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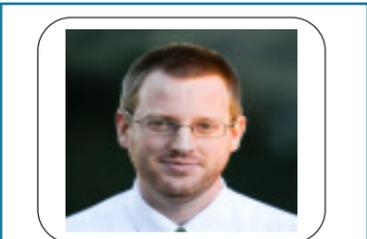
**1,500-Year-Old Pool Discovered in Israel May Hold Biblical Significance**



An exciting new discovery at EinHanniya Park in Israel has increased the interest of the archaeologists. The discovery includes arrangement of ancient pools which were constructed between the fourth and sixth centuries A.D.

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Pastor Tim Challies

While speaking on Christian dating, Pastor Tim Challies of Grace Fellowship Church in Toronto has warned the Christians that it is not biblical to get married to an unbeliever. "The Bible makes it very, very clear that

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**Rev. Billy Graham's 'extraordinary life'**

In the spring of 1934, Billy Graham's father allowed a group of Charlotte businessmen to use a portion of the family's dairy farm to gather for a day of prayer. On that day, the men prayed for the city. They prayed that out of Charlotte the Lord would raise up someone to preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.

We are here today more than 80 years later because that prayer was truly answered. Billy Graham was 15 years old at the time. Just a few months later he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. That choice didn't just change Billy's life, it changed our lives. It changed our country and it changed, in fact, the entire world.

The North Carolina farm boy walked out of those fields into a great and beautiful history. Starting at a small Bible school in Florida, he soon led a nationwide revival, from a large tent in Los Angeles, to 100,000 people in a single day at Yankee Stadium, to more than 2 million people at Madison Square Garden over 16 weeks in 1957. And I remember that, because my father said to me, "Come on son," and by the



An excerpt of Donald Trump's message at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on February 28, 2018.

way, he said, "Come on, Mom. Let's go see Billy Graham at Yankee Stadium." And it was something very special. But Americans came in droves to hear that great, young preacher. Fred Trump was a big fan. Fred Trump was my father. In London, Tokyo, Seoul, Bogota, Moscow, New Delhi, Saigon, Johannesburg and scores of other places all over the world, Reverend Graham shared the power of God's word with more than 200 million people in person, and countless others through television and radio, where people loved to watch and listen.

Billy Graham carried his message around the world, but his heart, as Franklin

will tell you, was always in America. He took his message to the poorest places, to the downtrodden and to the brokenhearted, to inmates in prison, and to the overlooked and the neglected. He felt a great passion for those that were neglected. Everywhere he went, Reverend Graham delivered the same beautiful message: God loves you. That was his message: God loves you.

We can only imagine the number of lives touched by the preaching and the prayers of Billy Graham; the hearts he changed, the sorrows he eased, and the joy he brought to so many. The testimony is endless. Today, we give thanks for this

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## Trump at Prayer Breakfast Says US 'Strengthened by the Power of Prayer'



In his second appearance at the annual National Prayer Breakfast, President Trump declared his belief in the country's dependence on the Almighty. "America's a nation of believers and together we are strengthened by the power of prayer," the president said in his 14-minute speech that emphasized the relation between faith and government.

"We see the power of God's love at work in our souls and the power of God's will to answer all of our prayers," Trump said. "When Americans are able to live by

their convictions, to speak openly of their faith and to teach their children what is right, our families thrive, our communities flourish and our nation can achieve anything at all", he asserted the right of every American to speak about his or her faith.

The 66th annual event, which drew more than 3,600 people to the Washington Hilton on Thursday (Feb. 8), was a time for prayer, speeches and networking between religious and political leaders from scores of countries. Guests at the breakfast of

quiche, bagels and fruit salad included the presidents of Guatemala, Kosovo and Latvia.

The breakfast also paid tribute to one of its longtime organizers, Doug Coe, who died last year in late February. President Trump described Coe as someone "who everybody loved" and added: "For 60 years Doug devoted his time and passion to this prayer breakfast and to many other wonderful causes."

Held in early February each year, the breakfast is sponsored by the Fellowship Foundation, a secretive Christian organization also known as the International Foundation. It is co-hosted by Democratic and Republican members of House and Senate weekly prayer groups. The breakfast is a predominantly evangelical Christian event, but Orthodox, Catholic and other Christians also take part, as do some non-Christians.

## Actor Jim Caviezel: 'The Passion of the Christ' Sequel Will Be 'The Biggest Film in History'



Speaking about the sequel to "The Passion of the Christ" Christian actor Jim Caviezel said that it will be "the biggest film in history."

