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Biographical Note: Biographical information excerpted from Findagrave.com obituary:

“Bill was born on August 2, 1930 in Phoenix, Arizona to John and Olive Grasham. He served in the United States Navy and played on the Pacific Fleet Championship baseball team in 1949. He was voted the most valuable player that year and was offered several major league baseball contracts upon leaving the Navy. His desire to go to college resulted in his not pursuing a career in baseball, but rather becoming a preacher, which then became his passion for the remainder of his life. On May 4, 1952, he married the love of his life, Eleanor Marie Spainhower in Antioch, California. They were married for 63 years.

Bill preached for over sixty years in Texas, California, Arizona, Germany and Scotland. He received a B.A. in 1962 and an M.A. in History and Bible in 1968 from Pepperdine University. He studied at Fuller Theological Seminary and received a Ph.D. from the California Graduate School of Theology in 1970. He also received a M.Div. from Abilene Christian University in 1975. From 1975 to 1978, Bill and his family lived in Kaiserslautern, Germany, where he preached for an American military congregation. Then they moved to Aberdeen, Scotland so he could further his education. While there, Bill helped establish a local church congregation. He was awarded a Ph.D. in 1985 from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland upon completion of a dissertation that examined the nature of the Qumran community, the writers of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Bill did post-doctoral studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and also participated in archaeological digs at Tel Dor in Israel. For over fifteen years, he taught Old and New Testament
and Biblical Theology courses at the Center for Christian Education in Dallas, Texas. Over the years, Bill also taught courses at both McMurry and Abilene Christian University. He retired in 2005 but continued to present seminars for graduate students on the Bible and archaeology and on the gospel in the Old Testament. Bill was a life-long student of the Bible and was author of the two-volume Truth for Today Commentary on the Book of Genesis.

Bill and Eleanor spent many of their years together in Dallas and attended the Preston Road Church of Christ but also lived in Abilene five different times for a total of 18 years. In Abilene, they attended the Minter Lane Church of Christ.”

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Subjects and Keywords
Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century
Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Abilene
Grasham, William Wesley (1930-2016)
Abilene Christian University
Inventory

Box 1
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17th Century History
Acts
Acts, Sermons On
Acts, Study Notes by John Bury
ACU, Educational Value
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Apocalyptic Literature, David

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Apologetics
Apologetics, Christian Education
Apologetics, A Survey of Early Christian

Apostles, Their Life and Travels

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Archaeology and Christian Baptism (Article for Leaven)

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Baptism, The Birth

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Biblical Archaeology

Biblical Doctrine Exam

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Biblical Symbolism
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Blasingame, Rachel

Book of Mormon Fallacies

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Book Review, Research and Writing Class


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Can There Be any Gospel in the Midst of Pain and Suffering (Job)

Catalogue (CCE) and Class Schedule (CCE)

The Center’s Advisory Board Meeting and List of Alumni

Center, Bible Classes, Recorded Digitized, Etc.

Center Directory of Alumni

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Center for Christian Education, Advertising Public Relations

Center for Christian Education, Course Description

Center for Christian Education, Evaluation Forms

Center for Christian Education, Graduating Class Statement

Center for Christian Education, Faculty Contract and PR Talks

Center for Christian Education, Severance Agreement

Central Dallas Ministries

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Chapel (Speakers, Addresses, Tapes, Panels-Discussion Topics, Addresses of Churches)

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Charge, President Dave M. Malone

Charismatic Gifts, I Corinthians
The Chinese Mind, Paper by Brother Wu

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- Controversies in the Days of Augustine
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- II Corinthians, Preaching from Sermons on
- Correspondence
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Correspondence, to Preachers and Churches, ACU

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Course Descriptions, Center for Christian Education

Creation and New Creation

Creation (God, Universe, and Man)

The Cross, Suffering Servant Isaiah 53

Cultural Anthropology

Culture, Christianity, Gospel in Paul

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Dallas Christian College

Daniel

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Deacons, Preston Road Church of Christ

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Degree in Bible, Harding and Sunset School of Preaching

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Deuteronomy, Sermons on

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Exams, 2000-03

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Existentialism and the Thud Method of Knowing

Expository Sermon Format, “Jesus Takes the Tough Road”

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Holy Spirit, Sermons on

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**Box 37 - Objects and media**

3 Bibles

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Approximately 120 cassettes of Bill Grasham’s teaching and preaching

**Box 38 - Media**

10 VHS tapes of Bill Grasham teaching and preaching

2 movie reels, likely Grasham family home movies

70 cassette tapes of Bill Grasham’s teaching and preaching

34 CDs of Bill Grasham’s teaching and preaching