

JERSEY SHORE WILL GRAHAM CELEBRATION

Celebration Story Angles

The following are news angles that may be of interest in your coverage of the Jersey Shore Will Graham Celebration:

THE NEXT (AND THIRD) GENERATION

Will is the third generation of Grahams to lead evangelistic events under the banner of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Will Graham is 36-years-old, the same age his grandfather - internationally known evangelist Billy Graham - was when he preached at the Great Auditorium on Sept. 4, 1955.

LOCALLY PLANNED & ORGANIZED

While the Celebration is held in partnership with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, it is spearheaded by a local leadership committee, chaired by Dr. John M. Taylor. More than 265 local churches representing 25 denominations are working together to host the Celebration.

MUSIC THAT SPEAKS TO EVERY GENERATION

Every generation has their own music, and the Jersey Shore Will Graham Celebration will have something for everyone, with the contemporary Christian music of singer/songwriter Matthew West, rock from the Newsboys and Chasen, hip-hop from FLAME and kid's music from *God Rocks!* A complete line-up of artists and dates can be found at www.willgrahamcelebrations.com/jerseyshore.

A NEW BEGINNING

While his famous grandfather has held 417 crusades and preached to nearly 215 million people in live audiences, this is only the sixth Will Graham Celebration in the United States. "No one can replace Billy Graham and I'm certainly not going to try," said Will. "I just need to be myself and do whatever God asks of me. Whatever the future holds is in God's hands."

FUN FOR THE KIDS

A special event for children called *KidzFest* will be held Saturday morning, May 21. Beginning at 8:30 a.m., children will enjoy pre-festival fun with face painting, clowns, puppets, games and a bounce house. At 10 a.m. the *KidzFest* program will take place, featuring an entertaining, energizing and inspiring message from *God Rocks!*

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