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Greetings Grace Church,

Can you believe it? It's June already! We made it through Memorial Day and now we're running head long into summer. I don't know about you, but I really enjoy the summer months. I like the warmer, longer days and the chance to wear shorts and flip-flops. I also like mowing the lawn. It gives me such a sense of accomplishment when I'm done.

As I got to thinking about summer, I was reminded that typically it's a time when things sort of slow down here at the church. But, I've found myself struck by the number of things that are happening...

For example,

- We are almost done painting the sanctuary (*It hasn't been done since we moved into the building*) and there are plans to repaint the foyer.
- We are going to be sending a Missions Team to Dakar Senegal and a Youth Missions Team to Washington, DC as we continue to take "Grace Beyond the Walls!"
- We have plans in the works to host VBS AND do a summer outreach event for the community.
- MOPS Moms are planning a series of playdates for Summer. They should prove to be a great time for the kids and an opportunity to keep the momentum of the MOPS program going.
- The Men's Ministry is planning on a Men's Breakfast in June so that should be a great time for Men to get together.
- We will be saying farewell to JoAnne and Paul Schubert at the end of June. JoAnne will be retiring from her role as Director of Music Ministry. This will mean that our Music Ministry will be heading into new territory.

- We will be hosting a Baptism Service in August. If you haven't been baptized, we encourage you to do so. Just give us a call at the office and we'll get you the details.
- We will be adding our first piece of adaptive playground equipment to the church playground to make it more inclusive of children who have physical disabilities.
- We are working toward changing the sound system at church to provide better quality of sound for our services and to provide for those in the body who are hearing impaired...
- We are still working toward redoing the parking lot. We are continuing to call upon the church family to prayerfully consider giving a special gift directly to the Capital **Projects Fund** so we can get this project completed. As of the end of April we had over \$ 64,000. At this time, we think we may need as much as \$200,000 to complete this project.

So, even though the summer is usually a time when things quiet down, there's still lots going on at Grace Church.

On top of all of that... I'm also excited by the number of new people who are joining us on Sunday mornings, and in the near future I think we're going to be welcoming more new members. **GOD IS ON THE MOVE!**

Well, that's the news for now... I'm sure I'm forgetting something. I hope you find it encouraging and I am hopeful that you will be praying for God to show you how you can be a part of all that he is doing here at Grace. If you need some ideas, don't hesitate to give me or Pastor Kent a call. We'd love to talk with you.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Wes