Although a release date for the film has not yet been given, the film is being much awaited. The Passion of the Christ, directed by Mel Gibson and starring Caviezel as Jesus, came out in 2004. The film grossed over \$370 million, making it the highest-earning R-rated film ever made in the U.S., so Caviezel's prediction that the sequel will be "the biggest film in history" has some credibility. Although Caviezel didn't speak much about the sequel, he just said that, "There are things that I cannot say that will shock the

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Rev. Joseph Chacko. OK,  
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Matthew 6:5-8 (KJV)

## The Perfect and Imitable Personal Prayer



**5** *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*

### What is Personal Prayer?

Prayer is the communication with God. Prayer is talking to God and hearing from Him. Some Christians pray to God without taking time to hear from Him. Prayer is not a shopping list. We can use anytime, anywhere, of course we can pray, the Bible says, pray without ceasing. But real personal prayer is preparing ourselves, set apart time and communicate with God in a solitary secret place where you and God alone. We are in a busy world, giving importance to personal prayer even though it is the prime important duty of a Christian. Jesus showed us example for our personal prayer life. Christians are

his disciples; we have to follow his pattern.

Personal prayer is different from corporate prayer. Personal prayer is between you and your God alone. When two or more people gather together to pray, it is Corporate prayer! Example family prayer, prayer groups, church common prayer. Corporate prayer can be done in group so it is easy but personal prayer requires daily discipline and the power of the Holy Spirit. Personal prayer leads us into a holy living, transforming us into God's image and Christ's Character. It is often said that sinners cease praying and those who pray cease sinning.

Prayer is always focused and founded in the word of God. A person who knows how to communicate personally with God, the creator of the universe, is the powerful man or woman on the face of the earth. Jesus said in

Matthew 6: 5-6 about the lesson we need to follow in personal prayer life. Jesus said when you pray, it is not if you pray, when He uses the word "when", it is the commandment to His disciple, not an option. It is mandatory as every Christian need to spend time in personal prayers systematically on a daily basis.

### Jesus' Personal Prayer Life: Our Imitable Model

Some Christians think that they can pray always. I too agree with that. But personal prayer is different from that kind of prayer. When you are invited to meet an important person, you take time, prepare yourself to meet him. You don't go in a casual way. How much more important it is when you meet your heavenly father and communicate with Him in personal prayer. Jesus took special time for personal prayer, away from the crowd and even far away

from His dearest disciples. He never allowed them to come near to Him (Luke 6: 12, Mark 1: 35).

Jesus trusted His father in Heaven for everything and therefore confronted all the major events of his life in prayer. Both the beginning (Matthew Ch.4) and the end of his ministry were met in prayer and the culmination, upon the cross, was perhaps only accomplished by the battle in prayer, while he was in the Garden of Gethsemane (John Ch. 17). Before Jesus chose the future leaders of the Church he prayed all night (Luke 6: 12-16); he was seen to pray at his transfiguration (Luke 9: 26-38) and the raising of Lazarus (John 11: 41-43). Similarly, he prayed during and after the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14: 19; John 6: 11). It was Jesus' exemplary life of prayer that prompted the disciples' request for teaching on

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# Billy Graham: The Evangelist of the Century

The Spiritual atmosphere in the family helped Billy shape his life to an extent. Though his parents quarreled often, he never heard them using a word of profanity.



BY MANUEL JOSEPH TH.M

THE END TIME NEWS SUB EDITOR

World's most famous evangelist, Rev. Billy Graham, passed away on 21 February 2018, in his home at Montreat, North Carolina, having struggled with health issues of his old age. Billy Graham was 99. As per the estimation of organization he established, Billy Graham Evangelical Association (BGEA), he has shared gospel with 215 million people (above 21 crores) in person through his crusades spanning across 60 years in all five continents. Graham has also ministered to untold millions via radio, television, and print media. He authored more than 30 books including *Angels: God's Secret Agents* (1975), *Approaching Hoofbeats* (1983), *Storm Warning* (1992), and his 1997 autobiography, *Just As I Am*. Several of his books became best-sellers. With no doubt whatsoever, it can be said of him that he obeyed the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ to go and preach the gospel to all nations.

### His Childhood

Billy Graham was born on November 7, 1918, as the first of four children born to Morrow Coffey Graham and her husband, William Frank Graham, a dairy farmer. He was named William Franklin Graham Jr. But from his childhood days, his family and friends called him "Billy Frank", which after some years turned to "Billy Graham".

After two years of their marriage, Billy Graham was born to Frank and Morrow. As a child, he was so hyperactive that his parents took him to a doctor thinking that something was seriously wrong with the little boy. All the doctor could understand was his "unusual high level of energy". After two years his sister Catherine Graham was born, then Melvin Graham, his brother, and the youngest sister Jean Graham was born eight years after Melvin.

