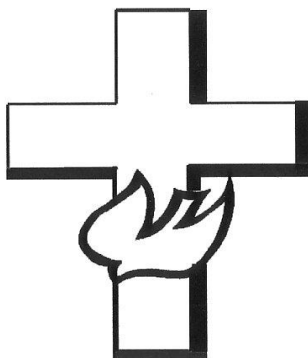
Hiltbrand Family

Erin Stockman & Family

Keith & Corey
(The Long's Friends)

Mary Wilhem
(Arlene Cratsa's Sister)

Luther Family





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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 true 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.