

Sabbatical FAQ

What is a Sabbatical?

A sabbatical is an extended period of rest, rejuvenation, and reconnection with God and with family, and it's considered a "best practice" in healthy churches to send pastors on sabbaticals periodically. There are studies that show sabbaticals result in greater health and greater non staff leadership involvement in churches that follow this practice.

Why is Pastor Ryan going on Sabbatical

There is no crisis in Ryan's life that is necessitating this sabbatical. We are instead making a long-term investment into the health and vitality of Ryan and his family. We want the next ten years of Ryan's life and ministry here at Resonate Church to be the most fruitful time of his life.

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How long is Pastor Ryan on sabbatical?

From the beginning of May until the end of August 2017

What will he be doing?

He will spend his time resting, recharging, and being with his family. Much of the sabbatical will be spent away from Fremont to allow Pastor Ryan to disconnect from the pressures of ministry.

Is he coming back?

Absolutely. Pastor Ryan will not be seeking any other position or speaking at any other ministries throughout this sabbatical. He's resting, that's all.

What is the plan while he is gone?

Things will look much the same at Resonate. We have a gifted team of Pastors who will continue to preach the gospel on Sundays. We also have some very exciting guest speakers coming to bless us with their ministry, and you won't want to miss it. Church functions will continue, and our talented church staff will continue to serve us in the day to day operations of a growing, healthy church.

Can I contact Pastor Ryan while he is away?

We ask that you would respect this time of rest for Pastor Ryan. Please don't anticipate a response from his email or Facebook.

What if I have spiritual questions?

Spiritual leadership at Resonate has always been carried by all our leaders. Our small group leaders, staff, and Elders are here to love and serve you in your spiritual growth. If there is any spiritual need you have we hope you will begin by contacting your MC leader. If there is anything the Elders and staff will be happy to serve you.

What can I do to help?

Pray for Pastor Ryan and his family—that this time would be refreshing for them, and that Pastor Ryan would experience rest in his soul and intimacy with our Heavenly Father.

Continue to take steps in your own spiritual growth and discipleship and love Jesus more.