Billy was tall and thin with a shock of blond hair. Being the eldest in the family, he helped the parents with milking and feeding cows, delivering milk and working in the farm from dawn till dusk. He dreamed of becoming a baseball



player, though he was just a substitute for his high school team. The very advantage he had living in a farm in the rural area was that he learned driving when he was just 8 years old. When he was 10, he could even drive a truck though the rough terrains in his locality. He was very close with his sisters and brother Melvin. Later, these childhood days were always remembered by Mr. Graham with much respect, love and admiration to his family members.

The Spiritual atmosphere in the family helped Billy shape his life to an extent. Though his parents quarreled often, he never heard them using a word of profanity. The family regularly attended the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in downtown Charlotte. Billy's mother insisted him to memorize various passages from the Bible. The young boy seemed to have believed everything the preacher spoke against the vices such as drinking, smoking, lusting and gambling. He was never given to any of them. Later, in his book called "*Just As I Am*" he said, "Lying, cheating, stealing, and property destruction are foreign to me. I was

taught that laziness was one of the worst evils." (p.22). Billy Graham's childhood days were very usual as of a young boy of his time, but everything changed since his conversion.

### His Conversion

In 1934, when Graham was 17 years old, the Reverend Mordecai Ham, a well-known revivalist preacher from Louisville, Kentucky, (USA) arrived in

Charlotte to begin a three-month evangelistic campaign. Ham was a well-known preacher then who always called people to believe in Jesus Christ and to walk in righteousness leaving behind all kinds of filth of the decaying society. When Ham came to Charlotte, Billy was not at all interested in attending the revival meeting. Having heard of the rumors of what was happening in the tent, along with some friends he made his first visit to the revival camp only to be stunned by the scene—the music, the oratory, the calls for repentance, the gestures of townspeople who publicly declared their faith by marching down the sawdust rail to the platform. The scene was mesmerizing.

The young Billy Graham made it to the tent, day after day. He felt like the preacher was speaking to him individually and directly pointing his bony finger at him. When the preacher asked to give up all the sinfulness, he thought of his reckless driving habits and there were no other bad habits to

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count. At the end of one such meetings he found himself walking down the aisle when the preacher made the call to receive Jesus as Savior and to give a public notice of committing his life to the Lord. About his conversion, he remembered, "When my decision for Christ was made, I walked slowly down and knelt in prayer. I opened my heart and knew for the first time the sweetness and joy of God, of truly being born again." (Russ Busby, *Billy Graham: God's Ambassador*, p 33).

He met Grady Wilson and his brother Thomas Walter (T.W.), sons of a local plumber, and others who would become friends and associates for life in that tent in Charlotte.

During the final year in High School, his parents made him listen to every preacher who came to Charlotte. They even convinced a preacher named Jimmie Johnson to stay in their farm. While staying there, Jimmy took Billy Graham to a jail where he used to conduct bible classes. Unexpectedly, he was asked to speak about his conversion experience to the inmates there. That was his first ever experience to speak in public about his faith in Christ. In the Spring of 1936, when Billy Graham graduated from the

High School, he wrote in the year book that he wanted to be a minister of the gospel.

#### **The College and the Ministerial Training**

The college education had served as a base for his ministry. During Graham's senior year at Sharon, Bob Jones, head of Bob Jones College in Cleveland,



*Young Billy Graham*

Tennessee, and a dynamic fundamentalist speaker, had visited the school just once. So Graham's parents decided that Bob Jones College was the best place for their son, an aspiring student of the gospel. Jimmie Johnson had been a graduate of Bob Jones and both T.W. and Grady also decided to attend Jones. That was enough to convince Billy. He agreed to enroll. But his family was going through a serious financial crisis as the whole country was going through "the Great Depression of the Thirties". Still they decided to pay the fee and enroll him for college.

In the meantime, for a short-time, Billy Graham took the job of a salesman for Fuller Brush Company and he went door to door selling household cleaning materials. he perfected his sales pitch and tailored his chatter to suit various individuals. He learned a great deal about

communicating a message and connecting with a variety of people through this job.

In 1936, Billy Graham and his friends started their college and in the initial days itself, he felt uncomfortable. The rules in Bob Jones were tough and hard to follow. It could even be compared to the Prisons. Even the letters were monitored for purity. The most irritating thing for Graham was the method of teaching. In the process of learning, there was no room for debates or intellectual discourses. By Christmas Vacation, Billy had almost made his mind to quit.

