

IN MEMORIAM
DR. KEITH HOWARD STONE

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Tributes

Matt Martin: I was saddened this morning after church to discover a text from my sister informing me of the passing of Dr. Keith Stone. As I reflect this evening, sadness is mingled with gratitude and a deep awareness of the privilege that is mine to have known Dr. Stone. When I write the list of the 10 most influential men in my life, Dr. Stone occupies a prominent spot. When I arrived at Shasta Bible College, he introduced me to Mount Lassen. He got me jobs, and he fed me meals. He taught me how to give thanks. He painted vivid, realistic portraits of ministry. He showed me how to love my wife. He secured for me my first opportunity to preach the Word, and he encouraged me to take that opportunity. He taught and modeled submission to the spiritual leaders in his life. He taught us to honor our parents. He introduced me to Pastor Harold Shively who would become a friend and mentor. He encouraged me to consider Seminary after Bible College. He modeled life-long learning as years later we attended the same seminary and he stayed in my home when he came to Tacoma for his D Min. classes. He told us, "A long grind makes a short chop." (Meaning, "Study hard now and your ministry will be easier later.") He said that before we insert ourselves into a situation we should ask three questions, "1) Is it my responsibility to say anything? 2) If it is my responsibility to say



anything, do I have all of the facts? 3) If yes to both one and two, do I have to say something now?" He introduced us to "Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret." It is impossible to know exactly the extent of Dr. Stone's impact on my life... and I am just one guy trying to serve the Lord as best I can. There are literally hundreds of people whose

lives were significantly impacted by the faithful loving ministry of Dr. Keith Stone. These men and women are serving God in dozens of countries and hundreds of churches. Praise God for making men like Dr. Stone. I look forward to seeing him again one day.

Jenner Francis: We lost a giant today. Keith Howard Stone received his promotion to glory after a long struggle with Lewy Body Dementia. Few men have impacted me and my family as much as this one has. He will be missed this side of eternity.



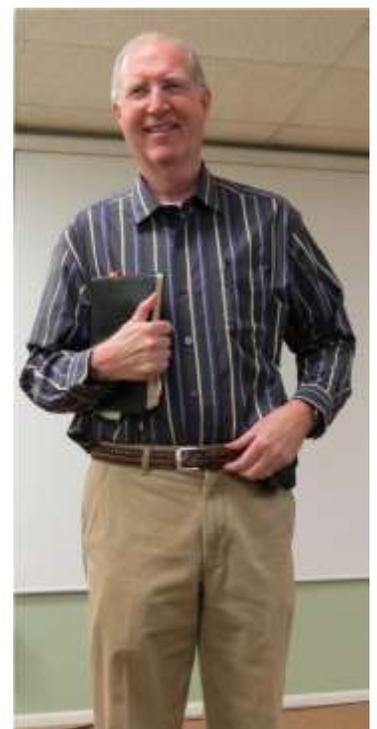
Callie Loubet: It is funny how you don't really think about the true depth of the impact of someone's life on yours until something like this has happened. He was a friend with my parents since high school and played a key roll in many major choices of both my parents lives and my life. It's a weird feeling knowing someone and not realizing until they pass away what a huge part they have played in your life starting before you were born. A man that had been friends with my parents since junior high passed

away last

night. He had encouraged my Dad to go into the ministry when he was in early high school. He dated my aunt. Then he encouraged my Dad to go for my Mom. He came to visit my parents when I was very little and carried me while on a family hike. I fell asleep in his arms. Next, when I meet him as a college student he had helped me with some struggles I had and never gave up on me. He also taught a class called the Gospel according to Luke. We had seniors in there and they asked some very deep questions. That is when I feel in love with Jesus. He encouraged me and my husband's relationship. Now for the story of my in-laws. He had encouraged the current church to hire my father-in-law as a pastor. That was in 1986. He is still the current Pastor. Thank you for giving to the Lord Keith Stone. I am so glad you gave.

