



**Announcement for
Troy Cave Celebration of Life Service
Friday, May 2 at 11 am**

This past week, a precious brother in the Lord... a core member and partner of this church... – TROY CAVE – went home to be with the Lord.

If there is one thing I know about Troy, it is this: he LOVED God.

And pastor and I are both fully confident that this morning Troy *is in heaven* worshipping the Lord.

Tuesday morning, my father e-mailed this to me early in the morning, just a few hours before Troy went home:

I dreamed last night that I died and went to heaven. As I walked the streets of glory, I thought, "It was all true. What the Prophets said was all true." Then, I was ushered into the presence of God and there He was in all His glory, and I thought, "It was all true." And in that moment I wished to God I could go back and teach people to praise and worship Him, because it's all true. Then I awoke and the thought came to me, "I'm still here. I still have time to teach the people to praise Him and to worship Him, because it's all true."

I do not believe it is *coincidence* my father e-mailed that to me Tuesday morning. I do not believe it is *coincidence* that my father—our pastor—dreamed of heaven the night before Troy went home.

Later this week, my father wrote me and said this of Troy:

Troy Cave was one of the most generous people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. Troy was my partner, but he was more than that. He was my friend. I will miss him greatly.

The same is true for me...

None of us were there in the moment Troy passed from this life to the next. Only God knows exactly what happened. But, based on all of the details the family has shared with Pastor and me, **Pastor and I both believe it was an ACCIDENT.**

Last night, my father told me that if an accident happened with him, he would want all of us to give him the **benefit of the doubt**. I feel the same way. If an accident happened with me, I would want all of you to give me the **benefit of the doubt**. We should do the same for our brother in the Lord. As Christians, if we fail to walk in love, what good is our faith? As Christians we should *assume* the BEST of each other!

As brothers and sisters in Christ, our job is not to speculate! Our job is to pray for Troy's family and to be a blessing to his family during this time. We are to be there for each other during these times of life. How would you want to be treated? How would you want your children to be treated? Troy IS a brother, a brother in the Lord. Let's be a **BLESSING** to his family! Let's **HONOR** him!

A celebration service for Troy will be at the church this Friday, May 2nd at 11 am. I want to encourage you to be here to **HONOR** Troy.

Austin Lingerfelt

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Austin Lingerfelt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Austin" being more prominent than the last name "Lingerfelt".

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