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Time Away 2026 by Bobby Duncan

Connie and I have been going strong seven days a week, doing full-time ministry for more than 45 years. As newlyweds, ministry was never on our radar. We had no idea our lives would be so dramatically different than that of the people we knew. My draft papers were in the mailbox when we returned from our honeymoon. This was the beginning of our travels and adventures with God.



As we began our family, eventually adding three children, we met new people in places far away from Kentucky. Eventually I graduated from Bible college, was ordained, and entered full-time ministry. For decades Connie and I have served together in churches in Kentucky and Texas. We've been blessed with thousands of friends and ministry connections throughout the years. Some have evolved into lifelong ministry supporters.

God has been abundantly good and continues to be in our current ministry of 18 years at Journey Church Cynthiana. I have spoken thousands of times, sharing messages through spoken and written words from God and the Bible. One of my favorite phrases (not sure who coined the phrase) has been, "God is seldom early, but He is never late."

Connie and I have been praying and discussing together with family and trusted friends about the day when there would be the "right time" for us both to pause, take a Sabbath (break), and focus on what's next for us. We have been discussing these things for a couple years with many of you.

2026 seems to be "God's timing" for us to enjoy a Sabbatical in some way. We are starting with the month of February. Connie and I will be away for the entire month, getting some rest from ministry duties. We're not exactly sure what each day will look like — I am praying and planning for travel to somewhere warmer than Kentucky. We'll seek to be gone at other times during the year as well. God will lead us to find those opportunities, also.

Bryan and Bridget Martinez, our youth/family ministry couple, are prepared to lead Journey Church in our absence. Bryan is a terrific speaker and will have at least four weekends in a row to share messages from the Bible. Our plans for more time away will include trips to places for rest and reunions with family and friends.

We'll trust God with His timing in 2026. Together we can embrace and enjoy new things to come. Until then, I'm looking forward to wrapping up our current winter series from the book of Romans. Pray for Connie and I to refresh and reboot for continued ministry at Journey Church in 2026. Pray for Bryan and Bridget to seize this opportunity to share their hearts and passion for Journey Church in our community.

Go God.