Later in January, 1937, he transferred to Florida Bible

Institute. Graham found in the Institute everything he had not found at Bob Jones. From here he got some teachers who became lifelong friends. Along with the instructions, practical lessons on evangelism were also given outside the campus. Florida Bible Institute was the place that molded and made him a preacher. During this period, he was roaming across the streets preaching gospel. He normally drew a good crowd of a few hundred even in Trailer Parks. He became a common sight in the street corners of the cities nearby. In the nearby city Tampa, on a Sunday, he used to preach seven times at least. At times, he was opposed by people and was physically assaulted, but never ceased to preach the



*Louis Zamperini. Restless young man, U.S. Olympic runner, war hero, and sinner in need of grace who helped to define the era of Billy Graham (early publicity photo)*

gospel message. The "unusual energy" he had in the childhood was channelized finally to missions and crusades thereafter to create a history **Marriage, Missions and Crusades**

Dean John Minder, a dean of the Institute and pastor of the Tampa Gospel Tabernacle, had a special interest in Graham and it was he who encouraged Billy Graham to preach his first sermon on Easter Sunday, 1937, at Bostwick Baptist Church in Palatka, Florida. The pastor of the church was Reverend Cecil Underwood

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Abigail T John

## Sparkling Wisdom

### Quotes from Billy Graham

☞ The Cross shows us the seriousness of our sin-but it also shows us the immeasurable love of God.

☞ The will of God will not take us where grace of God cannot sustain us.

☞ When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, everything is lost.

☞ Knowing we will be with Christ forever far outweighs our burden today! Keep your eyes on eternity.

☞ It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love.

☞ Sin is the second most powerful force in the universe, for it sent Jesus to the cross. Only one force is greater-the love of God.

☞ Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone except God.

☞ We are the Bibles the world is reading. We are the creeds the world is needing. We are the sermons the world is heading.

☞ Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion. It is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.

☞ Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God.

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extraordinary life. And it's very fitting that we do so right here in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, where the memory of the American people is enshrined.

Here in this room, we are reminded that America is a nation sustained by prayer. The painting to my left is of the Pilgrims as they embark for America, holding fast to the Bible, and bowing their heads in prayer. Along these walls, we see the faces of Americans who prayed as they stood on the Lexington Green, who prayed as they

headed west, prayed as they headed into battle, and prayed as they marched for justice, and always marched for victory.

Around us stand the statues of heroes who led the nation in prayer during the great and difficult times, from Washington to Lincoln to Eisenhower to King. And today, in the center of this great chamber, lies legendary Billy Graham, an ambassador for Christ who reminded the world of the power of prayer and the gift of God's grace.

Today, we honor him as only three private citizens before him have been so honored. And like the faithful of Charlotte once did, today we say a prayer for our country that all across this land the Lord will raise up men and women like Billy Graham to spread a message of love and hope to every precious child of God.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless America. Thank you very much.

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prayer (Luke 11:1-14) and so from his practical

experience Jesus gave them guidance on the rudiments of prayer.

Jesus' whole life was one of communion with God so that he not only enjoyed fellowship with His Father, but He also ascertained the daily purposes of God for His ministry, in order to walk in obedience to the point of death, even death on a cross!! Jesus' personal prayer life is the perfect example for a believer to emulate in order to maintain that personal relationship with God and for living in hope until His appearing!!



who later introduced Billy to many churches and pastors around the city. In the summer 1938, Billy opened his first revival meeting in association with a youth group. The meeting was held at the East Palatka Baptist Church and Graham stayed with the pastor's family helping them in house chores during the day and preaching at the church at night. The revival meeting was modest and it didn't draw many people. But the local newspaper carried a news about the preacher as emotion and strict who conveyed people that their end is in hell if they don't repent of their sins. After his first revival, he was invited by a local radio station WFOY in the nearby city St. Augustine, to deliver messages on weekly basis. The street speaking, the small revival and the radio messages boosted Billy Graham's confidence in venturing out more with gospel sharing.

Soon after the revival Pastor Underwood asked Billy to join with a Baptist organization to continue to hold meetings in Baptist Churches. He accepted the suggestion and became a Baptist. He was baptized by

