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Few have impacted the world in the way **Billy Graham** has. He was listed 60 times as one of the 10 most admired men in the world, he was heard by an estimated 2.2 billion people during the course of his life. It is estimated that 215 million people heard him preach at live events, with 2.2 million responding to Billy Graham's invitation to give their hearts to Christ.

But Billy Graham represented much more than statistics.

Throughout his life he proclaimed Christ's salvation and righteousness. He included all people in his preaching, lifting up Christ and His word with the outpouring of his sincerity and passion for truth, accompanied by his genuine desire to have all saved through the grace of Christ.

Billy Graham articulated his life goal clearly and forthrightly: "My one purpose in life is to help people find a personal relationship with God, which I believe comes from knowing Christ." He worked for God with a tremendous zeal and held His banner high, encouraging everyone to take hold of it with him. His preaching exemplified an honesty and openness befitting someone praising God's truths to the world. He did many things that promoted a

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positive identity for Christianity and made every effort to uphold and live by the standards of Christ according to his understanding of biblical truth. What an example we have in declaring the fullest truth provided to human beings. May we proclaim with complete focus and enthusiasm the urgent messages in the Scripture, lifting up Christ, His word, His righteousness, His sanctuary service, His saving power in the great controversy, His three angels' messages, His health message, His last-day mission to the world-including the need to plead for the latter reign of the Holy Spirit-and Christ's second coming.

Billy Graham's example of courage and grace is a reminder to all of us to live up to all the truth we know from the Holy Word of God and proclaim God's eternal truth through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After my health problems of the past month, I have been thinking about sharing the 5 disciplines that feed my passion for the ministry. These disciplines can also help everyone in the pew to also grow more passion in your ministry in the church and the world that we live in.

I can only thank you for all the love and passion that you have given me these past weeks as I have recovered from my down days. And thanks for the cards and food that was brought to me plus the love expressed in cards! –**Pastor Cliff**

If you would like to follow along with Pastor Cliff for the Scriptures each week they are... June 3rd "Treasure Hidden in a Clay Jar" **2 Corinthians 4:5-12** (Reader Ethan Overton). June 10th "A Divided Family" **Mark 3:20-25** (Reader Kathy Betzer). June 17th (Father's Day) "Such a Little Thing" **Mark 4:26-34** (Reader Gloria Graham). June 24th "When a Storm Is Raging" **Mark 4:35-41** (Reader Ethan Overton).



CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS...



“As the season of Lent Begins, we will have a Bible Study beginning on Fat Tuesday (Feb. 13th) And continuing each Tuesday at 6:30 pm until March 27th. Our Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) Service is at 6:00 pm. The Community Good Friday Service (March 30th) this Year is at Middle River Friends Church at 7:00 pm”



“The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm this month due to Ash Wednesday. You are invited to attend this meeting if you have ideas to share or would like to learn about the new Video Screen System.”

THANK YOU

In December, after 7 trips to the E.R. for extremely high blood pressure, I was finally admitted to the hospital for observation and evaluation. The diagnosis was that diseased kidneys are causing the high blood pressure. At present both are being controlled with medication. Being on a heart-healthy (no salt) and a no potassium (no chocolate, fruit, potatoes, and only ¼ cup of dairy per day) diet certainly limited my food intake...one way to lose weight!

I want to thank you all for your cards, visits from Joe and Pastor Cliff, but especially for your prayers for both Kay and me. I believe that it was answered prayers that made it possible for Kay to pick me up from the hospital/rehab and take me to Mississippi in time to surprise the grandkids for Christmas. We called it our Christmas miracle. Thanks again for your love and prayers. – **Greg Tilton**

BLESSING JARS

Our “Blessing Jars” that were distributed in the fall totaled \$761.00. Thank you to everyone for your contributions!

