

# Couple from Plano church killed in car wreck, two children critical

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PLANO—First Baptist Church in Plano is mourning the loss of a couple killed in an April 23 car accident and seeking to minister to seven children left without their parents.

Michael Scott Owen, 52, and Jennifer Owen, 47, were returning home from a camping trip with six of their children when the wreck took place near Sulphur Springs.

The husband and wife were transported to a hospital in Tyler, where both died from their injuries.

Michaela Owen, 15, and Dalton Owen, 10, were transported to a Dallas hospital, where they remain in critical but stable condition.

Four other children—Mitchell, 13, Alysa, 11, Samantha, 7, and Liam, 5—were treated at a Sulphur Springs hospital and released.

The eldest son, Ethan Owen, 23, was not in the car. He now “carries the responsibility of hourly decisions that must be made regarding his two critically injured siblings and the other surviving four,” a statement from First Baptist Church said.

“Scott and Jennifer Owen were faithful leaders in our church and in the community. They had servant hearts, and they were very family-oriented,” Pastor Craig Curry said.

“We are heartbroken. This family is precious to us, and we will do

everything we can to help the Owen children now and in the future.”

First Baptist Church of Plano is directing any contributions made to its [local benevolence fund](#) toward the Owen children.