Snapshot of Pastor Fletcher's Sabbatical

There are 5 Main Parts to Brian's Sabbatical

- 1. Spiritual Retreat. Brian will take a week-long guided spiritual retreat in North Carolina. Brian hopes this will help him get in the right frame of mind to spend the next 3 months resting, finding renewal from the Lord and of course, being changed by the gospel.
- 2. Tour of Israel and Greece. Brian and his wife, Julie, will travel to Israel and in the Footsteps of Paul on a guided tour with Pilgrim Tours for sixteen days. They will be experiencing the places where Jesus, the disciples and Paul walked increasing their understanding of the Bible and living out the Gospel. Brian hopes this will enhance his teaching of the Scriptures and give him material for future studies.
- 3. Trip to Alaska. Brian and his wife, Julie, will travel to Alaska to visit friends and experience the adventure of Alaska. Included in this trip are a few fishing excursions as well as hiking and sightseeing.
- 4. The Beach. Brian and Julie and their family (including 3 adult children, and one of their spouses and 2 grandchildren) will travel to Edisto beach for four weeks. This should be a time of rest and renewal.
- The Congregation. The grant includes funds for the church to carry out some special activities while Brian is gone. They will include guest speakers and preachers, midsize gatherings, a Welcome home celebration and a Discipleship Conference in the Fall of 2019.

Notes from Brian...

I am thankful that our church sends its pastors on a sabbatical. I believe it is a healthy rhythm. I am also beyond grateful to have received this grant. Financially, the grant allows us to do things we would most likely never get to do. It's a gracious gift and we receive it with joy.

I'm also excited to see how the congregation grows through this process. We have seen the fruit of Andrew's sabbatical in many ways and are expecting the same from this one.

If you have any other questions regarding the Sabbatical you may contact me, fletch@springrunpc.org

All for Jesus, Brian Fletcher