We have many blessings to be thankful for! – **Kayla Price, CWF Treasurer**

SENIOR LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Twenty-one ladies gathered for the annual CWF Senior Ladies Christmas Party in December. As always, there was plenty of laughter and plenty of delicious treats. The BINGO game always proves to be entertaining and although the prizes do tend to travel around the table, everyone always goes home with a prize! It was a great afternoon! –**Kayla**

MITTEN TREE

Thank you for donating to our annual “MITTEN TREE.” 85 pairs of gloves, 70 stocking caps, 10 scarves, and a variety of socks were delivered to the Carlisle Community School Guidance Office. Snowy days mean lots of wet mittens – so dry mittens/gloves are always appreciated!

–**Kayla Price, Evangelism Chair**

CCA SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Eighty-three families were part of the “2017 CCA SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM,” making it our largest Christmas project ever. Our church assisted four families this year. Your generous hearts make this program possible. Thank you again for making Christmas special for these families. –**Kayla Price, CCA Chair**

VALENTINE BOXES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Evangelism Committee will once again be sending Care Packages to our two college students. Ideas include – hot chocolate packets, popcorn, candy, gum, granola bars, nuts, chips, microwave soups, microwave macaroni & cheese. No fruit please – it is heavy and crushes the other items. Thank you! –**Kayla**

ETHAN IN “TRUTH & CONSEQUENCES”

Our own **Ethan Overton** will act in the play “Truth & Consequences” at the **Randleman House the last weekend in February and first weekend in March.** Tickets are \$10.00!

CONGRATULATIONS RANDY ROTHFUS

Rodger & Laura Rothfus’ son Randy and his sister-in-law Jennifer Brick-Sullivan earned a \$400,000 deal on the T.V. show “Shark Tank” for their “Guzzle Buddy” invention. Randy and Jennifer’s invention was accepted on the **Sunday, January 21st** airing of the show in which people present their ideas for businesses to a panel of judges who are successful businessmen and women.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS!



“On Tuesday, June 12th at 7:00 pm, there will be a Christian Women’s Fellowship meeting. The Hostess for the meeting is Louanna Pezzetti.”

June 1st

Joe Lang

June 2nd

Louise Moore

June 3rd

Adeline Rhoten

June 3rd

De Wilbur

June 4th

Ethan Overton

June 5th

Tracy Herrig

June 5th

Alma Reed

June 7th

Becky Rickabaugh

June 15th

Mike Robinson

June 16th

Paul Dayton

June 16th

Hannelore Hinrichs

June 21st

Lauren Miller

June 25th

Chris Robinson

June 28th

Libby McCleary

Happy Anniversary!

Jay & Beth Schabel 6/5

Larry & Lori Rankin 6/25

In the military

Blake Luft

Niklas Polson

Joshua Wesner

Tara Wesner

Please keep in your prayers

Twyla Cooper

Quinn Delaet

Brody Everitt

Mike Everitt

John Graham Family

David Green Family

Katie Hakes

Butch Hayes

Ben Lawrence

Jerry Mayes

Joan Mills

Beverly Ross

Greg Tilton

Dave Walker

Max Warren

De Wilbur



“Sunday, June 17th is Father’s Day. We would like a picture of you and your father to put up on the big screen during the service. Give your picture to Dan Crum or leave it in the office by 6/11.”

Deacons

Elders

Team 1: Gerry Baker, Jim Watkins, Marilyn Hayes, Judy Watkins. **Team 2:** Marci Palar, Laura Rothfus, Rodger Rothfus, Mike Killen. **Team 3:** Bob Stuyvesant, Gloria Graham, Steve Thompson, Andrea Hamm. **Team 4:** Shirley Patterson, Louanna Pezzetti, Sherril Owens, Patsy Overton. **Team 5:** Cindy Berg, Craig Price, Diana Prall, Kayla Price.
Alternates: Berenice Chastain (848-3465) or Becky Rickabaugh (989-2014)

June 3rd : Team 1
June 10th : Team 2
June 17th : Team 3
June 24th : Team 4

June 3rd :

Justin Chastain & Joe Lang

June 10th :

Dan Crum & Kathy Betzer

June 17th :

Sharon Bittner & Joan Mills

June 24th :

Joe Lang & Justin Chastain

(1st person listed is Communion Elder)

