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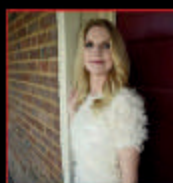
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## FROM THE EDITOR

### **21st Annual Gospel Music FanFair**

This year's Gospel Music FanFair event was probably, by far, the best I have ever attended. I am STILL flying high on the sweet Spirit of God that filled that auditorium! If you missed this one, you sure missed a glimpse of Heaven on Earth! We're sharing some snapshots of the event in this issue. While I hope you enjoy the pictures, they still could not convey the unity, the excitement, the worship, the joy and, yes, the anointing that flowed so beautifully with every song and every testimony.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude for what the Lord did in that place and in the hearts and lives of all who attended. And, although my voice isn't yet fully restored, I stepped out on faith and sang for the first time in about four years! It felt so good to be back on stage, singing to the people and worshipping with them. I hope you will make plans to be with us next year!

### **Father's Day**

Especially with Father's Day just around the corner, my dad has been on my mind a lot lately. At age 78, he has dementia, and his health is rapidly declining. These days, I never know when that moment will come that he will no longer recognize me or remember who I am. So, I cherish every minute we have together. I am very grateful for his Godly example to me and my siblings, and for raising us in a Christian home.

The Bible has much to say about fatherhood, emphasizing love, guidance, discipline, and responsibility. Of course, God is the ultimate father. The Bible often refers to God as a loving and protective Father, setting the example for earthly fathers.

Proverbs 22:6 states, *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."* This highlights the importance of a father's role in shaping a child's character and faith.

Psalms 103:13 says, *"Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."* Fathers are encouraged to show kindness and understanding.

Hebrews 12:9 reminds us that earthly fathers discipline their children, just as God disciplines His own for their growth.

Malachi 4:6 speaks of turning the hearts of fathers to their children, emphasizing reconciliation and strong family bonds.

Fatherhood is portrayed as a sacred calling, reflecting God's own relationship with His children.

**Happy Father's Day,**

*John*

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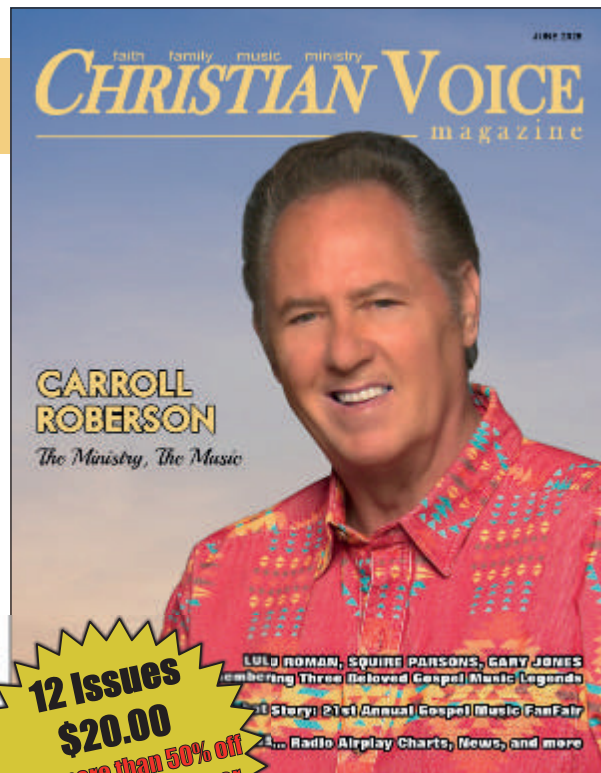
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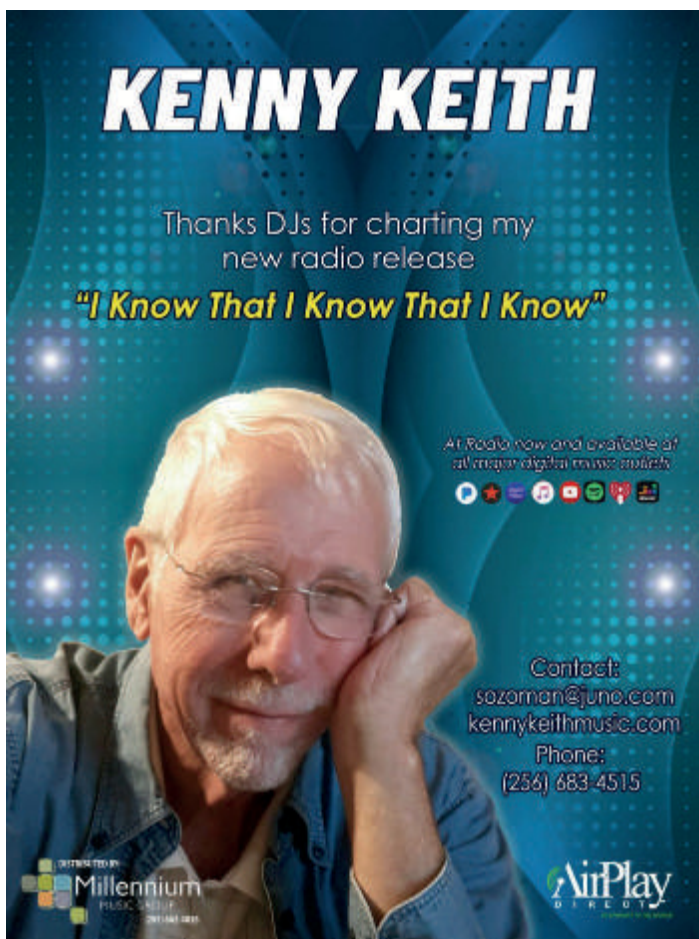
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**D**ivorce is never an easy decision, nor should it be taken lightly. As we reflect on Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:31-32, we are reminded that marriage is a sacred covenant, designed by God to reflect His unending love and faithfulness to us.

