



Dear Pastors,

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. I am asking every pastor and spouse to make every effort to be in attendance to honor Dave's life and ministry and to show our gratitude for everything Dave invested in all of us and in our city and across the state. I am asking all pastors to be at the church by 10am as we will all walk in and sit together. It is important that we know you are coming so that we can plan appropriately. Dave invested his life in all of us. He was a true servant leader. I am now asking you to 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 resources. 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 HAPC 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. Now I am asking all of us to stand together in honoring his life and legacy. I will look forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 12th at 11am at Grace Woodlands (24400 Interstate Highway 45, The Woodlands, TX).

Please RSVP with your **name and email** as soon as you can by clicking [this link](#) or connecting with Cindy Davies at 832-688-9166 or cindy@uspastorcouncil.org.

Steve Riggle
