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OFFERING TELLERS

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NURSERY WORKERS

1st Scottie, Mike
2nd Juanita, Kendra
3rd Bonnie, Tammy
4th Kristin, Tracie
5th Joanne, Tiffany

GREETERS

1st Guy & Joanne Brown
2nd Bill & Juanita Plyler
3rd Roger & Martha Tones
4th Larry & Kathy Olsen
5th Chandler & Dylan

ABC KID's

1st Teresa, Jake, Tammy, Gayle
2nd Amy, Michael, Tiffany
3rd Bill, Juanita, Kendra
4th Bonnie, Scottie
5th Julie, Erin, Dylan

USHERS

Dickie, Daryl, Michael, Daniel, Jason
Logan B., Logan S., Scott, Trey
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OUR MISSION GOAL Is to Tell Everyone About Jesus Christ and The New Life That Can Be Experienced Through Knowing Him.

OUR CORE VALUES ARE:

Family, Teamwork, Second Chances, Personal Growth, Missions, Service, Acceptance, Truth, Love, Joy and Peace



North Main Baptist Church

SERVING CHRIST TILL HE RETURNS

ABOUT NMBC

Since 1909 North Main Baptist Church has strived to preach and teach God's truth and love to all ethnic and social backgrounds. We have a membership that consists of Salisbury, Spencer, Rockwell, Lexington, and many surrounding area residents. North Main has a strong fellowship of believers who wish to invite you to come and fellowship too at this great church. There are many opportunities to worship and serve here at North Main Baptist Church.

WE BELIEVE IN

* **THE BIBLE:** It is God's perfect truth and saving word.
* **ONE GOD:** the Creator of the universe and the Just God.
* **JESUS CHRIST:** the Son of God, our only Lord and Savior.
* **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** God living and working in each Christian.
* **THE CHURCH:** The Body of Christ on earth.
* **CHRIST DEATH:** Christ died on the cross for the sins of humanity.
* **THE RESURRECTION:** Christ arose from the dead and is alive today.
* **ETERNAL LIFE:** A gift of God that is received by faith in Christ.
* **THE POWER OF PRAYER:** Nothing is impossible with God.
* **HIS IMMINENT RETURN:** Our Lord will return to gather His Bride, the Church of Christ.

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO HEAVEN & ETERNAL LIFE?

GOD says we have **all sinned**. *Romans 3:23*
SIN **separates** us from God. *Revelation 21:27*
GOD loves us in **spite** of our sin. *Romans 5:8*
THE **payment** for our sins is **eternal separation** from God. *Romans 6:23*
JESUS **came** and **died** for sin. *John 3:16*
***BY *** **accepting, believing** and **receiving** Jesus as our Savior, we are saved. *Romans 10:9*
HEAVEN is a sure thing, **if we believe in Jesus**. *1 John 5:13*



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NMBC WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAYS

9:30am: MORNING BIBLE STUDIES
10:30am: MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30am: ABC KID'S WORSHIP SERVICE
6:00pm: EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAYS

6:30pm: PRAYER MEETING
7:30pm: SANCTUARY CHOIR PRACTICE



At the time of this writing Rev. Billy Graham lies in repose at his boyhood home in Charlotte. At the end of the week his body will lie in honor in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. He is only the fourth private US citizen to be afforded that honor. At his funeral on Monday in Charlotte a tent will house 2300 of the nation's top dignitaries as they pay their respects. Much of the rest of the nation will join them via TV and the Internet. He is generally recognized as the greatest evangelist of the 20th Century. He preached in person to over 215 million people in his *Evangelistic Crusades*, more than any man who ever lived. There is no reckoning how many, all over the world, watched him on television or heard him on radio.

What made this man so great? Why did God use Him so mightily? Can we learn anything from His life and ministry?

