



# The Evangelical Alliance of South Africa

A bi monthly e-newsletter of the Evangelical Alliance of South Africa  
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## Easter Message

In a few weeks the Christian world will celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will have occasion to think about the violence, suffering, tears, the conflicts, oppression and all the manifestations of sin that trouble our world.

As Christian we will rejoice in the amazing grace of our redemption in Christ. The worthy One who died for the unworthy.

We will also wonder whether we have been good stewards of the message of the gospel. Its call to unity, integrity and mission.

As the month of February ends, we bid good bye to one of Evangelicalism's finest evangelists, Billy Graham, who died on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at his home at age 99. All his working life, he sought to steward the Easter message as best as he knew how. TEASA will host a service in memoriam, to celebrate his contribution. (See poster on this page)

May we each in our own way make the suffering endured by our Lord on the cross worthwhile.

## Evangelism Decade: 2018 -2028

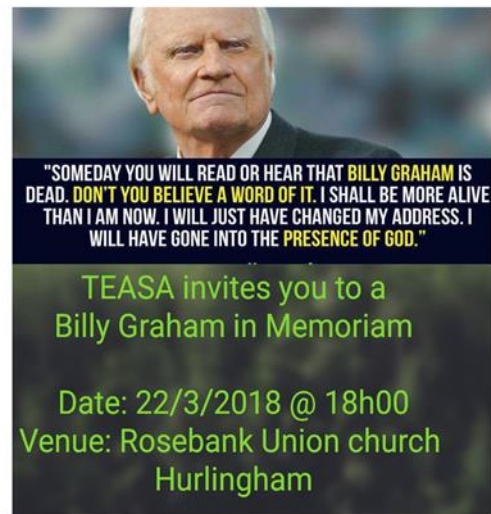
**At its BGM in 2017**, TEASA member churches adopted a 10 year commitment to Evangelism.

**The goal?** That every town, township, city and village in South Africa will have a fair chance of hearing and responding to the gospel and being discipled.

**How can you be a part of this decade commitment?**

- **sign up to pray**, asking 'the Lord of the harvest to send workers into his harvest field'
- **Encourage your church** to participate in the evangelization of your community.
- **Volunteer in your local community** to serve the Decade mission

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## Zexit and movement building



What can we learn from the resignation of the former president on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018?

**First, that prayer matters.** Many Christians prayed that Jacob Zuma would leave office. The records of parliament will show that a prayer offered by TEASA in this regard was read. (See this prayer on page 3) Some went further, and took to the streets along with Civil society.

**Secondly, civil society activism matters.** It demonstrates the moral outrage of ordinary people in their organized formations at the lack of accountability by those who hold public office. It takes organization and movement building to change the world. We learned this as we stood in awe when the miracle of 1994 unfolded before our very eyes.

**Lastly, a strong and vibrant opposition in parliament also matters.** Without it, the ruling party would ride rough shod over the heads of the citizens.

In summary, faith plus mass struggle plus fierce parliamentary efforts can unseat tyranny.

Let us pray that South Africans will always seek peaceful and effective ways to hold public officials to account.

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## Governance in Schools

**Can you lend a hand?**



For years, Christians have reserved the month of February to pray for Education. This is done to coincide with the start of the academic year in tertiary institutions. Education is, after all, an important way in which a society chooses its future.

2018 is a year in which schools will be electing their Governing Bodies (SGB's). These triennial elections, according to Basic Education minister, will be done during the month of March. This is an opportunity for Christian parents to not only pray for public education but also to participate in the governance of the schools.

Public education, which caters for the majority of young South Africans, faces many challenges at all levels. Among others, these challenges include Governance, Policies, Values and teacher capacity.

TEASA encourages Christian parents to actively participate in the education of children, and where they have adequate governance capacity, to avail themselves to serve in school governing boards. About 300 000 individuals in approximately 23 719 schools nationwide will be elected to serve. It's an opportunity for Salt and Light Christians to engage.

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**A  
School  
of  
PRACTICAL REVIVAL LEADERSHIP**

Build so that people **can encounter God** whilst **experiencing belonging** but also being **equipped to bring transformation to their world**. This will lead us to missional, visional, cultural and structural transitions. Understanding and applying the unique relationships between these four elements will enable us to sustain the renewed life in our churches rather than repeating cycles of the routinization of revival. Building an organization which addresses and embraces these elements is the goal of this school. And the outcome will be transformation through raising transformational leaders who bring transformation to every sphere of society.