WEEK OF COMPASSION FOR 2018

How is it that there are enough resources on our planet to feed the entire world, and yet so many hunger? As people of faith, what is our role in a world where the gap between the rich and the poor only seems to widen? How do we ensure that all of God's children get their fair share? When the apostle Paul visited the early churches in Macedonia, they became excited about the ministry opportunities laid before them. These early followers of Jesus couldn't help but get caught up in Paul's zeal for the ways God was working in their midst. They actually pleaded to be a part of the "service to the saints" Paul spoke of while visiting their community—despite their own poverty. This "ministry to the saints," referred to in his second letter to the Corinthians is another name for the offering Paul and the early churches were organizing for those in Jerusalem suffering from a devastating famine. The offering was considered a living out of one's faith, a spiritual calling—a ministry.

To organize a church-wide offering, a relief fund if you will (Week of Compassion is not original!) was not only practical, it was also a visible expression of their Christian unity. This offering was a way for Paul to unite all believers and to provide a way for them to care for one another—even if they did not know each other personally. For the churches in Macedonia and Corinth, many of them would never see or meet the Christians they were helping in Jerusalem. So their ecumenical offering was a concrete representation of the Gospel: that in Christ there truly was no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, rich or poor—no longer separation or division, but unity in Christ.

Everyone, regardless of economic or social location, has a gift to give. God supplies the gifts and resources so that we can give back. After all, none of what the early followers of Jesus gave was really theirs, right? Because all that we have is God's! We're simply giving back to God what is already God's. In giving to God, we give to others. Our gifts will be part of transforming a life, a community, and indeed, the whole world.

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus the Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). This is what God has given; through our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ the Good News has been shared with us so that we never doubt that we have all we need, and in turn ensure that others get what they need. "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance" (2 Cor 8:12-13).

Our abundance becomes their need and their need becomes our abundance. Have you ever thought of it this way? We could achieve a fair balance across the globe by sharing what we have, out of our abundance. "It is not with your own wealth that you give alms to the poor," asserted St. Ambrose, "But with a fraction of their own which you give back; for you are usurping for yourself something meant for the common good of all. The earth is for everyone, not only for the rich."

Through Week of Compassion we have the opportunity to act as the body of Christ by giving what we have. This is the offering, the "ministry to the saints" that Paul was promoting.

This is still our ministry, all these centuries later, through Week of Compassion—not only by this church family, but across the country by Christians of many denominations contributing to an ecumenical offering which has shared abundance for the meeting of needs for almost 70 years.

Together, we can make sure that everyone—yes, every single one of God's children, our sisters and brothers—get their fair share, bringing about a world the way God intended it to be. Ready to change the world?

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2018 GRADUATES

Please join us on **Sunday, June 3rd after Worship**

as we honor our 2018 Graduates with a cookie/punch reception!

We will be honoring **Evan Bittner, Abbie Molina, Hayley Rankin, and Johnny Rickabaugh.**

Abbie and Johnny are graduating from High School and Evan and Hayley are graduating from college. Come show them how proud we are!

THANK YOU

Thank you so very much

for remembering my father, **Staff Sergeant A.C. Rees, USMC.** You have extended much love, compassion, and prayer to/for my father. You've consistently kept him in your prayers and dad was frequently overwhelmed by the many times you remembered him with birthday cards and holiday cards that you sent to him.

You even continued to send him cards when he was moved to the care center...I pinned them on his door and you made him feel quite special. A special thank you to those who attended his visitation/funeral and thank you again for the cards and memorial money. We figure that Dad (and Mother) must

have attended Sunshine Open Bible Church for about 67 or so years and they served in many capacities there. They were my first and wonderful examples of how to live the Christian life,

but you, the Carlisle Christian Church, have added joy to my life. I remain grateful to all of you. A special thank you to the choir for the beautiful plant. Much Christian love, **Becky Rees.**

CHARLOTTE'S DANCE RECITAL

Charlotte Miller's Dance Recital is **Saturday, June 9th at 4:00 pm at Indianola High School Auditorium.** Doors open at 3:30 pm, she is in 3 classes, so 3 times on stage! No tickets, and admission is free! Everyone is invited!

