

George L. Faull's Surprise Appreciation 50th Anniversary of Preaching



Well, we pulled it off!

The Church of Christ at Grissom successfully surprised Brother George L. Faull in appreciating his 50 years of faithful preaching, held Sunday night after the evening services on October 25th, 2009.

We thought the secret was out a couple of times. Mr. Faull returned from the National Prayer Clinic and said "I must be getting ready to die – everyone keeps giving me compliments". Then when he arrived at Church, some of his family was standing in the parking lot (which he did not actually see) and when he saw his son, Kendall and family inside he still did not suspect anything at that point. It wasn't until he came into the main auditorium and saw all of his children together along with his grandchildren and many visitors, that he said, "Something's up".

We had a full house in attendance from friends and many sister congregations to be part of that evening's extra program. Some of which consisted of a great sermon by Brother Jerry Paul on, "God's Man for God's Mission, special songs from the Torkelson Family and George's daughter, Melody Belcher, and presentations of recorded messages from gentlemen who could not attend, but desired to be part of that evening's event.

George's son, Jeff Faull, gave a brief message to his dad on behalf of his siblings who also attended (Todd Faull and family, Melody Belcher and family, Laurel Dill and

family, Kendall Faull and family.) Jeff Faull's family included George's great-grandson. Brother Ray Maggard presented congratulations on behalf of the Elders of Grissom at which time they also presented Mr. Faull with a special plaque, which reads:

George L. Faull

**In Honor of 50 Years of Faithful Ministry
To a Preacher of Preachers, a Minister to Ministers,
a Teacher of Teachers, a Counselor to Counselors,
a Giver to Givers, a Leader of Leaders, a Shepherd to
Shepherds, a Friend to his enemies.**

Yet, a humble servant who says, "I am just an unworthy slave. I have only done that which He has commanded me to do."

Rest assured, God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Neither shall we forget!

Congratulations, George

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Following this program we were served a great meal of Lasagna, Spaghetti, Salads, Bread sticks, and Desserts of all kinds. Fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ was an added treat to all. **The Church also provided George with a weeks trip vacation to wherever he wishes to go** – he just didn't know it was a one way ticket!! (Ha ha..)

I know George appreciates everyone who kept this a secret, sent in cards/messages, attended the services from various areas/churches, or worked to help make this possible. Also to Ed & Naomi Bousman for assisting with a mass email notice to the brotherhood especially during Ed's own trials of health at this time.

May George have many more years of service to our King and pray the same to all other faithful servants in the Kingdom of God.

We appreciate you, Brother George!

--Submitted by Brenda Barker – Secretary at Summit
On behalf of the Church of Christ at Grissom