

Senior Pastor, Doug Halcomb, has been in ministry for over 25 years. Sixteen of those years have been at Live Oak. Because of his many years of faithful service the Elders of Live Oak have gifted Doug with a 6 week sabbatical.

### **What is a sabbatical?**

- A sabbatical is defined as a time of rest, rejuvenation, replenishment. Sabbaticals are not unique to ministry positions. Many universities and corporate industries grant sabbaticals.
- The root word of sabbatical comes from the word *Sabbath*. It is described several places in the Bible and literally translates to “ceasing.” It is a rest from work.

The hope for Doug is that during his 6 week sabbatical he can rest and replenish, and connect deeply with God and his family without the daily responsibilities of his position.

The Sabbatical will begin after Sunday services on April 15. Doug will return on Sunday, June 3 to kick off our summer series in the book of Ephesians. Executive Pastor, Mark Porter and Worship Pastor, Clay Thomas, will be teaching on Sunday's while Doug is out. If you are new to Live Oak during this time we invite you to visit the Media Page on this website so you can check out Doug's teaching, who is normally our primary teacher.

### **How can (you) help?**

- Pray regularly for Doug and his family. Pray specifically for rest, replenishment, and connection time.
- Be Doug & Jen's friend during this time. It is still ok to connect with Doug and Jen in a non-work related way. For example, have them over dinner, kid play dates, sporting events, etc.
- Please respect the boundaries of not contacting or speaking with Doug on *church or ministry related requests*. We want him to disengage, to literally “cease”.
- If you have church related questions, please reach out to one of our amazing staff or utilized our awesome app or through this website. You can also reach out to other church members and volunteer leaders who would also love to help.