To register for this online training, due to start in 2019:  
Phone: 011 679 4264

### Evangelicals & 500 years of Reformation

On the 23/24 January, the TEASA Theological Commission convened a colloquium at the Stellenbosch University Faculty of Theology. The aim was to explore the Evangelical roots of the Reformation so as to better understand the connectedness of the Evangelical movement to it. The proceedings were accompanied by lively discussions on what it means for evangelicals today and tomorrow. A report is currently being completed and will be available on the TEASA website soon.



*Delegates at the TEASA Colloquium*

### Book Sale

1. **Out of the shadows of African Traditional religion** – Moss Ntsha : R130.00
2. **Why Christians Disagree** – High Whetmore: R80.00
3. **Masterplan of Evangelism:** Robert Coleman R80.00

*To order your copy, Contact [info@teasa.org.za](mailto:info@teasa.org.za)*

### Prayer for South Africa

- 1) Our God in heaven, we worship and adore You. Hallowed be your Name in all the earth.
- 2) We are thankful for the many blessings bestowed on our nation over the last 21 years. We thank you for the constitution of our nation, and the different institutions that strengthen our democracy. We thank you for the rainbow people of our country and their quest to realize the promise of freedom and justice.
- 3) We celebrate much forward movement made in our nation in different ways over the last 21 years. We celebrate the strengths and talents of the diverse people of this land as they work out what it means to be the South Africa that is just, prosperous and inclusive.
- 4) We lament the failures of our leaders to live up to their calling to lead with integrity and justice as servants of the people. We lament their betrayal of the hopes of so many of your people who are still to be set free from the bondages of poverty, ignorance and disease.
- 5) We lament the many signs that point to the fact that ours is a captured state that can no longer be answerable to the people of South Africa.
- 6) We repent from our high tolerance of rampant corruption in our public institutions, and for allowing evil to triumph on our watch.
- 7) We pray for the removal of those in government who have made themselves instruments of evil and corruption. We ask you to remove them from positions of influence which they have used to harm your people. We pray that you raise others who have a heart to serve with diligence and faithfulness. We pray that you strengthen the hand of those who serve Your people well.
- 8) We pray for the swift removal of the State President from power, for disrespecting his oath of office and plunging our nation into crisis through his lack of ethical leadership.
- 9) We thank You for answering our prayers, for all power and glory belongs to You, now and forever more.
- 10) We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

## Stay connected and partner with TEASA by

*Tick where applicable)*

**Praying.** Register to receive regular prayer notes and stand with TEASA in prayer.

**Participating.** Where does your interest lie?

Missions     Movement building  
 Advocacy    Capacity Building    Discipleship  
 Reconciliation     Church planting and Evangelism

**Giving.** A once off or regular contribution will go a long way towards strengthening an evangelical voice in the nation

**NB: For direct Banking transfers**

**Account Name:** TEASA  
**Bank:** Standard Bank  
**Account No:** 20200 3604  
**Branch code:** 00025  
**Branch:** Johannesburg

RSVP to Anne Adams  
 Email: teasa@mweb.co.za

**Yes TEASA, count me as a partner**

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## Grow with us

TEASA members are spread countrywide. Our 4 million members are to be found in local independent churches, national denominations, mission organizations, minister's fraternals and theological colleges. You can also join as an individual member, and become part of a TEASA local chapter in your area.



Together we are a growing platform of evangelical unity, mission and voice.

The latest local/ regional chapters to organize are in Gauteng and Eastern Cape. If you are in these areas contact: Bishop Nicholas Mcoteli for the Eastern Cape (email address: [Nicholas.mcoteli@vodamail.co.za](mailto:Nicholas.mcoteli@vodamail.co.za)) and for Gauteng; Aaron Mokabane ( [aaronmolebi@gmail.com](mailto:aaronmolebi@gmail.com))

## Calendar of Events

1. **Rev Billy Graham in Memoriam Service**  
22 March. Rosebank Union church. 18h00
2. **Kingdom Come conference with Bill & Eric Johnson**  
11-13 April. <https://www.breakthru.life.co.za/kcsa2018>
3. **Abuse of Religion Consultation**  
23 May. Khotso House, JHB.10am -15h00
4. **Empowered 21 African Congress, Boksburg, JHB**  
 6-19 May. 2018 Register Online.  
<https://itickets.co.za/events/383130>. EARLY BIRD  
 REGISTRATION ENDS 31 MARCH:  
[info@e21africa.co.za](mailto:info@e21africa.co.za) or visit [www.empowered21.com](http://www.empowered21.com) &  
<https://www.facebook.com/e21africa/>
5. **Global Outreach Day.**  
May 26
6. **Mission investment Conference.**  
 1-2 August, Johannesburg.( TBC)