

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER





*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul...."*

(Psalm 23:1-2)

These familiar words come from King David of course. He knew what it was like to be in relationship with God, like a sheep to a Shepherd. When we look at David's life as a shepherd boy, we understand the metaphor clearly and how his perspective was that of a sheep totally dependent upon the Shepherd. Sheep need a leader to guide them to pastures and water, for sustenance and life. They need a protector from the predators who would kill them and eat them. Psalm 23 puts the right perspective upon our relationship in such a poetic way.

This summertime is a season for most people to rest, restore, recharge and renew. God made us in his image and that image includes resting. God rested on the 7th day of creation. Jesus rested and recharged for ministry throughout the gospels. How much more do we need to rest, recharge and renew?

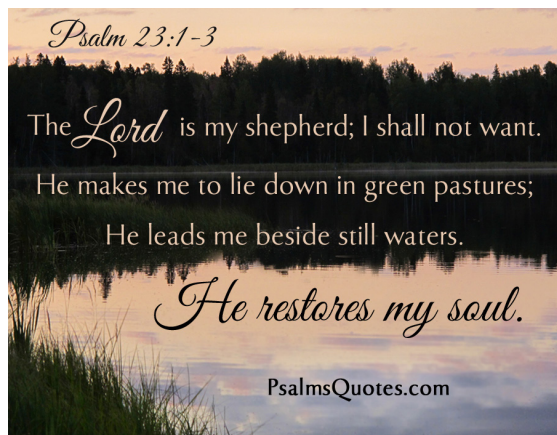
I have made it a routine in my life to take time off from ministry for at least a day each week and for vacation each year. I work hard, put in lots of hours, and spend lots of emotional energy every week. I'm sure you do too. Over time this takes away the ability to do our jobs and ministries effectively and efficiently. We lose our stored up resources within, we lose perspective, we overlook simple things, we even get grumpy when we don't take the time for self-care. Resting is a time to recalibrate, to reset our perspectives and renew our relationships, especially with God.

So, here's what I suggest for me and you. That we take the time to re-create ourselves, to regain the energy and the focus we need for the calling God has given to us as the sheep in his pasture. We all have jobs even when we are retired. You may have grandchildren who need your prayers and relationship that point them to Jesus. You may have friends who need you, who are going through hard times and need your help. This takes a lot of energy and wisdom. God has placed us in just the right family, just the right neighborhood and community to be his ambassadors, representing Jesus and his kingdom. We can't do that if we don't view ourselves as sheep needing God to lead us to nourishment, so we have the resources to accomplish his ministry and mission.

Have a great rest of your summer. Connect with Lord and one another in the fields of sustenance, so that when you return God can lead you into adventurous journeys of faith with all the internal resources we need to live Godly and productive lives that Glorify God and enjoy him forever!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mike



Happily, we are once again holding in-person worship services; however, we understand that some people are still not able to attend in person. Others have found it convenient to give their gifts online. You can give your financial gifts in person during the worship service or online at [www.gpcvista.org](http://www.gpcvista.org) by clicking on the "donate" button where you can give through PayPal or by credit or debit card. If you prefer you can mail your check and your offering envelope to the church office or drop it off at the church office (if you find no one in the office you can leave your check in the mail drop outside the office door). We appreciate your continued giving.

## Stewardship Corner

### Are you free from the Love of Money?

*"But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But flee from these things, you man of God and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:9-11*

This is written to those who don't have money as much as those who do. The Bible says that people look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. God knows our thoughts and motivations behind every action we take. It's easy to look at someone with a lot of money and judge them, but, we will never know their heart.

Some people who don't have much money, who would probably never be judged for being in love with money, could be completely guilty in God's eyes of lusting after wealth. They would do anything in order to get money. This is a condition of the heart. At the same time there are wealthy people who spend most of their time and money trying to bless others.

