

Providence Church Surprises Pastor and Wife

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On December 15, 2010, Providence Baptist pastor Dr. Gene Tyre was preparing for normal Wednesday night services. He and his wife Margaret had no idea that a typical Wednesday night was not in order.

For months, church members had been planning a surprise 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for the Tyres (known to all as “Doc and Margaret.”)

At 5:00 PM, Chattahoochee Hills resident and transportation company owner Chad Casey arrived at the Tyre home in a limousine to transport the couple to Providence.



Pastor Gene (Doc) Tyre and wife Margaret

Seeing Chad arrive at his front door, Dr. Tyre said, “My immediate thought was that Chad had come to me for counseling!” Chad only said, “I am here to drive you to church.” Of course, the Tyres had many questions during the ride to church about what was occurring but Chad kept a tight lip until they arrived at Providence.

Upon entering the church, Doc and Margaret were welcomed with a standing ovation by 126 church members. After enjoying a steak dinner, Doc and Margaret were the center of attention as they cut a wedding cake and fed each other the traditional first bite.

With Margaret by his side, Doc spoke to the church about the past 50 years of marriage and ministry, “You fill our hearts with great joy and we are overwhelmed that you have made it possible to celebrate our 50th anniversary with you who we consider our family.” He also jokingly announced that he guessed he would have to deliver his planned message another time! The Tyres were truly surprised and said it was a great beginning to the next 50 years of their marriage.

