

Billy Kelly Evangelist Biography

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Billy Kelly was born in Oliver Springs, TN on April 17, 1932. Most of his formative school years were spent in Knoxville, TN. He played football and baseball at Young High School. Also, Billy was a country musician. While he was still in high school he played fiddle with a country band on a Knoxville radio station and in many local entertainment places.

Mr. Kelly was saved May 16th, 1950 at the University of Tennessee. A well-attended area wide revival meeting was taking place. A few days after his conversion he announced the call of the Lord for him to preach. A church in Knoxville licensed him 10 days after he was saved to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Kelly attended Carson-Newman College in East Tennessee. Early in his ministry he pastored churches in NC and TN. Then, he entered the field of Evangelism. The Lord used him to preach in churches, auditoriums, and tents for many years. Also, he was known for his ability as a Gospel singer. Therefore, he preached and sang at many of the camp meetings. Due to that fact he became known as "Mr. Camp meeting".

Mr. Kelly received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Tabernacle Baptist College, Greeneville, SC in 1987. Also, an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, FL in 1992.

Billy Kelly entered Heaven's shore on April 1st, 1997.