

## Birth and Death

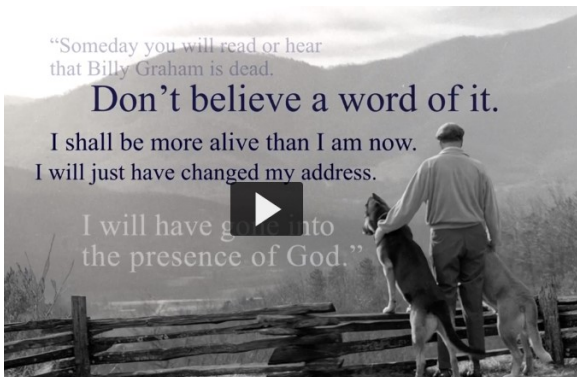
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The timing of life seasons/events is often filled with contrasts. Busy and relaxed. Stressed and peace. Joy and sadness. Birth and death...

In just a few days, Jordan and Jenny are expecting their first child. It'll be our first grandchild.

The nursery is ready; child-birth classes are completed; vast preparations have been made. And *everyone* is excited. Please join us in praying for a smooth delivery, a healthy baby, and for Jenny and Jordan as they embark on the ultimate discipleship journey of parenting.

Shortly after the due date, Bob and 22 other healthcare professionals and students will leave for Dominican Republic for our Spring Medical Missions trip. Want to join us next year???



Last month, we all lost a hero of the faith. When I heard that Wednesday morning of Billy Graham's passing, I thought back to the last time we heard him preach in San Diego. A few weeks later, I wrote the following in our June 2003 newsletter. We think it's worth repeating.

*Mr. Graham, 84, battles Parkinson's Disease. He was driven to the stand in a golf cart and helped to the podium by son, Franklin. Yet when he stood, God's Spirit filled him as he spoke about the hope of Jesus with compassion, articulation, energy, and conviction. He challenged returning troops to give their hearts to God. He urged youth to follow Christ.*

*And as he gave the invitation, he rested on a stool praying that thousands would find salvation.*

*In an interview with The San Diego Union-Tribune, he said "I'll preach until there is no breath left in my body. I was called by God, and until God tells me to retire, I cannot. Whatever strength I have, whatever time God lets me have, is going to be dedicated to doing the work of an evangelist as long as I live."*

*Over the four day mission, he shared the message of Christ with 274,000 people including 74,000 youth who came on Saturday night. This broke the "Q" Stadium attendance record previously held by the 1988 Super Bowl. He was joined by associates Cliff Barrows, 84, and George Beverly Shea, 94. Almost 13,000 indicated decisions for Christ."*

Today, we pray that all of us would be encouraged and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve with that same passion and longevity. And may we all one day find that our address has been changed as we stand with Billy and the other heroes of the faith singing praises to Jesus. Thank you for helping us show that possibility, purpose, and hope to people everywhere.

*Bob & Diana*

### Upcoming Ministry Events

March 24-31-Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip  
April 16-20-METS Whole Person Care Conference, Havana, Cuba  
June 8-10-METS Whole Person Care Conference, Redlands, CA  
June 7-July 11-Whole Person Care Preceptorship  
June 30-July 7-Pre-Med/Pre-Pro Healthcare Student Mission  
October 12-13-METS Whole Person Care Conference, Tulsa, OK  
October 19-20 METS Whole Person Care Conference, Boston, MA



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