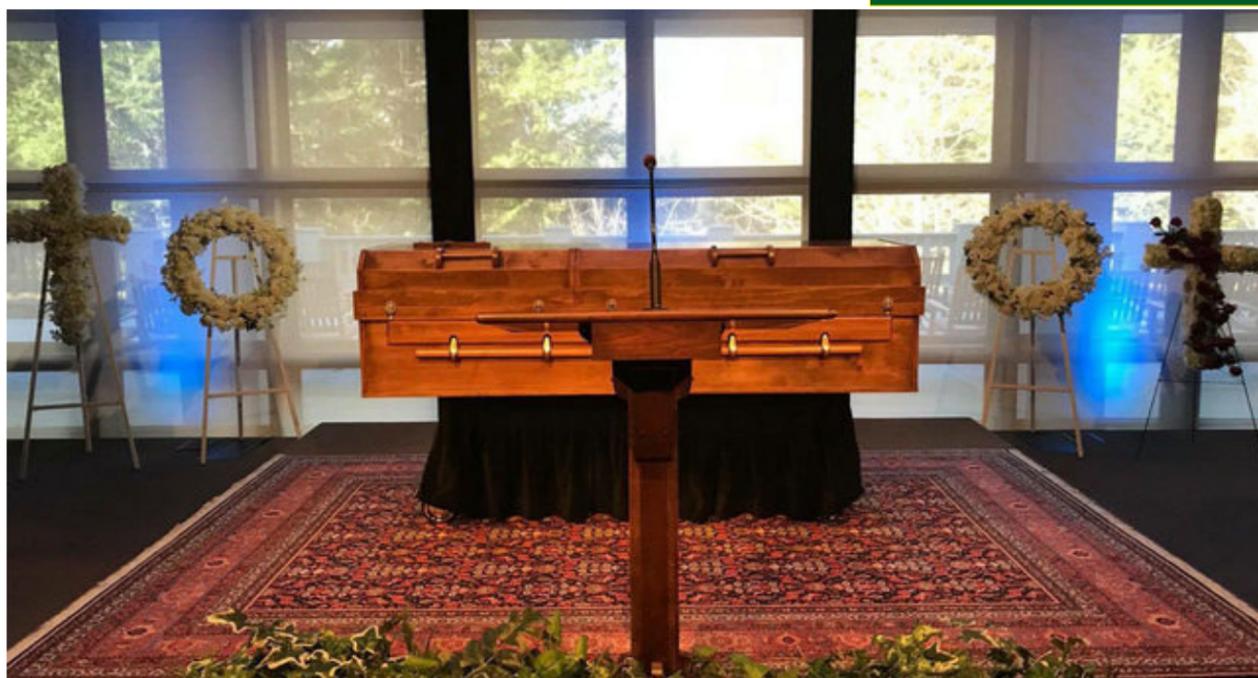
Reverend Underwood nearby Silver Lake wading. It was an immersion baptism and thereafter he referred to himself as Baptist forsaking his Presbyterian roots. Several months after his baptism, he was formally ordained as an evangelist by the St. John's Baptist Association of Northern Florida. In the spring of 1940, When he finished his studies at Florida Bible Institute, he was prepared well with a message that he would preach for the rest of his life. His gospel messages included everything a fundamental evangelist would speak: repentance from sin-all kinds of, accepting Christ and facing consequences of sin.

In the fall of 1940, Billy Graham joined Wheaton College for his higher studies. It was here that he met his wife Ruth Bell. She was born in China as her father, Dr. L. Nelson Bell was a missionary to China. Her dream was to remain single and work among the nomadic Tibetan tribes in Himalayas. Graham and Ruth were introduced to each other by their common friend, Johnny Streater. In November 1940, they met for the first time and he had fallen in love with her instantly. When Billy informed

his family about his newly found love, Ruth was totally in doubt whether to marry him or not. After a lot of contemplation from both sides, on Friday, August 13, 1943, 24-year-old Billy Graham married Ruth Bell in Montreat at the Presbyterian conference center. The service was conducted by Billy's mentor, John Minder. Dr. Kerr Taylor, a close friend of the Bells and fellow missionary, assisted in the service. After a short honeymoon in the resort town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, they headed back to Western Springs, near Chicago, where Billy Graham had taken up the office of the pastor of "The Village Baptist Church".

In January 1944, a Chicago-area pastor, Torrey Johnson, asked Graham to take over a weekly radio program called "Songs in the Night" on Chicago station WCFL. Every Sunday night, from the basement sanctuary, the program reached out across the Chicago area with the fresh sounds of a dynamic preacher. Joining with a 37-year-old Christian soloist named George Beverly Shea he added a different dimension to his

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*Inmates at Louisiana State Penitentiary built Rev. Billy Graham's casket at the request of his son Franklin Graham. Three inmate names, Richard Liggett, Paul Krolowitz and Clifford Bowman, are burned into the wood of the casket.*



program. Thus he became a busy pastor and a radio minister.

In 1944 itself, he joined with Youth For Christ International (YFCI) and became a travelling preacher. He had to resign from the pastorate. The ministry at YFCI was very interesting for Billy as he got an audience of youngsters in numbers of thousands as he travelled across 47 states around 200000 miles in his first year itself. The music was at the heart of the rallies. They were great spectacles. The choir itself used to be of 1000 members wearing white dress with a few wearing black in order to form a cross outline in the midst. The rallies were great success too as the message of the gospel reached thousands of youngsters all across America within a short span of time.