### **Divorce is a Last Resort**

Marriage is a union meant to last through the trials and joys of life; a bond that represents God's commitment to His people. Divorce, while permissible in extreme cases such as unfaithfulness or abandonment, is not God's ideal. It is a last resort; a path that should only be taken when every effort toward reconciliation has been exhausted. In a world that often treats marriage as disposable, we must approach this covenant with the seriousness and reverence it deserves.

I want to offer a challenge for those facing difficulties in their marriages: fight for your marriage. Remember the vows you made before God and each other - promises not just for the easy and joyful times but also for the challenging and painful seasons. These vows were spoken with a commitment to love, honor, and cherish, even when circumstances seem insurmountable. Standing firm in your commitment means trusting the Lord to work in your marriage, even when it feels like all hope is lost. God is the ultimate restorer, and He has the power to heal broken hearts and mend fractured relationships. Fighting for your marriage requires courage, perseverance, and a reliance on God's strength to move forward.

The second step is to seek God's guidance. Prayer is an essential tool in navigating the challenges of marriage. Couples should pray together, asking God for wisdom, direction, and softened hearts. Prayer invites God into the relationship, allowing Him to work in ways beyond human understanding. Additionally, studying God's Word together can provide clarity and strength. The Bible is filled with promises and principles about marriage that can encourage and guide couples in their journey. Finding Scriptures that speak to the sanctity of marriage and holding onto those promises can serve as an anchor during turbulent times. God's Word is not just a source of knowledge; it is a source of power, offering hope and renewal for those who seek Him earnestly.

Finally, embrace His grace. Grace is the cornerstone of any healthy and thriving marriage, for it mirrors the grace that God continually extends to us. Never tell your spouse you have no more grace to give because God has never said that to you. His mercies are new every morning, and He calls us to extend the same forgiveness and compassion to others,

especially our spouse. Forgiveness is essential to healing and reconciliation. It requires letting go of past hurts and allowing God to bring peace to your heart. This doesn't mean ignoring the pain or pretending that nothing happened; instead, it means choosing to move forward with love and patience, trusting God to redeem what feels broken. By extending grace to your spouse, you allow God's love to flow through you, creating an atmosphere of healing and hope.

Divorce may sometimes seem like the easiest way out of a painful situation, but it is rarely the best solution. Marriage requires intentionality, perseverance, and a reliance on God's strength. When couples fight for their marriage, seek God's guidance, and embrace His grace, they create an opportunity for restoration and renewal that reflects the beauty of God's design for this sacred covenant. Let us hold onto the hope that, with God, nothing is impossible, and even the most challenging marriages can experience transformation and healing.

