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Following Billy Graham's death, many headlines recounted his life: *"America's Pastor dead at age 99"* (NBC News) *"Billy Graham, minister to presidents and millions worldwide, dies at 99"* (LA Times) Some, referencing the sacrifices he and his family made for the sake of the gospel, were not so kind. As I pondered these headlines, two thoughts came to my mind.

First, at times the gospel call demands great sacrifice. Jesus' words of commission to the 12 in Matthew 10 are difficult words: *"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."* Some ministers exit ministry because of the toll it takes on family. For some it means time away from family; for others it means that children might be ostracized by their peers or held to an unattainable lifestyle standard by church members. But the cost of following Christ isn't just a reality for the "professional" minister; it is a burden for lay servants as well.

The second thought that came to my mind as I read the headlines is that every day we choose to speak words of others that either build up or tear down. One writer focused on the negative aspects of Rev. Graham's life instead of the positive impact he had on this world. As I read the article I asked God to curb my harsh words of others and to guide me in speaking words that build up.

May we, as God's servants, be ready to offer our bodies as living sacrifices for the kingdom (Ro. 12:1) and may we only speak of others with words that build up (1 Thess. 5:11).

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People You Should Know....

Evan and Rachel Davis live in Salem with their two year old daughter, **Stella**. Evan grew up in Dallas, South Dakota, a small town close to Gregory, where he attended and graduated from Gregory High School. Rachel grew up in Alexandria, South Dakota and graduated from Hansen High School. She then went on to the University of South Dakota where she earned her degree in Nursing. The two met through a mutual friend one Friday night while out on the town in Mitchell.



Evan and Rachel moved to Salem from Aberdeen about three years ago when Rachel took a job working in the NICU at **Avera McKennan Hospital**. Evan works for **Toshiba America Business Solutions** in Mitchell, so Salem seemed like the perfect happy medium.

In her spare time, Rachel enjoys baking with Stella, cooking and trying new recipes. She also enjoys reading all kinds of books when she can find the time, in between chasing a busy toddler. Evan's hobbies include, woodworking, hanging out with friends, family time, especially vacations. He also enjoys sports and hopes to become more involved in local sports as his children grow and become more active within the community.

When asked what attracted them to Sun Prairie, they said "We like the hospitality and friendly faces, the different ways to get to know people in the area. We like the small town church atmosphere (similar to where we grew up) and the ability to find different ways to become involved."

In other exciting news, Stella is expecting a baby brother any day! I think everyone would agree, the **Davis family** are definitely **People You Should Know!**

Summer Camp Dates



Converge Heartland High School Camp
at Camp Judson June 17-22

Converge Heartland Middle School Camp
at Swan Lake Camp July 22-27

Sixth Grade Camp at Swan Lake Camp
July 8-13

Fifth Grade Camp at Swan Lake Camp
June 17-22

Fourth Grade Camp at Swan Lake Camp
June 13-16

Third Grade Camp at Swan Lake Camp
June 11-13

Chipmunk Day Camp Grades 1-2
at Swan Lake Camp July 3rd

Cottontail Day Camp Ages 5-6
at Swan Lake Camp July 2nd



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 3 Roland Palmquist | 27 Jason Lunders |
| 6 Chloe Hansen | 27 Bentley Palmquist |
| 6 Jeff Heumiller | 27 Mariah Palmquist |
| 8 Whit & Megan Olson | 28 Richard Wobig |
| 10 Mark Hofer | 29 Samantha Hidalgo |
| 10 Karen Knudsen | 29 Deanna Knudsen |
| 10 Cordell Wobig | 29 Nancy Palmquist |
| 14 Anthony Hidalgo | 30 Tim Matthaei |
| 18 Lyndon Kolbeck | 31 Clayton Knudsen |
| 21 Phil McCormick | |
| 21 Justin Palmquist | |
| 23 Christie Wobig | |
| 24 Marcia Anderson | |
| 24 Carrie Palmquist | |
| 25 Roy & Theda Wilsey | |
| 26 Caitlyn Palmquist | |
| 27 Christina Jimenez | |



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 7 am Women's Bible Study at Anderson Seeds 6 pm Ladies Movie Night at church
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	5	6	7 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7:00 MS, HS & Adult Studies 8:00 Deacon Meeting	8	9	10 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 7 am Women's Bible Study at Anderson Seeds
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Matt & Emma Heiman Daylight Saving Time begins	12	13	14 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7:00 MS, HS & Adult Studies	15	16	17 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	19	20 Mom Time 7 pm Union Gospel Mission	21 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7:00 MS, HS & Adult Studies	22	23	24 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Palm Sunday Worship	26	27	28 No Regular Wednesday Activities	29 Maundy Thursday Dinner at Church 6:30	30	31 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

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