And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15 NKJV



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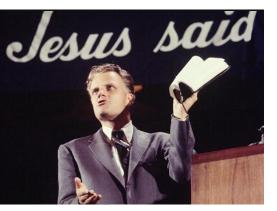
Service of Worship & Communion

Sunday, 4 March, 2018

Sunday School 9:30am Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm Hothersal Turning, St. Michael | Rev. Ronald Trotman - Pastor Tel: 426-4707 | 571-4259 pastor@bereanbarbados.org | www.bereanbarbados.org

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Billy Graham made me believe in **Revival**



LYNCHBURG, VA (ANS - February 27, 2018) -- On Monday, I received a call inviting me to the private funeral of Billy Graham. "Why me?" I thought. Then I was reminded that I taught at the Billy Graham School of Evangelism. Also, I was a member of his foreign missions committee that planned Amsterdam 2000.

What will I remember when I view his body or be present when his wooden casket is lowered into the grave? I will not remember the vast crowds that came to hear him preach or the powerful sermons inviting people to come to Jesus, nor will I remember he was the pastor to every U.S. President since Truman, or that I graduated from Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Billy had been president.

I will remember revival—a true Holy Spirit revival. Revival is when God pours out His presence on His people and both they and the church revives New Testament Christianity.

I will remember my senior high Sunday school class discussing the Billy Graham revival in Los Angeles where crowds filled the massive tent for eight weeks. As a 17 year-old boy I knew that God's power was all over that young evangelist named Billy Graham and I wanted what he offered. Little did I know that in just a few months mercy drops of revival would splash into a little Presbyterian church in Savannah, Georgia where I attended. On July 25, 1950, I was born again and nothing has been the same.

I went to Columbia Bible College and Billy Graham filled the Columbia South Carolina auditorium every night with city-stirring revival. Almost every radio station covered it live and I remember turning the radio dial from one exciting interview to another. I remember thinking, "This is just like Pentecost."

I remember joining First Baptist Church Dallas, Texas, in 1954, when I went to seminary. A few weeks later Billy Graham came to join the church. The crowd on the street seemed to be as the one in the church. I could feel the windows of heaven opening as God poured revival into that church (it became the biggest in America in the 1950s).

I remember my friend Lyman Coleman left seminary in our second year to move to London, England, to administer the follow-up program at Harringay Arena in London, England, because thousands were coming to church. "Don't give up your education," I told Lyman. But he said that this is a life-changing opportunity.

I remember visiting Emmanuel Baptist Church on Yoido Island, Seoul, Korea, just after Billy Graham had preached to over one million people gathered at one place. I talked to a former Buddhist taxi cab driver who had taken passengers to see the spectacular event and stayed to hear the sermon. He was saved and became a pastor and that nation was never the same.

I remember sitting in a hotel conference room in the 1990s planning Amsterdam 2000 and a budget of 36 million dollars. The Billy Graham organization spent that much to pay for 7000 evangelists at Amsterdam '87. Billy said we could do it again in the year 2000 for the same price, but this time train 10,000 evangelists. He paid their plane fare from all over the world, plus hotel accommodations for 10 nights and meals.

"We will raise 36 million dollars before the meeting begins," Billy said through a teleconference communication. Someone asked, "How can we do that?" Billy answered, "I will write a personal letter to 36,000 people and ask for \$1,000 each."

I remember jumping to my feet saying, "I will give the first thousand." I remember Billy's faith for money, and for his faith for the biggest crowds ever and for revival, i.e., the presence of God.

When I stand by that open grave, will I be sad? No, I will remember revival, I will remember the captivating presence of God in revival, and I will know that God can do it again.

Times are rough, everyone seems to be caught up in pleasure, or pursuing their addictive habits, and that politicians are angry and are attacking other politicians from their own prejudice that keeps the world in turmoil.

When they cover Billy's wooden casket with dirt, I will not look back. I will look to the future. I will know that somewhere there is another Billy who will study in another unknown Wheaton College, who with only a Bible and the call of God upon his life and faith to move mountains, will again believe God for revival. God will again pour Himself on this needy world. However, the next Billy may come from Fiji, or will be a Hispanic boy from the Southwest or an immigrant from the Far East. He will have an answer for the problems of the world and he will preach to the multitudes in their hour of decision. God will do it again.

Billy made me believe in revival because I was able to touch it, and in return revival touched me. I want Billy's funeral to tell the world we can have revival in our time.

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Order of Service

Ministry of Music - Choir Invocation Hymn 15 - Angel voices, ever singing Hymn 233 - More love to Thee Hymn 286 - Jesus, I am resting 1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 122 Hymn 184 - Hallelujah, what a Saviour! Prayer Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Choir Hymn 291 - Higher ground Sermon - Rev. Ronald Trotman Hymn 315 - Nearer, still nearer Distribution of Elements Special Offering 2nd Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 1:13-21 Ministry of Music - Sis. N. Williams Benediction - Choir



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- Our church elections and Annual General Meeting
- Our evangelism outreach ministry
- REVIVAL Our theme for 2018 & beyond For the healing of the sick and shut-ins
- IMPACT BARBADOS Discipleship Campaign success
- God's guidance for the Pastor, board

and leadership of our ministries

- For the youth of our church and the wider Hothersal community
- · Employment for the unemployed
- Our Government and economy
- The peace of Jerusalem

DATES TO REMEMBER



Church Elections: March 7th. 7:30 pm General Meeting Annual: March 14th, 7:30 pm Harvest - Town Church: March 18th, 10:00 am Harvest - Grazettes: March 25th, 4:30 pm Good Friday Service: March 30th, 10:30 am Easter Service & Communion: April 1st, 10:40 am Berean Fun Day: April 7th, 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm IMPACT BARBADOS EVENTS: March 2nd to 25th

March Birthdavs



1st – Collin Jackson

7th - Carl Ward

- 5th Anthony Allevne
- 14th Lucy Crichlow 16th - Cherise Brathwaite - Jenny Lynn Francis 18th - Roselyn Dixon
 - 20th Pearlita Franklin
 - Delores Ward
 - 24th Rosalind Conliffe

- 27th Joyce Belgrave 30th - Kim Bayley
 - Cheryl Branch
- 31st Ian Bovell
 - Ricardo Parris

8th – Tiffany Brathwaite - Glen Peters

Anniversaries 🔍

8th - Marva & Victor Springer 17th - Patricia & Trevor Scott

23rd - Hilton & Jenny Piggott

25th - Eartha Skeete