

Graham tells 5,700 listeners 'You can't find God through intellect'

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People cannot find God through intellect alone, the Rev. Billy Graham told an audience of about 5,700 Tuesday night in Carmichael Auditorium. "If you're looking for something to try and prove the existence of God, you'll never find it," he said.

Graham spoke on "Faith and Intellect" in the second of a five-part lecture series held at UNC this week.

Most people today are searching for answers and for the meaning of life, he said, and they are turning to faith. "We never find the answer until we find God."

"I believe many young people today are beginning to put the pieces of the puzzle together," Graham said. "Becoming a follower of Christ (on a campus) may place you in a small minority. And I want to tell you, it's tough to be an all-out Christian on a university campus today."

"The soul has its favorable seasons, just like the soil," he said. "This is harvest time at UNC."

People must be willing to repent because God commands it, Graham said. To repent means to change in mind, heart and way of living, he said. "Faith and repentance go hand in hand."

"That's when you're walking by faith, not by feeling, not even by intellect."

One thing that man lacks right now is hope for the future, Graham said. "Look at people today — trying to get the pieces of the puzzle put together after all these years. Why have we not, with our technology, solved the problems of evil in the world?"

He said people should rely on faith as well as intellect. "When we think of the intellect in the Bible, there is a great deal to say about the importance of the intellect," he said. "But man is a worshipping creature. We never found a tribe in the world that didn't have a deity and that didn't worship something. In all of these places, man is worshipping."

"There's nowhere in all the world that a person cannot know there's a God," Graham said. "I doubt if there are very many people here tonight who would call themselves irreligious," he said. "Most of you would say you were religious."

He said the emphasis placed on sports and academics on campuses today was important, but not to the exclusion of faith.

"When he's in a tight spot, I've offered many a prayer for Dean (Smith). Just like I've been praying for Rod Elkins," Graham said.

But people today are in danger of neglecting the soul because of concern over the body and the mind, Graham said.

The only true way of living life for God

is through Jesus Christ, he said. In this way, he added, God becomes not only intellectual and personal; he becomes flesh.

"You can go all through the University talking about religion and philosophy and never get anywhere near it."

"Christ is truth," he said. "You have to come by simple, childlike faith. It's not how big your faith is. If you can barely see it or sense it, it's enough."

Graham said that as a young man, he had wanted to get away from religion. "I had religion, but something was missing and I knew it."

People made themselves comfortable in their ways and avoided faith, Graham said, adding that nothing was hidden from God, not even private thoughts and intents.

"The Bible teaches that God is near us all the time," he said. "We don't like to accept what has been revealed in the Bible: we don't like to think of God in terms of wrath, anger and judgement."

"When I face God in judgement, he will not see my sins," Graham said. "He will see the righteousness of Christ."

"God has the ability to erase the tape, wipe the slate clean, until even God cannot remember (man's sins)."

Doris Betts, English professor at UNC and author of several novels and short stories, presented the opening speech on Graham's topic.



DTHAI Steele

The Rev. Bill Graham's second lecture addressed the problem of the meaning of life ... he stressed a need for faith, which he said leads to God and gives hope for the future

"I was a teenage rebel," she said, adding that she denied her faith in college. "I flung away faith and chose intellect in what I thought was a forced either/or choice."

"It may seem to you that the wimps on your campus are the Christians," she said. "The ones who have nothing to sleep off on Sunday morning."

Betts said it took many years for her to change, and her return to faith came at a time when her intellect had failed her. "The point is, I did not come back by intellect alone," she said. "Intellect is an essential second half of faith. In Christianity, too, my faith is always calling upon my intellect."

"I came back to faith, not through

guilt, but through thankfulness," she said. Betts said faith had never come easily for her. "I am one of the doubters. I have to work at my faith."

"The amazing thing is that for everyone there is a moment when God offers us his love one more time and we can accept with thanks," she said.

Campus theft

Stolen items not replaced

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At least \$1,600 worth of stereo equipment and other personal items were stolen from storage rooms in Scott College this summer. Although some of the items were taken from unlocked storage rooms, the department of University housing is not liable for the losses, housing officials said last week.

That means Dennis Bartels, a sophomore from Battle Creek, Mich., is out one \$600 stereo that he stored in Avery Residence Hall's storage room.

"If the University lets students put things in storage rooms over the summer, they should be expected to keep those things safe," Bartels said.

"I signed a slip of paper saying the University would not be responsible (for lost or stolen items)," he said. "However, they (University housing) were grossly negligent in allowing these articles to be stolen."

Bartels has registered a complaint with Carol Herz, the area director for Scott College, but has not yet taken the issue to University housing.

