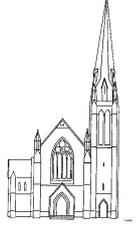




THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NORTH PARISH CHURCH

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May Newsletter for Girvan North.

Dear friends, Billy Graham was born on the 7th of November, 1918, in a small town outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, in the USA. His family owned a dairy farm. Billy had a very strict Presbyterian upbringing, but his father had still time for humour. Billy's family instilled a strong work ethic in young Billy. He was woken up at 2.30am, every morning, to work on the farm. Billy would milk 20 cows each morning and afternoon, shovel manure, and refill food troughs with fresh hay. Whilst visiting an aunt, Billy was asked to read the Bible. In 10 minutes, he had read the Book of Jude – the shortest book in the New Testament. Near his 16th birthday Billy committed himself to Christ. He even began singing hymns whilst milking the cows.

Billy moved from the Bob Jones College, which he found very strict, and then went to the Florida Bible Institute in 1937. There he discovered the various denominations, and realised they were all at one with Christ. A good lesson for us all to learn. Billy was ordained a Minister in 1939 and completed his degree in 1943.

Billy of course will be remembered principally for the many crusades he undertook across the world where many people came over to Jesus for the first time. Why were they successful? Billy believed the answer lay with God and with his belief in prayer. Billy's wife Ruth was a wonderful support in his long life, as was his extended family. Billy joined his late wife in heaven on February 21st, 2018, aged 99. He was undoubtedly the greatest evangelist of our time. So, what can we learn from Billy Graham at a time when the church is facing so many problems?

Do not divert from your calling. Billy could have had a lucrative television career and was asked to become President. He said "no" as they took him away from his calling.

Do not always play safe. Billy took risks when he preached in the Soviet Union and in other similar countries. He weighed everything up, making strategic decisions.

Embrace technology. Billy embraced technology when he appeared on radio, TV and film before any of his contemporaries. In this way, he was "ahead of the game".

Handle criticism with dignity. It is so easy to be very defensive with criticism. Billy was very gracious, but also firm when required. We should all do the same.

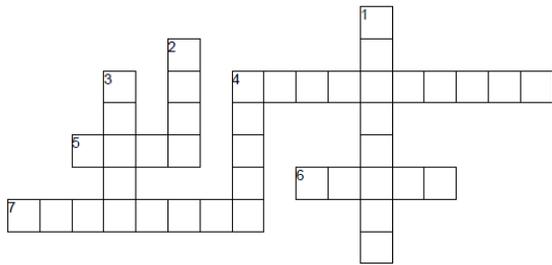
Choose environments which suit you. Billy soon realised that he was not a politician and could not work with people who did not share his high sense of morality.

Billy opposed racial segregation early on when it was not politically advantageous to do so, and was wary of the coming of the religious right movement.

Billy was generous with other denominations despite his disagreements with them, whilst still maintaining his values. We should similarly be generous with others.

Billy maintained his integrity whilst still accepting his weaknesses, particularly not being there for his family. "For anyone without sin, let them cast the first stone". No one is perfect, even Billy Graham! Only Jesus Christ reached that state of perfection. Let us all stay safe, supporting one another in the weeks and months that lie ahead. Best wishes, Glenn.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. To understand the suffering of others and want to do something about it
5. To take a break from activity
6. Free from noise or activity
7. A person who takes care of sheep

DOWN

1. Giving knowledge and skills to others
2. A small vessel for travel on water
3. A small, usually white, wooly animal
4. A large group of people

SHEPHERD	COMPASSION	QUIET	BOAT
SHEEP	TEACHING	CROWD	REST



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Children's Worship Bulletin

Sheep without a Shepherd

Mark 6: 30-34

Word Search Puzzle

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TEACHING	CROWD	PLACE	REST
COMPASSION	JESUS	PEOPLE	SHEEP

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The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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BOAT	SHEEP	SHEPHERD	SOLITARY	REST
QUIET	TEACH	EAT	PEOPLE	CROWD

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Mark 6:34 (NIV)

