

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR
Chad, Courtney,
and Baby Girl Phelps



*Faithful is He that calleth you,
Who also will do it.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24

Courtney Phelps

August 9, 1989 - July 27, 2013

Chad Phelps

May 3, 1988 - July 27, 2013

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for
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Prelude	Dr. Kevin and Grace Suiter Ron and Shelly Hamilton Joe and Becky Fant Johnny Smith Sarah Bennett
Welcome	Dr. Bob Taylor
Scripture Reading	Pastor Keith Lewis
Prayer	Pastor Benjamin Ice
Special Song	Joe and Becky Fant Dr. Kevin and Grace Suiter <i>Mercies Anew</i>
Words of Appreciation	Mayor Greg Ballard
Family Remembrances	Gaddy Family
Words of Comfort	Dr. Dean Taylor
Family Remembrances	Phelps Family
Congregational Song	<i>His Robes For Mine</i>
Message	Dr. Steve Pettit
Special Song	Joe and Becky Fant Dr. Kevin and Grace Suiter <i>Found Faithful</i>
Instructions on Dismissal	Dr. Bob Taylor
Family Dismissal	<i>Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness</i> Song played as Courtney walked down the aisle at their wedding
Closing Prayer	Pastor Phil Thomas
Dismissal	

*Interment will immediately follow
the service at Union Chapel Cemetary.*

His Robes for Mine

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "His Robes for Mine". It is arranged for voice and piano. The score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a simple, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal line is a simple melody with lyrics written below the notes. The score is presented in a clean, black-and-white format on a white background.



Dear Chad & Courtney,

What is heaven like? I've always wondered, as so many do. But I'm still on the outside looking in. My finite mind can only grasp at the wind of eternity. I can only imagine. I suppose you don't even have a use for imagination anymore. It probably sounds silly even to hear words from the perspective of an Earth-bound body of flesh.

Speak to me of Jesus! Have you seen Him? Have you touched Him? Have you felt the loving embrace of His strong arms and

scarred hands? And what about His eyes? Has He held you in His gaze? Or is His face too brilliant to behold? Have you kissed His feet? Have you searched the heavens for ways to thank Him and come up empty? Have your lips cried "Abba!" and your arms reached out to Him? Have you sung new songs and played your instruments and danced for Him? Have you tasted the living waters and drunk deeply from the wells of salvation?

Does it already seem like a thousand years since you joined the ranks of Jesus yesterday? Does time even exist anymore in the presence of God? How can you possibly witness His glory without being vaporized? How can you experience His love without drowning? What does it feel like to be liberated finally from this sinful body of death?

And tell me about the throngs of heaven! The host of saints and angels gathered there. What does everyone look like? Do you recognize anyone? Do you lift your hearts and voices up to praise your Maker? Do you join the angles and cry "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!" Does He sing back in reply? Do you smile as the angels marvel at the mystery of Man's redemption?

What's it like Chad? What's it like Courtney?

I know not when I shall discover the answers to these questions, as you knew not. But I know it could be any moment. I am reminded of the brevity of time on Earth, and the importance of an eternal perspective to every day. Thank you Jesus, for teaching me through the bright lives of your children, Chad and Courtney Phelps.

Hold them tight.

Joseph Scott Zoller
Family friend, attended Maranatha with Chad,
& Madrigal Choir with Courtney

July 28, 2013

COMMITAL

Preside and comments to the family	Dr. Bruce McAllister
Scripture Reading	Director of Ministerial Training, Bob Jones University
Prayer of Dedication	Pastor Ben Farrell
	Dr. Matt Olson

Musicians

Organist	Mert Remington
Cellist	Sarah Pili Herbert
Accompanist	Shelli Anderson

Pall Bearers

Chris Barfield - Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Youth Staff
Bob Brennehan - Chad's former School Administrator
Stephen Donovan - Chad's childhood friend
Joe Fant - Former Youth Pastor at Colonial Hills Baptist Church
Jason Hammond - Special friend for whom Courtney taught piano
Jordan Harrison - Colonial Hills Baptist Church Intern & friend
Ben Ice - Mentor, friend and colleague, Calvary Baptist Church, Simpsonville, South Carolina
Caleb Lynch - Faithful friend of Chad and Courtney while at Maranatha
Ben Menking - Special friend for whom Courtney taught piano
Josh Prather - Faithful friend of Chad and Courtney while at Maranatha
Ryon Reason - Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Youth Staff
John Reid - Friend and fellow musician of Courtney's
Elliott Smith - Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Youth Staff
Nate Utley - Co-Intern with Chad and Courtney at Colonial Hills
Paul Valentine - Chad & Courtney's friend from Calvary Baptist Church, Simpsonville, South Carolina
Thad Yessa - Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Intern & friend
Jeremy York - Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Youth Staff

In lieu of flowers please make all donations to
CHBC-Chad/Courtney Bus Fund
Colonial Hills Baptist Church
8140 Union Chapel Road
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Great appreciation is expressed from the Phelps and Gaddy families to all who have reached out to express their mutual sorrow and compassion.