Bartels said the University was negligent in the thefts because many storage rooms were left unlocked after maintenance men repaired the dormitories this summer. They were given master keys by University housing officials.

During the summer University police received reports that doors were being left unlocked in Parker, Avery, Teague and Whitehead dormitories, which comprise Scott College.

"The contractors were supposed to secure the buildings, and we were then supposed to go and check to make sure the buildings were secured," said Maj. Charles Mauer of the University police.

Police investigated reports of thefts, after students returned in August and determined that storage rooms had not been forced open. "There was no sign of forcible entry," Mauer said.

The UNC Physical Plant, which contracts all maintenance work, regretted the theft, physical plant officials said. "The workers could have been a little more careful in what they were doing," said Russ Perry, associate director for operations in the plant. "They trust people to be honest, but apparently,

there were people around that weren't honest," he said. Although the University is not liable for students' lost or stolen property, a \$1,000 stereo system belonging to Scott College was replaced, since students were not at fault.

"Normally, when dorm enhancement items are stolen, we don't replace them because it is usually attributable to student negligence," said Jim Ptaszynski, associate director of University housing.

"However, in this case, because there were no students around, and the stereo was locked up, there was no student responsibility," he said.

Herz agreed that the replacement of the residence area's stereo was a special case.

"The theft of the stereo and the theft of individual items are two separate issues," she said. "The department of housing does not have any responsibility for any items. They were very generous in replacing the stereo."

Herz pointed out that placing an item in dormitory storage relieves the University of all responsibility. "The contract says, 'I understand the University and its agents will not be responsible for loss or damage under any conditions,'" she said.

Efforts are being made to forward a list of stolen items owned by Scott residents to University housing officials so that they can examine each complaint on a case-by-case basis, Herz said. The list was compiled during the first two weeks of school by each dormitory's Resident Assistants and then passed on to Herz.

But Scott residents like Bartels are concerned about the month-long delay in investigating all the thefts.

"I was advised to keep quiet on the matter and not make waves with housing," Bartels said. "Jerry Blackwell, a Resident Assistant in Avery, and David Diduch, the governor of Scott Residence College, said it might jeopardize the negotiations with housing over the stereo," Bartels said.

Blackwell declined to comment on the situation.

But Diduch indicated that the main focus was on Scott College's stereo because it was easier to replace. "It definitely was not a question of priorities, and I hope no one gets that impression," Diduch said. "We're planning to follow up on this and see that as much is done for the individual students as possible."

Policeman Carter cleared of student assault charges

University policeman Rodney Carter was cleared of assault charges in District Court Tuesday because of insufficient evidence.

Assistant District Attorney Carl Fox told District Court Judge Patricia Hunt that the investigation conducted by his office and the State Bureau of Investigation did not turn up enough evidence for prosecution.

The charges had been made against Carter by a female UNC graduate student on Aug. 30.

"We're happy with the verdict because

we thought the charge was falsely brought in the first place," defense attorney Andy Little said.

Robert Sherman, director of Security Services on campus, said that Carter would resume his normal duties on the University police force.

"The personal interview and polygraph testing indicated that he was not guilty of the charges," Sherman said in reference to the SBI investigation.

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CHANGING TIMES?

Our times are changing. While not a new headline, as a new school year begins, the times at United Church are changing. Worship will be at both 9:00 and 11:00 while Church School is at 10:00. If your times are changing and you need a place to contemplate it, a sanctuary to rest from it, a foundation on which to stand, a community to help bear it, a home in which to accept it, come join us. But please remember our times have changed!

A SHARED MEAL?

Sharing a meal can be a revealing experience. It is at the family table we discover who we are; we hear our story told, we cry our tears, we laugh and holler, we storm away in anger, and we experience love. In sharing a meal we come to know others and come to be known. This Sunday the Christian family will gather for World Communion. Christians will come to the Lord's table to share common memories and hopes, to express grief, to convey joy, to reveal fears and to nurture love. We come to know and be known through the mystery of humility as wisdom, of despair giving way to hope, of weakness transformed into strength, of love overcoming death. We, at United Church, invite you to join us this Sunday at the table of the Lord. In addition we invite you to extend the Lord's table by sharing a meal. As many other churches, we encourage people to bring non-perishable foodstuffs (canned meat, dried beans, rice, flour, etc.) for the Inter-Faith Council's Emergency Food Closet. You are invited this Sunday to gather with us at the Lord's table to share a meal.

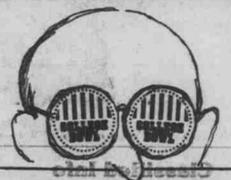
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