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## **COLLECTION 174: Billy Graham Material**

### **Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Billy Graham Material

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00174

**Creators:**

Graham, Billy

**Size:**

4 Boxes

**Repository:**

David Allan Hubbard Library  
Fuller Theological Seminary  
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**Provenance:**

Collected by Nancy Gower, circa 2002-2012.

**Conditions Governing Access/Restrictions:**

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**Language:**

English

**Processing:**

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**Related Collections:**

Charles E and Grace Payton Fuller Collection, 1892-2009; Papers of Wilbur Moorehead Smith, 1915-1972; Papers of Daniel Payton Fuller, 1928-2000; Fuller Theological Seminary's Board of Trustees Collection (restricted access); Bulletin of Fuller Theological Seminary, Archived Periodicals Collection

## Biography

William “Billy” Graham (b. Nov. 7, 1918 – d. Feb. 21, 2018) was a prominent American evangelist and ordained Southern Baptist minister, who rose to international prominence in 1949-50. He led annual evangelistic campaigns, called “Crusades,” from 1947 until his retirement at 2005. Among Graham’s many accomplishments, he also served as a spiritual advisor to a number of United States presidents from Harry S Truman to Barack Obama. Graham was also friends with televangelist Robert Schuller and radio evangelist Dr. Charles E. Fuller.

Graham’s connection to Fuller Theological Seminary grew from his relationships with its founders Charles E Fuller and Harold J Ockenga, and its faculty Carl Henry, Harold Lindsell, and Wilbur Smith. From 1940-1943, Graham attended Wheaton College with Lindsell and Henry. During the 1949 Los Angeles Crusade which launched Graham to the national scene, Dr. Charles Fuller attended one of Graham’s meeting and lent the choir from his radio program *Old Fashioned Revival Hour* to sing. Graham’s next crusade in Boston, Mass. (1950) included a speaking engagement at Dr. Harold Ockenga’s Park Street Church. In September, Dr. Ockenga preceded Graham with the address, “The Answer to the Communist Agression,” at the Mid-Century Rose Bowl Rally. From 1956-1958, Fuller Seminary students participated in summer evangelistic tours including the Graham crusades in Oklahoma, New York, and San Francisco.

In October 1956, the first volume of Graham’s periodical project *Christianity Today* was printed with Carl Henry as editor and Dr. Ockenga as Board Chairman. In June 1959, Graham officially joined the Fuller Seminary Board of Trustees at Dr. Charles Fuller’s invitation from the prior spring. Graham transitioned to Senior Trustee in 1968 as his international crusade ministry expanded. Graham remained a trustee until his death in 2018.

## Scope and Content

The Billy Graham material contains magazines, pamphlets, newspaper articles, and audiovisual records from the latter part of Rev. Graham’s ministry.

### Subjects:

Evangelistic work

Evangelists

Graham, Billy, 1918-2018

Protestantism

Southern Baptists

## **Arrangement**

This collection is organized as follows:

*Box 1. Magazines*

*Box 2. Newspapers and Miscellaneous*

*Box 3. Miscellaneous Pamphlets and Tracts*

*Box 4. Two Scrapbooks of Newspaper Clippings*

*Unprocessed: Audiovisual materials*