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Dear Followers of Christ,

As I write this, Julia and I are expecting the new baby to arrive any day now. At the birth we will be surprised whether we have a boy or a girl. And we will have a whole new routine to develop with two kids.

After the birth, I will take two weeks off – including two Sundays. I am grateful to John and Sarah for their willingness to each take a turn leading worship on those Sundays. Considering I don't know yet which Sundays those will be (depending on when the baby arrives, of course), I am especially grateful!

Waiting for a new baby to arrive can be a lot like ministry. While there is so much that is beyond our control in parenthood and ministry, we still seek to be faithful. We seek to be faithful to what God calls us to do, and to who God calls us to be.

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it, July 23rd – July 27th. So much energy, effort, and planning go into preparing for VBS, and the week of VBS is always one of the highlights of the year. I would add that VBS is one of the ways that our congregation faithfully serves our community. We don't know all the seeds that will be planted that week, but we know that through us, children and their families will be touched by the love of God.

Like ministry, parenthood is also an imperfect but wonderful labor of love. I am humbled by that fact as I anticipate the arrival of the new baby, and as we continue together in the ministry to which God has called us.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Brad