

Virginia Church Mourns After Fatal Tent Collapse Leaves 1 Dead, 22 Injured

On Sunday morning, EastLake Community Church gathered for special Hope and Healing services at its Roanoke and Smith Mountain Lake campuses, where church leaders and members remembered Stover's life and legacy.

"For 20 years, Bob and Nancy fed all of us," Pastor Troy Keaton said during the service, according to WSLS 10. "One year, they had over 200 families in their home for a meal. They literally fed all of us. And it's our turn to feed you."

The tribute painted a picture of a man known not only for his faithfulness to the church but also for his generosity and hospitality. Church leaders encouraged members to rally around Stover's family during the difficult days ahead.

The emotional toll of the tragedy was evident throughout the service.

Moments like these raise difficult questions that do not always have easy answers. Yet even amid grief, EastLake Community Church's response has reflected the biblical call to "weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15).

As members mourn the loss of a friend, husband and fellow believer, they are leaning on the hope that sustains Christians through every storm: that while tragedy may come without warning, God's presence remains steadfast in the midst of sorrow.

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