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**From Geoffrey Wilcoxson:**

Dear Gateway Congregation,

During Luke's sermon this past Sunday, he mentioned he will be taking a 10 week sabbatical this year in 2015. His request was provided to the elder team 3 months ago. We, the elder team apart from Luke, have discussed options, prayed for wisdom and sought counsel both within and outside of Redemption Church for guidance. We have unanimously agreed to a sabbatical for Luke. He and the family will take the 10 weeks May 11 – July 19.

For those who may be new, the Redemption Gateway Congregation was originally a church plant birthed out of East Valley Bible Church six years ago. Luke and his family, along with 50 other people helped launch Second Mile Church in January 2009. After several years of growth, by God's grace, along with merging with two other larger churches to become Redemption Church, it has been an adventurous yet busy six years for Luke and his family. Luke's proactive request for a sabbatical demonstrates wisdom and a desire for long-term health and faithfulness to Redemption Gateway Church as our lead pastor.

We believe that this sabbatical will be important for Luke's leadership in the future. Not only will this time away give him physical and emotional rest, but it will also give him some unhurried time to chew on the Scriptures and hear from God without the pressure of having a sermon to prepare. This will serve all of us and make our church stronger in the years to come.

What can you do? Two things: 1) Please pray for God to bless Luke, Molly and the girls during Luke's sabbatical 2) Please be praying for God to give us, the elder team, wisdom for 2015. We are excited to provide this sabbatical for Luke.

We love you and enjoy serving Jesus and the body of Redemption Gateway.

To Proclaim the Only Name Which Saves!

The Redemption Gateway Elder Team