### **Is Divorce the Unpardonable Sin?**

Divorce, while deeply painful and not in line with God's ideal for marriage, is not the unpardonable sin. Scripture clarifies that the only sin beyond forgiveness is the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31-32), a willful rejection of God's saving grace. Like all other sins or failures, divorce can be redeemed by God's grace through repentance and restoration. God's heart is always toward healing and reconciliation, both spiritually and emotionally. To condemn someone who has gone through a divorce is to misunderstand the breadth of God's mercy and the depth of His love for every individual. No one is beyond His grace, and He specializes in bringing beauty from ashes, even in the aftermath of broken relationships.

As believers, we must resist the tendency to look down on those who have experienced divorce, recognizing that we are all recipients of God's grace in our own brokenness. Divorce does not define a person's worth or their ability to serve God. Instead of judgment, the church is called to offer compassion, understanding, and support, helping individuals rebuild their lives on the foundation of God's love. When we label divorce as an unforgivable sin, we not only misrepresent God's character but also risk alienating people who desperately need His healing touch. Remember that the Gospel is a message of redemption for everyone, including those whose marriages have ended in divorce. Our responsibility is to extend the same grace and hope we have received, reflecting Christ's unconditional love.



Furthermore, it is important to recognize that life after divorce can still be filled with purpose and opportunity to serve God. Some of the most remarkable testimonies come from those who have experienced brokenness and allowed God to restore them. Divorce, though painful, does not disqualify anyone from fulfilling God's plan for their life. In fact, it often becomes a platform for ministry, as those who have walked through this valley are uniquely equipped to offer hope and guidance to others in similar situations. The church should encourage those who have been divorced to seek healing and restoration, not only for themselves but also to minister to others in need.

Let us also consider Jesus' interactions with individuals who had experienced brokenness in their relationships, such as the woman at the well in John 4. Rather than condemning her for her multiple marriages, Jesus offered her the living water of salvation. His response reminds us that God's ultimate goal is not to shame but to redeem. When the church embodies this same attitude, it becomes a place of refuge and renewal for those who have endured the pain of divorce. In doing so, we reflect the heart of God, who longs to restore what is broken and use every life, regardless of its past, for His glory.

**“Grace is the cornerstone of any healthy and thriving marriage...”**

#### Closing Thoughts

When it comes to marriage, conflicts will come. So, what do we do? When conflict arises in marriage, it is tempting to take the easy path and part ways, believing the situation to be beyond repair. Yet, in those moments of pain and struggle, it is crucial to remember the love that first brought you together and the covenant you made before God. Marriage is not just a human agreement; it is a sacred bond designed by God, and He is for your marriage. With His help, even the most challenging conflicts can be overcome, and relationships can be restored. God's power is limitless, and He specializes in taking broken things and making them whole.

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A TRUE STORY OF  
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*Michael  
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By Malik Riaz

**M**ichael Walsh's life reads like a modern-day parable of redemption. Born into a difficult background, he had early years marred by pain and instability. "My childhood wasn't always easy," he reflects. But amid the turmoil, the summers spent with his great uncle Tony provided a glimpse of peace and a deeper encounter with faith. These visits became a sanctuary, a contrast to the chaos that enveloped much of his early life.

At just fifteen, tragedy struck with the suicide of his mother. Grief overwhelmed Michael and his older brother, and they sought solace in addiction. Two years later, the death of Uncle Tony plunged Michael deeper into despair. What followed was a harrowing two-decade cycle of addiction, incarceration, and institutionalization. He was, as he describes, "trapped in a cycle of addiction, incarceration, institutions, and despair."

#### **A Series of Miracles and a Turning Point**

Michael's life hit a critical juncture in March 2017 when his brother died in a car accident. Emotionally devastated, Michael's path grew darker. But then, in August 2019, everything changed. He was hit by a truck and suffered critical injuries, including a severe brain injury. The accident became an unlikely catalyst for transformation.

"During my recovery, I had several near-death experiences," Michael shares. "I saw and felt the horrors of hell, but Jesus pulled me back with His grace and mercy." When he awoke, he was no longer the same man. "It was as if a weight had been lifted; pain, guilt, and addiction were gone. I was completely free for the first time in my life."