In September 1945 Ruth Graham gave birth to their first child, Virginia Leftwich (Gigi). In May 1948, Second daughter, Anne, was born. In December 1950, their third Daughter Ruth Bell (Bunny) was born. In July 1952, their first Son and fourth child, William Franklin Graham III was born. The fifth and the younger son, Nelson Edman (Ned) Graham was born in May 1958. The Lord blessed the family with five children and William Franklin Graham III looks after the organization BGEA and

Samaritan's Purse at present. Sister Anne Graham Lotz is a famous Christian evangelist and a well-known author. Other children have been serving the Lord in various capacities.

#### **The Los Angeles Revival**

In 1949, Graham became a national figure with his revival in Los Angeles. Los Angeles that ran five weeks longer than planned. During the eight week Los Angeles crusade Graham preached 65 times, with more than 6,000 people committing or recommitting their lives to Christ. Graham gained heavy coverage from the television and national magazines and newspapers. Graham continued to gain fame through a decade of successful evangelistic crusades in major cities across the United States, Europe, Africa, South America, and Asia. To run his ministry on an orderly way, Graham, along with his wife and co-workers, incorporated the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) in 1950.

#### **The Hour of Decision and Christianity Today**

The same year BGEA became incorporated, Graham began the weekly radio program called "The Hour of Decision". In 1956, Billy Graham founded Christianity Today magazine to express historical Christianity to the present generation. Using the

magazine's platform and his international connections, Graham and close friend John Stott launched the World Congress on Evangelism (now known as the Lausanne Movement) to challenge and unite evangelical Christians in the great task of world evangelization.

In 1950, He was invited by the President Harry S. Truman to the Whitehouse. From then to the term of Ex-President Barack Obama, Graham served as a spiritual adviser to the Office of President of the United States of America. So he was duly called "the Pastor to the Presidents". George W. He was also known as "America's Pastor". In 2010, Barack Obama visited Graham's house in Montreat for a prayer meeting.

Graham began preaching overseas in 1954 with a visit to Great Britain, where more than 2million people attended his rallies. He held hundreds of rallies around the world, including South Africa, South Korea, Poland and Romania. In 1990, he toured China, something he would later call the "greatest crusade of my life."

#### **Indian Tour and Madison Square Garden Revival**

Billy Graham held his meetings in India too in 1956. They were held between January 17 to

February 13 in the cities such as Bombay, Madras, Kottayam, Trivandrum, Palmcottah, Dohnavur, New Delhi, Bangalore, Benares, Calcutta. Between Jan 27-29, He spoke at Kottayam and on February 2, He spoke in a convention in Trivandrum, the two major cities in Kerala.

The revival meeting at the Madison Square Garden, New York, was considered as the most important crusade of his life. On May 15, 1957, the New York Crusade meetings began in and continued for an unprecedented 16 weeks. During those 16 weeks, 2,397,400 persons attended the meetings and 61,148 made decisions for Christ. Yankee stadium service on July 20, 1957 was planned to be the final rally, but it had to be continued as Graham packed the stadium every day to the capacity of 100000 people full seating and another 20000 outside listening. After the Crusade was over, Robert O. Ferm took some of the conversion stories that happened during the meetings, and compiled them into a booklet called They Met God at the New York Crusade (no longer in print).

After the Madison Square, Billy Graham visited many continents

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and countries with the gospel. Australia and New Zealand (1959), Latin American countries, including Columbia, Brazil, and Argentina (1962-63), Vietnam (1966), Yugoslavia (1967), Switzerland (1974), China (1975), Hungary (1977), Poland (1978), Moscow (1982), Holland (1983), Russia (1984), Scotland (1991), North Korea (1992), Japan (1994), and Canada (1998) are just a few of them to mention. His gospel trips to Puerto Rico in 1995 turned out to be very exceptional as the message preached there was heard by millions of people in 165 countries with the help of satellite transmission. This was an unusual feat.

Billy Graham preached his last sermon on Nov. 7, 2013, for "My Hope America With Billy Graham," a nationwide movement to expose Americans to the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. After that time, the family has observed that Graham was much more willing to be with the Lord rather than being here on earth. His health started deteriorating and his hearing was very poor and in the last days he not immobile. As Christianity's most successful spokesman, Billy Graham has

preached 417 crusades over a span of more than 50 years.

#### National Honors

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan gave Graham the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor. In 1996, President Bill Clinton also presented Billy and Ruth with the Congressional Gold Medal. On September 14, 2001, he delivered a message at Washington National Cathedral on National Day of Prayer and Remembrance following September 11 tragedy. The President invited Billy Graham to address the nation with his comforting message.