1. He **never left the calling of God to be an evangelist**. From 1947 in Grand Rapids to 2005 in New York, Billy preached *417 Evangelistic Crusades*. Even in 2013, at the age of 95, he preached from his home in Montreat, NC, through the *My Hope* campaign. Billy would go anywhere in the world to present God's saving message. He preached in 185 countries to over 215 million people. God rewards *faithfulness* and *obedience*.
2. Billy **never compromised his faith in the Bible** as the Word of God. He quoted the Bible more often in his sermons than any preacher this writer has ever heard. Rather than rely on rhetorical flourishes or clever phrases, he let the Bible preach itself. The Word of God did the saving. The Lord said that His Word would not return void, but would accomplish the purpose for which it was intended. God kept that promise.
3. He **was a man of moral integrity**. There was never a hint of sexual or financial scandal in his life. In the *Modesto Manifesto*, Billy and his Associates pledged to never allow themselves to be alone with a woman who was not their wife. He formed the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, making himself accountable to a Board of Directors who oversaw the finances of the Crusades. He was the first vocational evangelist who received a regular salary from his organization instead of taking the offerings from the meetings. God honors *honesty* and *integrity*.
4. He understood that **service to God requires sacrifice**. Billy loved his wife, Ruth, and his five children. Yet, he would be away from home for as much as seven months. Once, when he was disciplining his daughter Gigi, she shouted, "Some dad you are! You go away and leave us all the time!" Upon hearing this, Billy broke down in tears. Most preachers could not make that kind of sacrifice. Billy knew there was a *cross* to bear. The salvation of souls took top priority. God regards those who seek *His Kingdom first*.
5. Billy was a **courageous champion of human rights**. In the early 50's, when it could have ruined his career, he took the initiative to integrate his audiences. One of his Associate Evangelists was Ralph Bell, a black preacher. Ethel Waters and Myrtle Hall were black singers featured on his crusades. He befriended and supported Dr. Martin Luther King. God looks for *justice* in his people and blesses it.
6. Billy was a **visionary and innovator**. He used all forms of media to spread the Gospel message to the widest possible audience. He started with tent meetings, advertised with billboards. He rented huge sports stadiums to seat the massive crowds who attended his *Evangelistic Crusades*. He was the first to recognize the power of television through his *Billy Graham Television Specials*. He pioneered the use of movies to dramatize the *Message through World Wide Pictures*. He made weekly radio broadcasts on *The Hour of Decision*. These went around the world, even into communist lands. He wrote 33 books, many of which were best sellers. He wrote a weekly newspaper article called *My Answer*. He published *Decision* magazine and started *Christianity Today* magazine. Billy's vision went beyond America to include the entire human race. He took the Great Commission of Christ seriously. He sowed *the seeds* of the Gospel around the world and these *bore fruit* in countless conversions to Christ.

7. He was a **leader of men**. His godly, talented men were bound together by Billy's vision and the spiritual fellowship they shared. Grady Wilson, Tedd Smith, Art Bailey, Leighton Ford, Emery Allan, and Larry Ross were some of the leaders who surrounded Billy. *Cliff Barrows and George Beverly Shea* were the originals. They and Billy traveled, prayed and planned as a team. Billy knew the ministry was more than himself. He related to the members of the Evangelistic Association with humble kindness. Today the BGEA numbers over 500 employees. Every ministry is performed with excellence to the glory of Christ. Tour the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte to see what I mean. Billy gave God *all the glory* and his team *all the credit*.
8. Billy always **depended on the local churches**. The BGEA would not hold a Crusade in a city unless he was invited by a consortium of churches from many denominations. There was a team within the BGEA dedicated to working with local churches to pray for and organize each Crusade. The churches provided the singers for the great choirs. Local volunteers counseled those who went forward. He insisted that a plan to disciple new converts was in place. Early on, Billy decided to work with all Christian denominations. This policy cost him friends among the fundamental Baptists. But the results proved him right. Christ died for the church. God blessed Billy's work because he *remained tied to the local church*.
9. Billy was a **humble servant** of God and man. He was the counselor of Presidents, but he was never too big talk with an everyday person. He built the *Training Center at the Cove* to provide a place for Christians to come spiritual refreshing. The BGEA started the *Rapid Response Team* to aid and counsel people hurt by natural disasters. He ministered in *military bases* and in *prisons*. His and Ruth's caskets were constructed by prisoners in the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola. He answered as many letters as he was able. He personally counseled and prayed with untold thousands. Those who knew him felt his love for them and for all people. God is love and He love the world through Billy.
10. He was a **man of prayer**. He once said that his greatest regret was not spending enough time in prayer. Yet, his evangelistic team saw him spend hours on his face in prayer. He knew that without a vital connection to Christ through prayer his servants can do nothing. The Bible says *pray without ceasing*. Billy heard that and God heard him.
11. And finally, **there was Ruth**, his wife and the love of his life. Billy often said that she was the finest Christian he had ever met. She raised his children (all of whom are in some Christian ministry). She complimented his ministry with wit, style and grace. She kept him from bad decisions. She supported him in prayer. While she waited for Billy to return from his trips, she developed her own *ministry of writing*. Billy would not have been who he was without Ruth. "He who finds a wife finds a good thing," says the Bible. God gave Billy a woman who was equal to his stature in every way. Now he is reunited Ruth. No more long separations.

Like millions of other Christians around the world, Billy Graham meant a great deal to my salvation and spiritual growth. Among the happiest memories of my childhood were sitting with my family around the TV, watching the *Billy Graham Television Specials*. Once he preached to a million people at one service in Seoul, Korea. This was the largest gathering in the history of Christendom. That is a great thing. We may never see such an event until Christ returns. But I loved Billy because he spoke directly to me, and his message changed my heart and defined my life. God bless your memory. Job well done. Rest in the arms of our dear Savior.