

## Billy Graham

### Billy Graham (1918-2018)

The Reverend Billy Graham in 1966. Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Graham was a Southern Baptist pastor and prominent figure in American politics. While Graham's roots were religious, his roots were not political. Graham grew up on a dairy farm. Graham attended college in Illinois to further his career in the church. It is unclear to how Graham became connected with some of the presidents, but he communicated with presidents from Truman to Trump. Graham gave religious, political, and personal advice to the presidents. He was closest to President Nixon. The two were friends since the forties and Graham publically promoted Nixon during the 1968 election.

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