

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

### **VIRGINIA “GIGI” LEFTWICH GRAHAM – Eldest Daughter**

Born in 1945, Gigi Graham Foreman is the eldest child of Billy and Ruth Graham. Gigi is an inspirational speaker and author of several books, including *Currents of the Heart* (Multnomah Publishers, 1996); *Passing It On* (Word Publishing, 1993); and *A Quiet Knowing* (W Publishing, 2001). Gigi is also a frequent speaker in churches across America and Europe.

Gigi has seven children and 18 grandchildren. She divides her time between her home in Florida and the mountains of Western North Carolina.

### **ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ – Second Daughter**

Anne Graham Lotz is founder of AnGeL Ministries, a Raleigh, North Carolina-based non-profit organization that undergirds her efforts to draw people into a life-changing relationship with God through his Word. Anne has passionately proclaimed the Bible to people around the world for over thirty years in arenas, churches, seminaries, and prisons. Her message is clear and simple: *We need more of Jesus. Knowing Him intimately is the key to knowing ourselves and finding our purpose in life.* In 2000, Anne launched a revival ministry of “Just Give Me Jesus” revivals which have been held in dozens of cities across the United States and internationally in England, South Korea, Puerto Rico, Paraguay, and the Ukraine.

Anne is an award-winning and best-selling author of nine books, including her signature book, *Just Give Me Jesus*, and her most recent release, *I Saw The LORD*. Anne serves on the board of directors for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; and the Board of Regents for Baylor University. Anne and her husband, Dr. Dan Lotz, live in Raleigh, N.C. and are the parents of three grown children. ([www.annegrahamlotz.com](http://www.annegrahamlotz.com))

### **RUTH “BUNNY” BELL GRAHAM – Youngest Daughter and Namesake**

Ruth Graham is Founder and President of Ruth Graham & Friends, a ministry that seeks to minister God’s grace and comfort to individuals who are hurting and alone. and to equip those who desire to help people who deal with their pain. Ruth is an experienced conference speaker and Bible teacher. Helping to provide a biblical perspective to her own journey of faith, Ruth talks openly about her own pilgrimage through divorce, her teenage daughter’s two unplanned pregnancies, her other daughter’s bulimia and her son’s battle with drugs. Ruth worked in publishing for 13 years as an acquisitions editor and for five years was the donor relations coordinator for Samaritan’s Purse. She spent one year as major gifts officer at Mary Baldwin College and has an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Eastern University.

In 2004, Ruth authored *In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart* and co-authored with Dr. Sara Dorman, *I'm Pregnant...Now What? Heartfelt Advice on Getting Through an Unplanned Pregnancy*. She and Dr. Dorman co-authored their second book, *So You Want to Adopt...Now What?*, in 2005. Ruth's most recent book is, *Legacy of Faith, Things I Learned from My Father*. Today, Ruth lives in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and has three grown children and four grandchildren.

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN GRAHAM, III – Eldest Son and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association**

Franklin Graham committed his life to Christ at age 22, after a period of rebellion and traveling the world. Soon after, Dr. Bob Pierce, founder of the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse, invited Franklin to join him on a six-week mission to Asia. It was during that time that Franklin felt a calling to work with hurting people in areas of the world affected by war, famine, disease and natural disaster. Franklin was elected to the board of Samaritan's Purse in 1978, and one year later, following the death of Dr. Pierce, he was elected president.

Franklin conducted his first evangelistic event in 1989 and committed to spend ten percent of his time preaching. Each year, he conducts festivals around the world as an evangelist for the Billy Graham Evangelical Association (BGEA). Since 1989, he has preached to more than 3.5 million people in cities from Johannesburg, South Africa to Tupelo, Miss. In 2000, Franklin was appointed CEO of BGEA and remains first vice-chairman of the organization, a position he has held since it was created in 1995.

Franklin has authored several books, including *The Name; Living Beyond the Limits: A Life in Sync with God*; and his autobiography, *Rebel With A Cause: Finally Comfortable Being Graham*. He now lives with his wife Jane in the mountains for Boone, N.C. They have four children and two grandchildren.

**NELSON "NED" EDMAN GRAHAM – Second Son and Youngest Child**

Born in 1958, Nelson "Ned" Edman Graham is the youngest child of Billy and Ruth Graham. Ned is president of East Gates International, a Washington-state-based organization that is dedicated to serving the growing needs of the church in China.

After receiving a master's degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, Ned served for four years as pastor at Grace Community Church in Auburn, Washington, before leaving pastoral ministry to work with East Gates.

Ned and his wife Christina live in Washington State and have two sons.