The apostle Paul talked about how he learned how to "abuse and abound," how he could live in high times and low times. He had figured out how to be content with whatever he had. He understood that God was his supply and that God would meet his needs -- that if he sought the Kingdom of God first that the "things" would follow.

Once we break free from the mindset that "life will be so much better when..." we will truly be free. God wants us to be content NOW. *"Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5)*

### JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Jun. 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2021 Budget
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,296</b>	<b>\$ 240,038</b>	<b>\$ 197,652</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$ 27,984</b>	<b>\$ 184,586</b>	<b>\$ 200,787</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$ 2,688</b>	<b>\$ 55,452</b>	<b>-\$ 3,135</b>

**Note:** YTD Income includes forgiveness of first PPP loan from 2020.

# NEW SOUL LINE DANCE CLASS

It's time to let your SOUL come out and dance. Learn beginner and low intermediate line dances choreographed to artist such as Luther Vandross, The O'Jays, Patti Labelle and more. No partner or experience needed.



**Saturdays, starting August 7th**

**Location:** Grace Presbyterian Church (Room 11)

1450 E. Vista Way - Vista, CA 92084

**Time:** 9:30am - 11:00am

**Choose your dance plan:**

*Drop-in: \$10/class*

*Monthly: \$35*

*10 Class Punch Card: \$65 (best value)*

**Payment options:**

*Zelle: StepNicelyDance@gmail.com*

*Venmo: @Pamela-Jackson-123*

*To pay via PayPal, go to StepNicelyDance.Com*

**Web: StepNicelyDance.com - Ph: (760) 201-6042**



## Generation G: Leaving a Spiritual Legacy (or Hot Topics on Grandparenting)

-by Gramma Pat Whisler



Join our  
**Grandparents@Prayer**  
meeting via email near the  
end of the month.

Being a grandparent, it's hard to realize if we are having any influence on our grandchildren. Will anything that we say or do influence them in a godly way? Have you ever read about the grandparents of the Bible? There are several that stand out. These grandpas and grandmas can encourage us to believe we can make a difference.

**God's Word:** *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6

### This month's GP Hot Topic: **GRANDPA ENOCH**

Let's bring a few Biblical grandkids back to see what influence their grandparents had on them. Can you guess who the grandchild is before it is revealed toward the end of each paragraph?



*Hello. Let me tell you about my great grandpa Enoch. My grandfather, Methuselah, was his son. I have never known a man like Papa Enoch, who followed God so faithfully. He lived a total of 365 years and walked faithfully with God. We all expect to die in our earthly bodies, be buried and have a heavenly eternal life. Papa Enoch was taken away by God due to his godliness in those 365 years. He did not die. Papa Enoch pleased God with a faith so deep that no one else was rewarded as he was. Do you think he had an influence on me? Yes, I am Noah, Enoch's great grandson, whose family was the only family saved when God sent a flood to cover the earth.*

*Hello, it's my turn to tell you about my grandpa. Pappy Abraham was so faithful to God. When God told him to leave his homeland and go to Canaan, a land he did not know, he went! When God told him, that he and Gramma Sarah would have a child in their old age, he believed. The decision to offer my dad, Isaac, as a sacrifice is a trustworthy example to me and the world when Dad prepared to carry out that command. God saved Pappy and Dad. Pappy Abraham was considered righteous and God's friend. He was such an example of faithfulness, trust and obedience that it carried through to my life. I am Jacob. Through the examples set by my grandfather, Abraham, I learned to persevere through life's struggles with God to lean on.*



*Hello. My grandmother Lois was a strong believer in God. She passed that belief on to my mom, Eunice. They both were active in raising me, since I was a baby, to be a staunch Christian. I was so influenced by them and others that I became an apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ. You will find 2 letters written to me by Christ's apostle, Paul in your Bible. Read them to see what he told me and especially what he said about my grandmother and mother. My name is Timothy.*

- **Prayer:** Lord, thank you for our grandchildren and the Biblical stories left for us all. May they be able to use the life we live as an example of how to carry out God's plan for the world. Amen.
- **Action:** Check out the lives of Enoch, Abraham and Lois in the Bible. Match them up with their grandsons.
- **A Thought and a Smile:** Credit to Deborah Haddix, "7 Crucial Lessons Learned from Grandparents in the Bible."





WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

10am: In Person Worship (Sanctuary)  
10am Online Worship  
4pm Iglesia Gracia

MONDAYS

7pm AA

TUESDAYS

8am Food Pantry Distribution  
3:00pm: Soup Kitchen (Take out)

WEDNESDAYS

8am Food Pantry Distribution  
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

10am Bible Study

FRIDAYS

8am Food Pantry Distribution

SATURDAYS

9:30am Soul Line Dance Class

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 6:30pm Worship Committee	4 2pm Personnel	5	6 8:30am Food Pantry Distrib.	7 9:30am Soul Line Dance Class
8	9	10	11	12	13 8:30am Food Pantry Distrib.	14 9:30am Soul Line Dance Class
15	16	17 6:30pm Deacons	18 1pm Finance Committee	19	20 8:30am Food Pantry Distrib.	21 9:30am Soul Line Dance Class
22	23	24 6:30pm Session	25	26	27 8:30am Food Pantry Distrib.	28 9:30am Soul Line Dance Class
29 9:30am Grand.@ Prayer	30	31				



5	Glenna Spindelman	15	Shirley Robertson
7	Scott DeLeeuw	23	Duane Weston
	Pyong Dusang-West	26	Abigail Beaman
13	Mary Bryan	30	Jeff Bush
14	Jim Aliaga		



2	Bill & Anna Nash (63 years)
8	Mike & Joni Wallman (13 years)
13	Bill & Carol Eldridge (44 years) Joel & Debi Fieri (14 years)
17	Mark & Susan Hiltbrand (36 years)
18	Ben & Christie Elliott (20 years)
20	Mike & Yvonne Hamnquist (27 years)
21	Scott & Krystal DeLeeuw (28 years) Gil & Jo Gordon (22 years)
31	Duane & Sue Weston (36 years)

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

The Committee is making progress completing the five question MIF (Ministry Information Form) that is used to connect us with prospective pastors that match our profile. It is a somewhat tedious process. We are currently on question #3. The MIF will help crystallize the profile of the pastor we want to interview.

## Crossing Guards Needed

Vista School Crossing Guards are needed for the upcoming school year, starting Wed., August 18. Morning & afternoon shifts available. Yes, you will be paid. This is an opportunity to serve the community, make a difference in the lives of our students and use your Christian time & talents. Several Grace members already serve as Crossing Guards, including Pastor Will & Jackie. If you would like more information contact Pastor Will 760-720-1683 and he will get you an application.

## Prayer Requests

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Nolf

Elaine Corley

Anna Belle Beaman

Elizabeth Johnson

Apollo Bostian  
(Elizabeth Bostian's son)

John Earnest

Barbara Goemer

Kay BB  
(Peggy Paradis' Sister)

Bev Bush

Mike Cooley

Chris Nolf Family

Ogard Family

Chuck Enger

Paulina Cooley

Cleta Corum

Rex Bassett

DiPietro Family

Sexton Family

Drexel Family

Terry-Jeanne Sawyer

Ed Paradis



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### Church Staff

Interim Pastor/Head of Staff  
Director of Church Operations  
Front Office & Comm. Manager  
ASP & Soup Kitchen Director  
Chancel Choir Director  
Organist  
Hand Bell Choir Director  
Facilities  
Communications Associate  
Nursery

Rev. Dr. Michael Wallman  
Christie Elliott  
Shawn Homan  
Maria Haigh  
Jayne Parker  
Frances Hummel  
Pat Sexton  
Jim Aliaga  
Scott DeLeeuw  
Jessica Lozano-Flores



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.