## Music: A Ministry Born from Pain

Music, once a distant dream, has now become his ministry. The goal wasn't fame, it was freedom. Through his lyrics and melodies, he aimed to reach those still trapped in despair. From this redemption, a new calling emerged. A couple of years later, Michael began writing songs. "My first song came to me in November 2021, and I haven't stopped writing since," Michael explains.

Michael grew up listening to everything from Hard Rock to Blues. "When I first picked up a guitar, I dreamed of shredding like Eddie Van Halen and rocking out like Metallica," he says. But the trials of life changed his musical focus. Today, he finds inspiration in faith-based artists like Zach Williams, Casting Crowns, Devin Williams, Matthew West, Crowder, Ben Fuller, and Cochren & Co.

## Rising on the Charts and in Spirit

The release of his debut album, "My Story," in November 2023 marked a significant milestone. It was a digital release, available across platforms like Spotify, Apple Music, and iTunes. But more than commercial reach, it was the message that mattered. In January 2024, his debut radio single *By Your Side* began gaining traction. It climbed the charts of Christian Voice Magazine, Cross Country USA, and Cashbox Magazine from March to August 2024.

His follow-up single, *Forever Your Praises*, released in June 2024, also resonated with listeners. By November, it appeared on five different charts and remained on the Cashbox Southern Gospel Chart at number 55 for two months. His latest single, *His Name Is*, released in January 2025, is debuting at number 91 on the Christian Voice Magazine Southern Gospel Top 100 this month.

While chart success is exciting, for Michael, it pales in comparison to the spiritual impact. "The impact I've witnessed through the 2nd Chance Ministry, which I was part of for almost three years, surpasses any stage," he affirms. "Seeing lives changed, chains of addiction and despair broken; that's absolutely amazing!"

## A Love Story Forged in Faith

As he rebuilt his life, Michael encountered yet another miracle of love. After leaving the hospital in 2019 with only twenty dollars and no home, he witnessed God's providence in full. "Within hours, I was given a ride home, a place to stay, and food. Within days, I had my own place," he recalls.

He began attending a small country church, and one Sunday, he met a woman who would become his wife. "I knew instantly that she would be my wife," he smiles. A stolen church bell oddly became the conversation starter that united them. Today, she is Mrs. Walsh, and the couple shares two beautiful daughters, Faith and Hope.

## A Testimony of Divine Intervention

One of the most profound moments in Michael's life came in December 2018, when he reached a point of hopelessness and attempted to end his life. Three different

methods failed miraculously. "The bullet was marked, exactly like the others I had shot before, but it didn't fire," he recounts. It was a chilling moment of divine intervention. "My life was spared for a third time that day by the mercies of my Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus."

## Fighting the Scourge of Addiction

Michael's journey is inextricably linked to addiction; not just his own, but the broader crisis facing communities today. He speaks candidly about the epidemic, the rising potency of drugs, and the alarming rate of overdose deaths. "Addiction is a defining part of my story," he acknowledges. "Drugs and alcohol were a desperate attempt to silence internal pain." He views music ministries and recovery stories as vital tools in turning the tide. "Hope is the catalyst for change," he insists.

**"I saw and felt the horrors of hell, but Jesus pulled me back with His grace and mercy."**

## A Mission Bigger Than Music

Currently, Michael is putting the final touches on his second album, "The Way You Do," produced by NGP Studios in London, Kentucky. The first single is expected to be released this summer, bringing more faith-driven music to the world.

Looking to the future, Michael dreams of launching a deliverance ministry or supporting existing ones through his music. "My ultimate goal is for my music to have a positive, lasting impact on as many lives as possible," he says.

## A Concert Experience Like No Other

For those attending a Michael Walsh concert, expect more than just music. It's a spiritual experience. "It's about genuine connection and heartfelt music. Anyone who shares the stage with me will be expected to give their absolute best, performing with the same reverence as if they were singing directly before the Lord", he says.

## Conclusion: A Life That Sings of Grace

Michael Walsh's life is not just a comeback story: "it's a testimony to divine grace." Through trauma, addiction, loss, and near-death experiences, he has emerged not broken, but born anew. His music serves as both his message and his mission, reminding listeners that no pit is too deep for God's rescue. And with every song, he sings the truth he lives: that in Christ, every life, no matter how lost, can be transformed.



