

Monthly Newsletter

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Time flies when you...live in Glendale. As I sit here at the airport waiting for my flight for annual conference, I can't believe it's almost been a month that I've had the privilege of being called your pastor. It feels like just yesterday that I'm pulling up with a U-haul truck and was greeted by an enthusiastic young interim pastor in Annali. At this point you have undoubtedly discovered that she and I are different. But different isn't bad, different is...different. Reflect back at your own history of pastors and interim pastors. I'm sure you have done plenty of adjusting over the years. As I talk to members of Glendale about past ministries and work the church has done I can't help but get excited about what we can do together. There are so many ideas that I can't wait to try and so many people I still need to visit and get to know better. Some of the personal highlights have been the love and acceptance I felt during the installation service and seeing Sophia and Elya use their gifts with the children. To see someone step up and shine in their talents is one of the most rewarding things I experience as a pastor. As I look ahead I have ideas about visitation, music and getting the youth together. What are your ideas? Let's try them! On my way to conference I know we are going to talk about our theological differences in the denomination. I've observed in just a few short weeks that you are diverse theologically and culturally and yet....you all have a genuine love for each other. I'm planning on mailing out a monthly newsletter recapping what we have done with a personal message. Have a blessed month of July!

