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Chris Tomlin Hometown Concert

Resonate Photo: Kirsten Patullo On May 4, people from all around East Texas came to celebrate the birthday of a famous area musician in an unexpected way. Chris Tomlin was born and raised in Grand Saline. There he started his music career that would one day take him all over America and the world.

Brandi Couch, of Tyler, said, "It was really cool that Chris Tomlin wanted to come out and give a gift to someone else for his birthday." That gift was a free concert in the football stadium of his home town.



Crowd At Grand Saline Stadium

Resonate Photo: Hannah Robinson Tomlin said he had expected only a few hundred people would show up. But he must have realized that he was wrong when he set eyes on a crowd of more than 1,000 people.

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Before the concert began, the stadium was filled with many voices singing Happy Birthday to their small town hero. Alyssa Allegretto from Tyler, said, "Right after we sang happy birthday to him, the look on Chris' face was full of joy and he was blushing."

He sang new songs, including popular choruses such as "Our God" and "Follow You" as well as older pieces "Amazing Grace" and "How Great is our God." But the entire set seemed to be loved by applauding fans.

Allegretto said, "It was energized and fun and totally focused on worshipping God. It was cool to see that many people come out."

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