



## P.C.A. Witness

(Preaching Christ Always)

We note the passing this month of two remarkable men who gave their life for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. The Reverend Billy Graham passed into glory on February 21 at the age of 99. Known as an evangelist of Christ to the world and a pastor to the Presidents, Graham's influence on American Evangelicalism cannot be overstated. Though Graham's message did not fall within the "Calvinist" line of thought, he is nonetheless appreciated for his commitment to Biblical authority and evangelism, impacting the lives of millions with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

We also note the passing of R. C. Sproul in December of 2017. Sproul was the founder of Ligonier Ministries, an author, PCA pastor, theologian, and apologist for the glory of God. Like Graham, Sproul upheld the authority and infallibility of Scripture, and was chiefly focused on proclaiming the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, though Sproul was also a staunch advocate for classical reformed theology and the doctrines of Grace.

We give God praise for the grace demonstrated in both of these men, and for the Gospel that was their hope and their message to the world!

There are several books by Sproul and Graham available for you to check out of the Church Library. Here are just a few examples:

### Books by R. C. Sproul

**Grace Unknown** - Now reprinted under the title, "What is Reformed Theology?", Grace Unknown is an introduction to the doctrines of Grace, namely, the 5 Solas, and the 5 Points of Calvinism. Easily understandable and very applicable, this is an excellent read for understanding the basics of the Reformed faith.

**The Last Days According to Jesus** - With so much speculation and confusion about what the Bible teaches about the end times, Sproul points believers back to the words of Christ, offering a solid footing amid ever-shifting opinion about the age to come.

**Renewing Your Mind** - R.C. Sproul's first book, offering a line by line meditation on the Apostles Creed, laying out the essentials of Christian Belief.

### Books by Billy Graham

**Peace with God** - In spite of a life drenched with responsibilities and rewards, are you thirsting? Searching for some nameless thing that is more important than anything in life? You are not alone. All mankind is seeking the answer to the confusion, the moral sickness, the spiritual emptiness that oppresses the world. All humanity is crying out for guidance, for comfort... for peace. Reverend Graham shares God's gentle, reassuring promise of spiritual calm—of authentic personal peace—amidst a personal life wracked with too much stress, too many burdens, too great a heartache.

**The Holy Spirit** - Graham walks readers through biblical passages that teach about the Holy Spirit. He also describes some related concepts and experiences that are widely misunderstood, such as baptism with the spirit and sins against the Holy Spirit. And he gives readers a solid outline of the signs and fruits of the Spirit (such as love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ethan".

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## March Anniversaries

- 19 Ron & Marlene Abbas
- 24 Don & Judy Finnell  
Ed & Mina Poppens
- 25 Joel & Diane Begeman
- 26 Pat & Deb Miller

*Congratulations!*

## Birthdays

- 4 Easton Timmermans
- 5 Sam Kezar
- 7 Albertha Albers, Bret Brende
- 8 Ken Levene
- 9 Butch Andernacht
- 10 Nancy Rops
- 11 Betsy Thompson
- 12 Ellen Abbas, Sandy DeVries
- 13 Stacey Nelson
- 15 Autumn Haan
- 16 Duane DeVries, Ryan Hanssen, & Zachary Wipf
- 17 Sharon Poppens
- 18 Dave Strasser
- 19 Sarah Watts
- 20 Sutton Rops
- 22 Kim Hanssen & Easton Nelson
- 23 Noah Sayler, Landon Spoonemore
- 25 Jim Kickland
- 26 Aaron Bartscher, Iva Haan, Billy Welch
- 27 Ardis Fisher, Jessica Sargent,
- 28 Mike Covais, Landon Sargent
- 31 Alan Rops



This month we are featuring Donavon and Sandy Bruns who live at 27770 469<sup>th</sup> Ave, Lennox. Their family includes son, Mike, and wife, Peggy, who live in Sioux Falls. Their son Tyler and wife Amanda have a son, Xander. Daughter, Rebecca, and Milton Melchart live in Onieda, Wisconsin. Their children are Jonathan (22), Natasha (18), and Destiny (16). Daughter Renee Birkholtz lives in Lennox. Her son, Quincy,

and Amber were recently married. They live in Sioux Falls. Her daughter, Jessica, (18) is a college student at Watertown.

Sandy worked at Wal-Mart for 13 years, but is currently working at the Lennox High School where she has been the last three years. Donavon has farmed since he was young and still is farming.

Sandy enjoys making quilts and collects bells. Donavon does scroll sawing as well as wood-working. They enjoy

camping and fishing.

Donavon has been part of this church since he was in high school. When they were married over 50 years ago Sandy also joined Ebenezer. Sandy has taught Sunday School and Bible School and has worked in The Exchange. Donavon has served as a trustee. They currently serve as ushers.

They stated that they enjoy the fellowship time with all of their friends on Sunday mornings.

## Christian Ed News

### Adult Sunday School

#### Class in Adult #1:

The topics for "Dust to Glory" for March are: 4th: Covenant with Abraham, 11th: Patriarchal Blessing, 18th: Moses and the Exodus, & 25th The Passover.