Judy Taylor Beck: For those of you that attended LABC in the early 60's.....a good friend changed his address to Heaven!

Charley Williams: I remember Dr. Stone would often surprise me with how he reacted to challenging situations. He was not afraid to be tough but his default was to laugh and forgive. I also remember how he would sometimes say something he thought was really clever and then grin from ear to ear licking the front of his teeth and raising his eyebrows!



Hannah Farley: I just found out that a very influential person in my life passed away this morning. He was a college professor and the Vice President of Student Life. He was the first professor I meet at Shasta Bible College, and he taught many of my classes. He was also the pastor of the church I attended while I was in Redding. I can remember the first three weeks in my Spiritual life class he taught on 1 Thessalonians especially verse 18, "In every circumstance give thanks." To this day I remember his teachings on this. I can also remember a chapel service where he was the speaker, and he was talking about living for God. He then had those that wanted him to pray for them sign his Bible. I know he cherished that Bible and prayed for each one of us. I am a better person having known him!



Please pray for his family, but especially his wife. Thank you! We know that Dr. Keith Stone is with his loving Father whom he served so faithfully!

Collette Carol Anderson: Oh the first three weeks of Spiritual Life...the day we both accidently slept in and waited outside of the door to tell him that we missed our first class at SBC. We were so intimidated but he was so kind and just smiled, teased us and then hugged us. So many many memories.

Hannah King: Oh man, we love this man so much. There is so much of you living out in Andrew and me. Things that you have taught us that we will never forget. And we have taught those things to our children. Just the other day, Ava reminded us to give thanks. Thank you for all the time and love you have embedded in Andrew and I. Some day, we will see you again and catch up. And it will be glorious.

David & Tracy Anderson: One of the last times we sang at Pastor Keith's church near Redding I asked the question, publicly, "What are you doing for God today that will have profound



results 35 years from now?" My life is completely different today than it would have been without Pastor Keith Stone teaching God's principles to my mother-in-law, husband and me. He taught God's Word without compromise and taught us to live it without fear. If you have ever been touched by our family's music or that of our daughter, Collette, it is a direct result of Pastor Keith and Gracie Stone's work for God. This humble servant of God will be

remembered for generations in the Anderson household. -Tracey



Elise Palm: My heart is full as I remember all the love and joy Dr. Stone showed us students and for the things he taught me and the rest of SBC. "Give thanks in all things." I'm happy in thinking of him enjoying Jesus and the rest of the saints, along with having a healed mind and body (and all his fingers.) :-)

Janis Christine: I will be forever grateful to Dr. Stone for the way he instilled in us students a heart of thankfulness. I am glad that he is rejoicing now, but I will be keeping Gracie and his family in my prayers.

David G. Gunn: Keith Stone was a gifted preacher, teacher, and pastor, but he saw himself, first and foremost, as an encourager. I recall fondly taking a course from him in spiritual gifts, in which

he identified his own gift as exhortation. He was right; although often weakened by illness, Dr. Stone never missed an opportunity to encourage his students. It has been said that a good teacher may teach material well, but a great teacher teaches students well. Dr. Stone undoubtedly belongs in the second category. He always put his students first, and He impacted countless lives for the Savior He served and loved so well. He will be dearly missed. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Cathy Tessier: I was honored and happy to have been taught by Pastor Keith Howard Stonewhile I was a student at Shasta Bible College and am saddened to hear of his passing. Thank you for being such a wonderful teacher and example to us.

Adam Page: Doc Keith Howard Stone, Thank You for being a mentor to me for 2 years while I was at Shasta Bible College. Thank You for keeping "May the Mind of Christ my Savior" hymn in my head. It has had a wonderful effect on my thought process towards ministry. Thank You for giving of your time to spend talking about: life, family, ministry and the mysteries of God. Thank You for modeling how to be a Godly Husband and man of God. Thank You for not just telling us about ministry but taking us along with you to experience it first hand. Thank You for showing me and many others how to "Give Thanks" even when life is good and when it is rough. Thank You for encouraging me to go to seminary. Thank You for teaching me to see the importance in loving people for who they are and loving to serve people in foreign lands whether that is Northern California, Brazil or wherever the Lord leads. Thank You for believing in me that God could use me for his glory. Thank you for being a living example of biblical discipleship. You were a genuine man of God and thank you for being a friend and mentor. You will be truly missed. Thank you for Romans 12:12-13.