#### Retirement from BGEA

In 2000, he retired the leadership of BGEA and the ministry is thereafter headed by His son Will Franklin Graham III. After Franklin Graham took over as chief executive officer of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the elder Graham continued to serve as chairman of the board. The other four Graham children also got into the family business, either through their own ministries or evangelical speaking.

In 2007, his wife went to be with the Lord. She had been in frail health since 1995 as she was

suffering from spinal meningitis. On June 14, 2007, she died at 5:05 PM (EDT), in Montreat, North Carolina, with her husband and five children at her bedside, four days after her 87th birthday. A private ceremony followed by burial on the grounds of the Billy Graham Library was held on Sunday, June 17, 2007.

#### The Celebration of Life of Billy Graham

On February 28 and March 1, 2018, Billy Graham became the fourth private citizen in United States history to lie in honor at the United States Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C. Graham is the first religious leader to be honored in this manner. At the ceremony, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan called Graham "America's pastor". President Donald Trump

said Graham was "an ambassador for Christ".

On March 2, 2018, a private funeral service was held in Billy Graham Library with an attendance of 2300 invited guests. The President Donald Trump and his family and Vice President Mike Pence and his family were among the guests. Graham was buried beside his wife at the foot of the cross-shaped brick walkway in the Prayer Garden of the Billy Graham Library. Graham was buried in a pine plywood casket, handcrafted in 2006 by inmates at the Louisiana State Prison. It is topped with a wooden cross nailed to it.

Graham is survived by three daughters, two sons as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.





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## THE VISIBLE AND THE INVISIBLE CHURCH OF GOD

**T**his is the age of the church for the supreme work of God in this age is the gathering of His church. Someday at the Second coming of the Lord it will be completed Eph. 4:12. The name of church has been derived from the Greek word "Ecclesia" which means "to called out from". This word is used almost 111 times in the Old Testament. It is used in the New Testament for the assembly of believers in Christ Matt 16:18, 1 Cor. 1:2, Eph. 5:25-27. The believers are called out ones from worldliness unto Godliness and therefore they are Ecclesia (Rom. 8: 30, 2 Cor. 6: 17).

Another word used for in relation to church is "Kuriakon" which means 'that which belongs to the Lord'. The church is a kuriakon (Lk. 22:25, 1 Cor. 11:20, Rom. 14:8,9). The church can be defined as the body of believers who have been called out from the world and who are under the dominion and authority of Jesus Christ.

### THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

The foundation of the Church: There is a misunderstanding among

the nominal Christians that the church was founded upon Peter in Mt. 16:16-18. The correct meaning which even Peter understood that is Jesus is foundation, for Peter says in Acts 4:11 - Jesus as the Corner stone. Therefore, it's not wise to give a meaning even Peter has not thought off. Yes, the church is established on Peter's confession that Jesus is the Son of living God.

### THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The teachings of Christ are mainly centered around the kingdom of God concept Mk. 1:15. But Jesus talked about the church also in Mt. 16:18. Although there is a connection between the two, they are not identical. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church (Ephesians 1:22), which is the body of believers called by God now to proclaim the good news of the coming Kingdom of God. In other words, we might say that the Church is the forerunner of the coming

Kingdom of God. In clear distinction, the Bible doesn't use the word "kingdom" to apply directly to the Church. Instead, the Kingdom of God refers to God's prophesied government, which will literally rule on this earth (Revelation 11:15; Revelation 5:10).

### THE HISTORICAL BEGINNING

It was on the day of Pentecost that the church came into existence. From that day onwards till Jesus comes again is the period of the church now we are living in the Church age. In other words, the dispensation of Grace mean everywhere has the opportunity to repent and believe to be saved and living in holiness, so as to be the member of the Church.

### THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

It started with 120 people Acts 1:15 and 2:1. The church in its beginning was not limited to Palestine and the Jews, there were men from

different nations in Jerusalem in the day of Pentecost who believed in Christ. The membership increased to 3000 in Acts 2:41, to 5000 in 4:4, multitudes 4:32 and membership still multiplied in 6:7.

### CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

It is the Lord who adds the members to the church. He fills it with those who are truly saved as seen in Acts 2:47. The following conditions are the requirements for the membership in a local church.

1. Repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior for the remission of sin Acts 2:38.
2. Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Mt. 28:19.
3. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, so as to live in the spirit of holiness, wisdom, truth and righteousness.

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## 1,500-Year-Old Pool ....

The Israel Antiquities Authority is in charge of the discovery, and reported that artifacts such as a rare silver coin, part of a pillar, pottery, and glass were all found at the site.

