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Dear CCF church family,

For the past several years at CCF we have been learning to implement a pattern that we see Jesus living in Scripture - the pattern of work and rest. This is a rhythm that's all around us in nature, and we believe that God wants us to live this pattern out as followers of Jesus. We rest, and then we work, and then we rest again...and the rhythm goes on.

Taking a sabbatical is a normal, healthy rhythm for leaders in churches. As an elder team, we are all in complete agreement with Pastor Tracy taking a 3 month sabbatical at this time, and we bless her as she enters this time of rest. We know that God will meet her during this time. We are excited to implement this practice for our leaders and we plan to make it a regular thing in the future.

If you saw our live streamed service yesterday, then you already know this. (If you want to hear what Pastor Tracy had to say, it is available on our Cornerstone Facebook page.) We wanted to make sure that everyone is aware even if you didn't have a chance to watch the service, so we're sending this email to you now.

During her sabbatical, Pastor Tracy will not be reading emails, answering phone calls, or looking at texts. She and Tony will not attend services or be available at their house. We are asking everyone to respect this sabbatical time. During this time, we *do* invite everyone to pray for her.

Pastor Tracy will be back in October. In the meantime, the elder team will continue to lead our congregation, and James Bady and Rev. Terri Moss Witmyer will be functioning as interim pastors. Please continue to stay in touch with us via Dana Boyes, our Administrative Director. James and Terri <u>welcome</u> you to reach out to them with any pastoral needs by emailing adminccf@gmail.com. We are a church family that lives by our core value of "embracing learning and discovery" and we look forward to learning together through this time!

Every blessing to you and your household, The Elder Team