Michael Lamantia: Doc Stone, you taught me that "the essence of Christianity is thankfulness". I also recall your guidance in regards to knowing whether or not I was called to ministry and am grateful to report that I've not deviated from that guidance in the 10 years I've served. You gave me an extraordinary gift through that guidance. For a simple farm boy you made one profound impact in my family's and my life. Thanks Doc, we're grateful!

George Gunn: A very dear friend and co-worker in the work of the Lord, Keith Stone, graduated to heaven last night. Prayers for his wife, Gracie, are requested. Keith was a great man of God who positively influenced countless numbers of people for the cause of Christ and the Gospel. He succumbed to the ravages of Lewy Body Dementia. He is now rejoicing with our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.



Lauren Chuman: "Cheer up ye saints of God" will always be my favorite song from Dr Stone. What a guy, what a heart, what a blessing. I'll be Praying for his family. He will be dearly



missed, but I am thankful he is joyously home with his Savior, whom he dearly loved. I am grateful at the thought of seeing him again.

Amanda Butler: His wisdom and influence will be missed at SBC. He led all of his students in an incredible way, always pointing us to our Lord and encouraging and challenging us to reach new levels in our walk with Him. Our loss is truly heaven's gain.

Lisa & Ron Bowe: Rejoicing over his healing in heaven and grieving with Gracie and the entire Stone family over their loss. How blessed we were to have gleaned from his

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dom. His crown will be bedazzled for sure!

Katie Martin: Was thinking last night how well he managed 9/11 for us. "Give thanks," dear ones. Pastor Keith is getting a report of his faithfulness. So blessed by his input directly into



my life and many others. "May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day..." favorite song for a couple years.

Roxi Mueller: Sad to hear the news but know he is rejoicing in heaven. Will always be thankful for the godly wisdom he shared in class and outside of class at SBC.

Lindsay Mollett: I will never forget the passion and love he had for God or his lessons on "giving thanks". He was there for me to counsel me through some tough times. Praise

God for His life and ministry!

Gabriella Pack: Thankful he is in no more pain, and rejoicing in glory with his maker! We sang in 'In Christ Alone' in church this morning right after we heard. He will be greatly missed. He was my adoptive grandpa when I first came to SBC (cause he looked like my grandpa). He finished his race well!

Jeremy White: I am so thankful for my friendship with Dr. Keith and Gracie Stone. As one of my professors, Dr. Stone introduced me to an illumination of the gospel of amazing grace in ways that I had never understood up to that point. And while he challenged me theologically in the best possible ways, the most important mark he has left upon my life is the example he set as a man who trusted Jesus, loved his wife and family, and served his students with unconditional acceptance. He will be deeply missed by so many...



Danielle Hagerty: Praying for Gracie. He was a great man of faith. He taught me to always be thankful in any circumstance.



Phyllis Mills: Will miss Dr. Keith Howard Stone will remember him for the compassion and wisdom he showed to All. Prayers up for Gracie and the family.

Jesse Durney: I'll always cherish the memories of the countless office chats and encouragement.

Jennifer Schipper: I first met Pastor Stone in 2005 when he came to my church, Shasta Community church, to help our congregation recover from a tumultuous situation. He brought peace, humbleness, and grace into our church with such quiet authority. He's the reason I attended Shasta Bible College and because of him I learned a new perspective of giving thanks and honoring my parents. He was a friend, mentor, confidante, and like a grandfather to me. So much can be said for what he did for my family. He was an amazing instrument of God and will be greatly missed!