

Groundbreaking Blessing from the Holt Family

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this celebration. I'm here representing the Holt Family along with my mother, Gloria Blair; my sister, Diana Kirby; and my brother, Michael Blair.

Our family legacy is tied closely with Lake City Community Church and while there will be some sentimental tears shed with the demolition of Holt Chapel, we know that Grampa Holt would agree with the direction the church is heading.

Lake City Church started as a Sunday School...so Grampa would be excited about the children's ministries: from MOPS to the Youth Mission trips...

He would love AWANA's! AWANA's would be his thing!

He also would be thrilled with the community outreach through the food bank. He was a big proponent of showing Christ's love through meeting peoples' needs, especially during the depression.

He would recognize that the church building is bursting at the seams.

He would be encouraged by the prayer and careful deliberation that has gone into the creation of this building program.



So as I said, while the removal of Holt Chapel will hold some sadness for the family, we are reminded that Grampa Holt never believed in accumulating earthly treasures and as a builder by trade, seeing the current need, we've no doubt that his hammer would be ringing right alongside the rest of the workmen in this exciting step forward.

I'm reminded of a plaque Gramma Holt received in 1943 for "Perfect Attendance" at Lake City Sunday School. It hung in my grandparents' house, in my parents' house, and now in my house. It says "Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last". Buildings are not the church; they are necessary in the ministry of the church, but in reality, we, the believers, are the church. Buildings will come and go but Christ's church will live forever.

by Jana Norby