## MARGIE'S MEDITATION

### The Role of a Father

— Margie Tanner

Father's Day is observed on the third Sunday of June. It honors all fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and father figures for their contribution to the family. Many countries around the world celebrate Father's day on this day, while some other countries observe Father's Day at different times of the year. President Nixon, in April 1972 passed a law making Father's day a federal Holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

Fatherhood is one of the most sacred and impactful roles a man can assume. In scripture, God speaks of a father as a leader, nurturer, and protector in the family. However, a father's influence goes beyond providing for the physical needs of his children. A vital role of a father is guiding them spiritually, and teaching them godly values. Just as our heavenly Father shows to all of us unconditional love, so must earthly fathers do the same.

Fathers are called to teach their children about God's Word and this law in Deuteronomy 6: 6-7, *"These commandments that I give you, are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road when you lie down and when you get up."*

Fathers should attend church with their children, you must set the example. So many times that responsibility is pushed off on the moms. Even from a very early age they are watching your actions and listening to your words.

Fathers have a great responsibility not only providing for all the every day needs of a home, clothing, and food. Sometimes it is hard to find the time to spend special time with your children. This is so important, there needs to be fun time - fun family games, movie nights with good family films.

You need to support their school and sporting events that they may be involved in. How many times have they heard 'I don't have time?' They grow up so fast. TAKE THE TIME.

There is a vast difference in fathering a child and being responsible to giving that child life and becoming a real dad to that child.



I want to share a verse and chorus of a song written by Gerald Crabb titled "Two Little Feet."

*I saw two little feet walking in my footsteps,  
and I heard a little voice asking things I didn't know,  
I touched some tiny fingers that reached out for direction  
If she's following me Lord I need to know which way to go  
So If she's following me, Lord I need to follow you,  
If I'm a living example I need a whole lot of your life.  
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## CeCe Winans, Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant Team Up For The Christmas Together Tour



This Christmas is sure to be one to remember, with three Gospel Music Hall of Fame members teaming up to kick off the holidays with the Christmas Together Tour.

The star-studded tour will feature Christian and Gospel music greats, CeCe Winans, Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, beginning November 28 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The tour will make seven more stops in states including Georgia, Illinois, Virginia and Ohio, before coming to a close in St. Louis on December 8.

Last year, Winans released the holiday set, "Joyful, Joyful: A Christmas Album," with her rendition of *Joy to the World* rising to No. 6 on Billboard's Hot Gospel Songs chart. Grant has released five studio Christmas albums, including 2016's "Tennessee Christmas." Her songs such as *Emmanuel*, *Breath of Heaven*, *My Grown Up Christmas List* and *It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year* have become holiday classics. Smith has also released a handful of holiday projects, including 2023's "Every Christmas." In 2013, his collaboration with Carrie Underwood on *All Is Well* reached No. 6 on the Hot Christian Songs chart.

More information can be found at the artist's websites: [cecewinans.com](http://cecewinans.com), [michaelwsmith.com](http://michaelwsmith.com), and [amygrant.com](http://amygrant.com).

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Few groups on the road today share the long-standing history that The Hoppers represent within Southern Gospel music. While the family has faced a plethora of obstacles throughout the years, including considerable health concerns, the group has continuously forged ahead with the mission of sharing the Gospel through song. As the award-winning family group quickly approaches their seventh decade of ministry, The Hoppers have announced a new season as they move into the future.

Group founder and patriarch, Claude Hopper, as well as Connie, a fan-favorite alto and the family matriarch, plan to take a step back: enjoying their home in beautiful North Carolina and some very well-deserved relaxation. Their youngest son, Mike Hopper, will come off the road to care for his parents. As a result, Dean and Kim Hopper, along with their daughter Karlye, and with Claude and Connie's blessing, will move forward as the latest configuration of The Hoppers, continuing the family's long legacy as one of the prominent families of Gospel Music.

Dean, Kim and Karlye would like to say thank you for the continuous support and love throughout the years, and request prayers as they enter into the next chapter of The Hoppers.

To learn more about The Hoppers, follow them on social media or visit [www.thehoppers.com](http://www.thehoppers.com).

### Contemporary Christian Genre Pioneers The Archers Make Celebrated Return with 'Legacy Medley'

Nearly 50 years since the release of "Fresh Surrender," a watershed album of the Jesus Music movement that proved pivotal in launching the Contemporary Christian genre, GRAMMY Award-winning sibling group The Archers return to the spotlight with "Legacy Medley," available now.

