

Looking forward, looking back - that is a common theme for January. It also seems fitting for me as I "round third base" on my term on the Vision Board. June of 2017 seemed so far away when I humbly accepted the vote, now the final months are counting down. I want to take the time to say thank you. First thank you for the trust in making decisions on your behalf. Along with the entire board, it is not a responsibility I take lightly. With the help of God and the wisdom of others I can leave (in a few months) knowing I did my best to work to make Grace the best it can be. Secondly, thank you for the opportunity to serve and to get to know another aspect of the church. Serving the church has been, and continues to be, a blessing in my life. I have made great friendships, honed skills, and gained knowledge that I will take with me always.

If you are new to Grace, or are starting a new chapter in your life, or just plain feeling "disconnected" from Grace, I highly encourage you to pray on the matter, seek to find your talents, and "just do it" Find a team, sign up on the blue sheet, find a friend who's doing something that looks like fun, and "just do it - get involved. The rewards are well worth the sacrifice of time and energy. You will not regret it.

Gratefully yours,

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