

moral perspectives

Rev. David Strong

Billy Graham had courage to face reality of his faith and risked his reputation

Billy Graham, traveler to Russia, has ignored the taboos and mixed religion and politics. In doing so, he is now charged with having been duped.

He has broken the sacred rule of American politics which is that no matter what the Russians do, you must show that you are opposed to them. They must always be identified as our mortal enemy.

Billy Graham had some good things to say about the church in Russia and his treatment by Soviet authorities. The problem is that Billy Graham is Christian. As a man of Scripture, he must deal with a faith which says "love your enemies."

When we examine this biblical passage we find that it is not simply a new rule about loving your enemies. It takes us into the very issue of identifying the nature of God himself.

HAVING SPENT some time in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union, I know that anyone who would seek to live out this truth of faith faces a problem. It is that what anyone may do or say may be used for propaganda purposes.

This is a risk faced by anyone who would be a reconciler; what is done or said may be used for propaganda by the Russians. Likewise, such an attempt at understanding or at reconciliation is likely to be used to discredit the American in his own country. This is the most painful side of the task of being a peacemaker.

Billy Graham faces another difficult problem as a Christian. His scripture

makes it clear that his fellow Christians in the Soviet Union are his brothers and sisters, "one body" together.

Together they share in the sacrifice and redemption of Christ.

How does it feel to stand in the Baptist Church in Moscow and realize that your own government is poised to destroy your own flesh and blood in the faith?

Such a firsthand experience has a way of changing people. The world looks different when you realize that these Russian Christians are part of us. Theologically we and they are one. It says so in the Bible.

BILLY GRAHAM has not been duped. He has had the courage to face the reality of his faith and has risked the compromising of his reputation.

This is not different from the risk that many other reconcilers have faced. Others have given of their security and even of their life to seek reconciliation with "the enemy."

I believe that Billy Graham must have known some of the risk to his reputation which he would face if he went to a peace conference in the Soviet Union. It is not the same as going to lunch at the White House. Apparently he believes that the issues of faith and world peace is worth this risk.

Enough have faulted Billy Graham for his decision. Hopefully others will see this trip as an expression of a deepened and more comprehensive faith. He is a man who has given much to the world. Perhaps he has even more to give.

gerontology

A. Jolayne Farrell

'You are as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears'

Dear Joe: I would like to share some thoughts on aging with you and your readers. It is from a poster, author unknown.

E.E. Young is not a time of life... it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin but to give up on enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair... these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether 70 or 16, there is in every being's heart the hope of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching childlike appetite for what next and the joy and the game of life. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt, as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hope, as old as you despair.

Dear Joe: My grandfather is quite well off financially but lives so frugally. His reason is that he wants to leave something behind for his sons. I don't think

he should do this; I think he should enjoy life.

E.K. Perhaps one way that your grandfather enjoys life is by living frugally.

It is natural for a person to want to leave something behind when one dies. No one wants to be forgotten.

Please remind your grandfather that he will be leaving behind many legacies besides money, for example, his children and grandchildren, his work, his creative endeavors, his uniqueness and his memory in the minds of others.

Dear Joe: I wish my mother would get a hearing aid. She is so vain. She is 84 and says that a hearing aid would "spoil" her appearance.

We have to repeat every word we say to her at least twice and sometimes more. She doesn't get messages right and some of her friends think that she's a "little off mentally," so to speak. Please print my letter. Maybe it will help.

R.J. Not all older people's hearing problems can be solved with the use of a hearing aid. Please have your mother have a complete hearing evaluation by an otologist (an ear doctor), and perhaps he will recommend a hearing aid.

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may call the bureau.

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OU offers summer reading help

The reading and language arts center of Oakland University is offering summer programs for students who need help in reading study skills or tutorial help in reading.

The study skills sessions are for students grades 6-12 and for those of college age. The tutorial programs are available for elementary or secondary school students.

Study skills instruction will be taught June 21 to July 1 and July 12-22. The tutorial program runs from June 28 to July 22. For information and fees, call OU at 377-3065.

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8:00 Adult Choir

Ministers: Rev. Nicholas Titus and Rev. Edward Libby

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Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
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9:30 AM & 11 AM
MINISTERS
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10 AM

Pastors: M. L. Dunkelberger
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Worship 8:15 and 10:45
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Sunday, June 20 - 9:30 AM

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Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist and Sermon
(Morning Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays)
Weekday Eucharists
Tuesday 10:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 am

"Train up a child the way he should go..."
— Proverbs 22

In this age of "anything goes" children need and appreciate the sound foundation of the Bible, and a practical, useable understanding of their relationship to God. Our Sunday Schools provide this and they welcome young people up to age 20.



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16360 Hubbard Road, Michigan 48154
421-8451

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. - Christian Education for all ages
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
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1385 S. Adams • Rochester
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10:15 - 11:45 AM
11:15 - 12:00 PM
Nursery Care
Wayne C. Berkesh, Principal
474-2488

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP 10:30 AM
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:20 & 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES 10 AM
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Wayne C. Berkesh, Principal
474-2488

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Farmington 474-6471

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL 10:30 AM
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Farmington and Six Mile Roads
422-1150

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Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 PM
"BATTLE PLANS"
Mr. Timm Jackson
Wednesday 7:30 PM - Francis Schaeffer Film Series
"RECLAIMING THE WORLD"
(Activities for All Ages)

SUNDAY SERVICE BROADCAST
9:30 AM WMUZ-FM 103.5
(Air Conditioned Sanctuary)

Nursery Provided at All Services

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
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9255 Telegraph North of Maple
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9:15 Sunday Church School
10:30 Sunday Worship
The Rev. C.W. Richter, Pastor
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32nd W. of Farmington Rd
2 1/2 mi. S. of Grand River
474-0584

WORSHIP 9:30 AM

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1669 West Maple Road

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10:00 A.M. Nursery Provided

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Rome's of Bloomfield
2101 S. Telegraph
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645-1294

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David A. Rose
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at Drake
661-9191

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20001 12 Mile at Evergreen
645-9777

WORSHIP: 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
(Nursery thru High School)
Minister: John W. Bray

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474-3444

Pastor Gerald Fisher
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10:00 AM Church School
11:30 AM Second Sunday Service
(Nursery Provided at All Services)

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WORSHIP
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Bloomfield Hills
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10 AM
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