

## Dale Edward McConachie

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On February 25th, 2015, our friend and brother-in-Christ, Dale McConachie, was on his way home from work. Rather than arriving at his earthly home Wednesday evening, he was immediately taken HOME to be with His Savior, due to a tragic car accident. Our minds found it difficult to believe and our hearts broke that night. We prayed and cried out and thought about the brevity of life and the suddenness with which the Lord took Dale home. We prayed for Geri, his wife, and Kate and Allie, his daughters and Kate's husband Levi.

Every person that God places in the body of Christ has a history, a personality, gifts, and talents that make them a unique and irreplaceable contributor to the life of the church and Dale certainly exemplified that, touching so many of our lives. He was an incredible man with an enormous heart. Dale was an encourager. He was gentle and humble. He was affable. He was positive. He was gregarious and a friend to all. He would bounce with glee and exclaim, "Yippee!" when you told him exciting news from your life. He often took our losses and heartaches even harder than we took them. Dale truly cared about people and shared in our joys and sorrows.

Dale loved His Savior. He loved God's Word. He loved his wife. He loved his daughters and son-in-law. He loved people—not just people who were easy to get along with—but all people. If you were dealing with someone difficult to understand or get along with, Dale would gently remind you, "Jesus died for that person, too."

The way he lived his life, the way he loved His Savior and the way he loved his family will be a lasting legacy and example for all of us.

Uniquely, Dale left another lasting legacy: the audio recordings of him reading God's eternal Word. Dale labored to record the entire Bible in both the NASB and the HCSB versions. He considered the opportunity to record the Bible to be the biggest blessing of his vocational life. Dale was a lifelong Bible student and a fine Bible teacher—he had taught our adult Sunday School classes numerous times over the years and was

scheduled to begin a class on II Corinthians, titled “The God of Encouragement” just days after his homegoing!

Last night at his Celebration of Life service, we listened to Dale read Revelation 21:3-4 to us:

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain...””

As we continue to mourn his loss, we celebrate his life and legacy. We do not grieve hopelessly. Dale’s daughter Allie sums it up well: “He’s with Jesus now. I’ve never been more sure of anything.” We are sure too, Allie. Dale confessed his need for Jesus Christ as his Savior daily through his words and his actions. We are so richly blessed to have known Dale and look forward to hearing Dale greet us with a “Yippee!” when we reunite with our brother in Heaven one day.



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