

Pastor Stan's

# LEAVE OF ABSENCE

For Health Purposes

## WHAT

Pastor Stan will be on a leave of absence, for health purposes, from July 3 - October 3.

## WHY

This July is Pastor Stan's 20th anniversary as Senior Pastor at Emmanuel Bible Church. During that time he has served faithfully and carried an incredible load, especially in the areas of preaching and counseling. Pastor Stan has a loving shepherd's heart, he isn't very good at saying "no", and he can't help but care deeply. This has all led to a place of deep physical exhaustion.

Over the last few months, Pastor Stan has been experiencing a number of symptoms that have caused great concern. He has consulted with a number of doctors, has undergone tests, and will continue to undergo further examination. This is a serious condition that must not be ignored and that requires an extended time of rest.

## HOPE

We anticipate a full recovery, increased health, and even greater effectiveness in Pastor Stan's ministry. We also expect this to be a time that we as a church grow in trusting the Chief Shepherd. He has already begun to provide generously for Pastor Stan and our church family during this time.

## CONT'D FROM OTHER SIDE

### PREACHING

Pastor Dan will be coordinating and overseeing a team of gifted men who will be filling in for Pastor Stan. You can expect and look forward to God speaking through a variety of voices and styles.

### PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Please contact the Church Office 503-364-6179, Pastor Dan 503-932-8237, or Pastor Brad 503-931-9880 for assistance or referral. God has provided a number of godly, skilled, and experienced counselors who can help you. There will always be an on call elder who can assist you if you cannot get in touch with Pastor Dan or Brad. After office hours, you can call the office voicemail to find out the elder on call and how to contact them.

### HOW TO HELP

Please pray for Pastor Stan and our church family! We would also ask that you refrain from contacting Pastor Stan during his leave of absence. It is imperative that he have uninterrupted rest! Keep in mind that there are a few hundred of us who love him and who could easily and unintentionally hinder his recovery. Please refer to the previous section for information on who to contact regarding needs. If you have suggestions regarding Pastor Stan's recovery please contact Brad Dettwyler or Tom Aman. When Pastor Stan attends services/functions during his leave of absence, please remember that he is attending as a participant and needs to be the recipient, not the giver, of care.