

God's Still 'Holding' on to 'America's Pastor' Billy Graham

Evangelist Billy Graham celebrates his 98th birthday Nov. 7, just one day before American voters elect a new president.

To mark the day, his son Franklin Graham shared an old photo of his father alongside Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and his wife, Melania.

The snapshot, which included former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, was taken at Graham's 95th birthday celebration in North Carolina three years ago. CBN News was at that celebration, along with nearly a thousand guests who traveled from around the country to honor "America's Pastor."

"One week from tomorrow, on Nov. 7, my father Billy Graham will celebrate his 98th birthday—that's hard to believe!" his son wrote. "It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating his 95th. He enjoyed so much being surrounded by friends and family as we gave God the glory for his life and ministry."

Earlier this year, Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, shared that her father is confined mostly to his bed and wheelchair but still has a clear mind. She also noted he is still "affectionate and loving."

"I am not sure he is aware so much of the world's situation, but his appetite is good, his vital signs are good, and I know God is holding him for some reason," Lotz said. "In fact, he prays in his preaching voice. He is still kicking. Maybe that will encourage you to be faithful through persevering in the ministry to which God has called you." {eo}

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