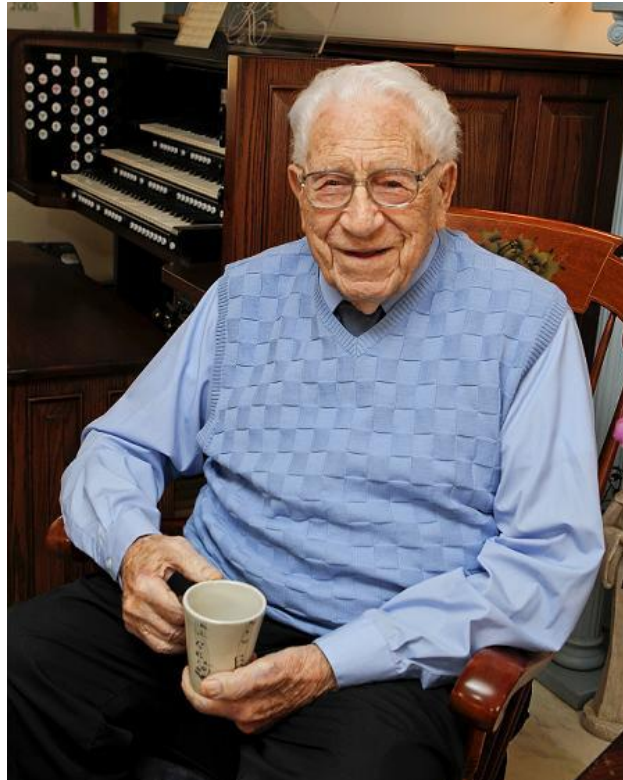


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GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA CELEBRATES 103RD BIRTHDAY



CHARLOTTE, N.C., Feb. 1, 2012 – America’s beloved Gospel singer and longtime Billy Graham Crusade soloist George Beverly Shea celebrates his 103rd birthday today at home with a quiet celebration with friends and family. “Bev,” as he’s affectionately known to those close to him, says his heart feels as joyful as that of a child.

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