Irina Zilberbod, the excavation director for the Israel Antiquities Authority, explained the significance of the discovery:

“The most significant finding in the excavation is a large and impressive pool from the Byzantine period. This pool was built in the center of a spacious complex at the foot of a church that once stood here. Roofed colonnades were built around the pool that gave access to residential wings.”

It is thought this ancient pool may be where Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26-40. “As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?’ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him” (verses 36-38).

“The baptism of the eunuch by St. Philip was one of the key events in the spread of Christianity. Therefore, identifying the place where it occurred occupied scholars for many generations and became a common motif in Christian art,” added Jerusalem District Archaeologist Dr. Yuval Baruch.

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4. Having a converted life from this wicked generation.  
5. Continue to live in apostolic teaching.  
6. Having fellowship with one another and breaking bread or communion and fellowship.  
7. Continue in prayer.  
Membership in the Church is offered to the believers by the Lord Himself. The early church members were called as believers or as brethren (Acts 11:29, Rom. 1:3), as saints (1 Cor. 1:2), and as elect (Mk. 13:27). The church members were called as “Christians” by the unbelievers for the first time at Antioch Acts 11:26.

The visible and the invisible Church

The body of believers who are able to gather together in the name of Jesus Christ will constitute the visible local churches. The visible

one is not the real one as some in the visible church maybe professing Christians and not truly saved ones. The invisible Church, which in fact is the real one, is the universal body of believers in the name of Jesus Christ. Though they can’t gather together on earth, invisible is the real church. At the first phase of the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the universal church will be taken into the mid-air with Him!

## BELIEVERS SHOULD NEVER....

a Christian can only marry another Christian. You may not marry somebody who is an unbeliever. You should not marry somebody for whom you’re not certain whether they’re a believer or not. So absolutely, the first thing is, is this person a believer in Jesus Christ? Do we share faith?” Challie explained the biblical standpoint.

“And you know, it can sound very easy, it can sound — that person’s almost there, or that person really loves me, and he’s promised he won’t interfere, or that kind of thing. You may not do it,” he asserted. “And there’s very good reasons for that. These things may be easy now when you’re really in love with one another and you know, you’ll do anything to marry one another. It will at some point

get more difficult and there will inevitably be consequences for marrying an unbeliever.”

He also noted that Christians do not “casually date” with no goal in mind. “As we date, there should be the view toward marriage. But that can complicate things because it can make it seem like, I’m asking you out for a coffee and I want to have babies with you someday. That’s adding a lot of weight to simply having a coffee,” he continued.

The statistics showed that 61 percent of Christians in America are married to a spouse of the same religion, while 15 percent are married to one from a different Christian tradition. Eighteen percent of believers were married to a spouse without a religious affiliation, and 6 percent were in other types of mixed marriages.

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audience. It’s great. Stay tuned.”

The sequel will reportedly focus on the Resurrection. In 2016, Gibson said, “The Resurrection. Big subject. We’re trying to craft this in a way that’s cinematically compelling and enlightening so that it shines new light, if possible, without creating some weird thing.”

Caviezel is an outspoken Christian who is often involved

in faith-related projects. Last month, he spoke at the Fellowship of Catholic University Students SLS Leadership Conference where he told the crowd, “I want you to go out into this pagan world, I want you to have the courage to step into this pagan world and shamelessly express your faith in public. The world needs proud warriors animated by their faith.”

## Submissions Invited

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## DAGESTAN (Russian) CHURCH SHOOTING FIVE PEOPLE KILLED



Five women were shot dead in an apparent Islamist attack on an Orthodox church in Russia's North Caucasus

region of Dagestan on Sunday. An unidentified gunman fired at worshippers in the small town of Kizlyar in the mainly Muslim region. At

least five other people, including two Russian police officers, were wounded in the attack, which took place after a service to mark the start of Russian Orthodox Lent. The shootings took place Sunday evening in Kizlyar, a town of about 50,000 people on the border with Chechnya. "An unknown man opened fire with a hunting rifle in Kizlyar, fatally wounding four women," the regional internal affairs ministry said in a statement. A fifth

woman died of her injuries in hospital.

The attacker was "eliminated" by police fire, the regional internal affairs ministry added. He was a local man in his early 20s, according to a local official quoted by the Interfax news agency.

"We had finished the mass and were beginning to leave the church. A bearded man ran towards the church shouting 'Allahu Akbar' and killed four people," Father Pavel said. "He was carrying a rifle and a knife." Dagestan is a predominantly Muslim region between Chechnya and the Caspian Sea. Following two separatist wars in neighboring Chechnya, an Islamist insurgency spread to Dagestan.



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