#### Class in the library:

The spring topic for this class is "Acknowledging God". In March the unit is "Follow in My Ways" looking at passages in the Old Testament.

#### S.S. offering:

This will be the last month for meals at the

Union Gospel Mission. The amount given for meals through February 21st is \$381 which is enough for 144 meals.

### Rise With the Guys

Rise with the Guys will meet on March 3rd at 7:00 am at the church. They will be studying Genesis 32.

### Women's Ministries News

- **Women's Bible study** on I Corinthians will meet on Saturday, March 3rd, at 8:30 am at the church. They will be studying chapter 1:10-17.

- **Rachel Bible study** will meet on Monday,

March 12th, at 7:00 pm. Place to be announced.

### Officers' Meetings

The Deacons will meet on March 6th at 7:00 pm and the Session will meet on the 13th at 7:00 pm.

### Adult Choir

The choir will practice on March 7th & 14th at 7:45 pm and will sing on the 18th.

### Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2:00 am on March 11th so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

## MISSION NEWS



### **Rick & Pam Box Third Mill Pflugerville, TX**

Things are going very well with Third Mill ministry. I am working with about 25 groups of men in their studies with Third Mill courses. Although most of them are in Latin America, there are a few in other parts of the world. I have begun working on a new project. I am looking for a couple of groups of men in the USA that are studying in Spanish. I would document their progress through the studies, then document their ministries after their theological education with Third Mill. The goal is to see how the curriculum is being used and how we can improve the studies for their ministries.

I have a bit of a problem. My computer recently crashed. I was able to get it fixed, but I lost all my files, documents, and information. This will make it very difficult and frustrating for me for a while. Hopefully I can get most of the necessary information back. Please pray for this situation.

As for Pam, we are going to MD Anderson on Wednesday (the 21st) for two days. They will test her and evaluate her cancer (whether it is growing or how fast it is growing and if it is moving or spreading). We, of course, are praying that it is either shrinking or, at least, not growing. We are still waiting to hear about the clinical trial. The last we heard was that it was supposed to start this month. It has been very illusive, though. They have said it was going to start for several months now, yet we are still waiting.

### **Brandon & Erin Haan RUF at the U of MN Falcon Heights, MN**

This spring semester has gotten off to a great start. We are continuing our regular Bible studies, leadership training, and focus on outreach to the university. Last semester we looked at who God says He is and what He is like, which leads us to the topic of this semester which is asking what are God's commands to His people. In this, we are examining what God calls His people to do, and apply it to our lives and the circumstances we find ourselves in. Students are continuing to

grow in their faith and in their understanding of who God is and the necessity of Jesus in every area of life.

Please pray for us as we have our spring retreat at the beginning of March. We have an outreach event to Chinese students on March 22 and continue to have several other regular outreach events each month.

Also, please pray for me and our family. I continue to heal and recover from my surgery, but am still gaining endurance. Everything continues to go well with Erin's pregnancy and we look forward to meeting this little one around the beginning of April.

### **Ross & Ellen Errington ~ Wycliffe Bible Translators**

They praise God for the work accomplished while they were in the Philippines checking translations by the Manobo translators. They are close to having half of the OT done.

### **Pete & Esther Errington Beyond ~ Plano, TX**

2/15 We're praising God for a smooth delivery of Kenan Wesley and Micah Brody on February 11th and that

Esther and the babies are healthy. Our first two nights at home were rough - they took turns being awake! We're still looking for ways to tell them apart (for now we're leaving their hospital bands on just in case!).

### **Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters Auxiliary**

We were able to take a large assortment of pasta to the February meeting. Thank you to all who were able to donate.

The March meeting on the 16th will be at Eastside Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The Love Gift for March is cash which will be used for disposable dinnerware. Please put your donations in the container provided in the narthex by March 14th.

On March 18th at 2:00 pm the Mission will be celebrating its 118th anniversary. Allen & Leanne Oliver will provide music and refreshments will be served.

Fran Stenberg shared about the increased numbers at the Chapel service and Bible study. Praise for the souls being saved and lives changed.

**World Day of Prayer  
March 3rd**

Delaware Reformed Church will host a community World Day of Prayer Service on Saturday, March 3rd. There will be coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am, with the service starting at 10 am.

For 35 years, the observance of World Day of Prayer has been organized by area churches and is open to anyone - men, women, no matter

what their denomination.

This year's speaker is Robin Duncan. He is a pastor and counselor in Sioux Falls. His message is from II Corinthians 4:8-10, "In Times Like These".

A free-will offering will be taken and divided between the Lennox Backpack program and the Union Gospel Mission. We encourage everyone to join us and others around the world to observe a common day of prayer.

**Easter Week Services**

**Thursday, March 29th**

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, March 30th**

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

A special offering will be taken for the Mission To World Compassion Fund. This fund allows MTW to meet physical needs around the world due to disasters and to share the love of Christ in word and deed.

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