Following the interment, the Phelps and Gaddy families invite their family members, out-of-town guests, visiting pastors, and church staff to a luncheon in the Colonial Room.

Additional Information

Copies of Chad's sermon, *The Purpose of Suffering*, are available at the Welcome Center. Please pick one up as you leave.
Please fill out a legacy card for Chase and put it in the basket on the Welcome Center or give it to one of the ushers.



According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Philippians 1:20

Mr. and Mrs. Chad and Courtney Phelps of Indianapolis, Indiana and their unborn daughter passed from earth to heaven on the 27th of July, 2013, in a bus accident while returning from youth camp in Michigan, having left a legacy of loving the Lord, each other, baby Chase (21 months), and the youth of Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana where they served.

Charles Richard Phelps, III was born on the 3rd of May in 1988 in Denver, Colorado to Dr. Charles and Linda Phelps, Jr. and is survived by his son, Charles R. Phelps, IV (Chase); his parents; his paternal grandparents, Charles and Kathy Phelps of Clarksburg, West Virginia; his maternal grandmother, Bette Erickson of St. Paul, Minnesota; his sisters, Rachel (Joseph) Singapogu of Clemson, South Carolina and Sharon Phelps; brothers, Caleb and Daniel Phelps of Carmel, Indiana; as well as 5 nieces and one nephew.

Courtney Anna (Popow) Phelps was born August 9, 1989, in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Mark and Sarah Popow and was pre-deceased by her father when she was 11 months of age. Courtney is survived by her son, Charles R. Phelps, IV (Chase); her parents, Dr. Russell and Sarah Gaddy of Simpsonville, South Carolina; her sisters, Christy (Andrew) Shumaker of Coatsville, Pennsylvania and Emmy Gaddy of Simpsonville, South Carolina; as well as 5 nieces and one nephew.

Chad and Courtney both attended Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wisconsin where they met and later transferred to Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina to complete their degrees. Chad earned his Bachelor's in Humanities focusing in Bible (2010) and a Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology (2013). Courtney completed her undergraduate degree in Piano Pedagogy in 2011.

Chad and Courtney served the Lord at Calvary Baptist Church in Simpsonville, South Carolina for several years while completing their education and currently at Colonial Hills Baptist Church where Chad served as Youth Pastor. The passion of this young couple was seeking to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by life or by death (Philippians. 1:20).

Chad and Courtney's greatest earthly joy was their beloved son, Chase, with whom they relished every moment of life. While the Phelps were passionate about sports, their first priority was to enrich the lives of others by bringing them closer to Jesus (Matthew 6:33). They spoke with great appreciation of the youth staff with which they served, the teens that they saw growing in Christ, and the joy of serving on a pastoral team. Chad's focus on the Word of God opened doors for him to begin a teaching and preaching ministry while very young (I Timothy 4:12; II Timothy 2:15). Courtney's sincere love of others was made evident through her thoughtfulness in every moment, decision, and expression. Both Chad and Courtney were well-travelled, well-read, musically-trained, and dedicated to fulfilling God's calling in their lives by using their talents for their Savior.

From their youth, they knew the assurance of salvation. Courtney trusted Jesus as her Savior as a precocious, already-reading, four year-old, and Chad gave His life to the Lord while in Junior High (Romans 10:9-10, 13). They each dedicated their lives to the calling of God for Christian service and never veered from that dedication. Courtney loved to inspire children and youth to use music to bring honor to God. Having made major spiritual steps at camp and on many mission trips, Chad and Courtney worked diligently to involve young people in such activities. Through their lives and now deaths they have impacted an innumerable multitude of souls around the world and have laid up for themselves eternal treasures in heaven (Matthew 5:19-21).

In their short lives they lived out the verse that they selected for their wedding program, *Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it* (I Thessalonians 5:24).