



It is with profound sadness of heart that I share with you that Dave Welch, Founder and President of Houston Area Pastors Council, Texas Pastors Council, and U.S. Pastors Council passed into the presence of the Lord on Sunday, June 1st. You are receiving this because in some way your life was impacted by Dave's love for pastors, his tenacious leadership, and his unwavering stand for the church to raise the standard of righteousness in the culture. We will celebrate his life and ministry on Thursday, June 12th at 11am at Grace Woodlands. Dave invested his life in all of us. He was a true servant leader. Please join Becky and me in honoring him as we celebrate his life.

Please pray for Val and the family as they walk through this season of great loss. I am pretty sure Dave amassed substantial treasure in Heaven. He was a faithful, Kingdom steward doing a lot with limited resource. He didn't amass a lot of earthly treasure. I would also like to ask you to consider making whatever gift you can to a fund to help Val during this transition time. You can give to Houston Area Pastor Council and just mark your gift "Val." We will make sure that she is taken care of through your generosity.

Finally, Dave was my friend. I knew him well. He was the real deal, always serving others, never seeking the limelight for himself. As I said many times, he was a gift to our city. Dave pulled all of us together numerous times to take a stand for Godly values. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 12th at 11am at Grace Woodlands (24400 Interstate Highway 45, The Woodlands, TX) as we celebrate Dave's life and ministry and the legacy that he left that includes all of us.

Pastor Steve Riggle  
Pastor Council Executive Committee

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