Recorded live at the Williamson County Performing Arts Center in Franklin, Tennessee, "Legacy Medley" was produced by Tim and Cynthia Archer and co-produced by Steve Archer, Michael Blanton and Janice Archer Cruse. Revisiting five timeless selections, "Legacy Medley" highlights *Give Us This Day*, from the GRAMMY-winning compilation "The Lord's Prayer;" the Andraé Crouch-penned *It Won't Be Long*; fan favorite *Make Me An Instrument*; *I Never Knew Love*, from the group's GRAMMY-nominated album "Spreadin' Like Wildfire;"



and the 1979 classic *Pickin' Up The Pieces*. Bringing The Archers' captivating familial harmonies and defining Pop sound back to the forefront for a new generation, "Legacy Medley" also serves as a tribute to God's unwavering faithfulness in the lives of group members Tim Archer, Steve Archer and Janice Archer Cruse.

"I wrote *Pickin' Up The Pieces* during a particularly difficult season in my life," Tim Archer recalls. "And while standing onstage all these years later, having recently gone through treatment for oral cancer and not knowing if I would ever be able to sing again, I was living that song as I sang it. That rough and raw emotion you hear is real."

Janice Archer Cruse says, "'Legacy Medley' is a reminder of what has inspired us from the beginning - Jesus and the life change He brings to every situation. Nothing is ever more important than Him and His ability to guide and anoint the why and how of our music."

"As you listen to "Legacy Medley," you'll hear themes of prayer, hope, life, love and repentance," Tim adds. "No matter what we've done, or how broken we've become, He's right there offering hope and love with open hands. I hope this music will encourage listeners to make Christ the center of their lives."

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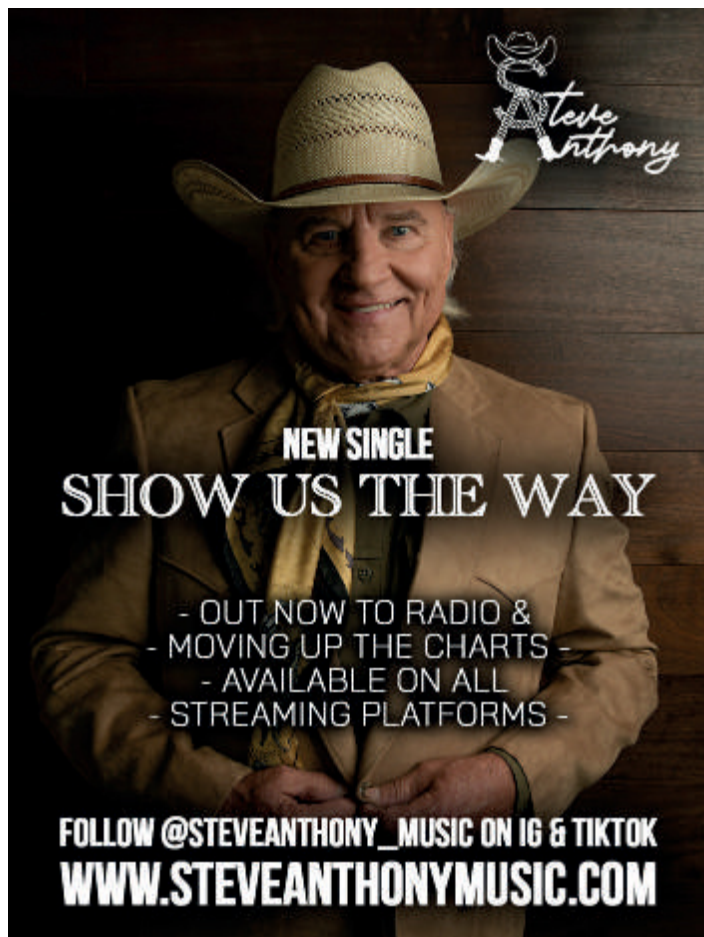
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### **Steven Curtis Chapman Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of 'Speechless' with Tour**

Steven Curtis Chapman, the most awarded artist in Christian music history, is set to celebrate 25 years of his iconic album "Speechless" with a twelve-date US tour this fall. The album featured seven No. 1 hits on the radio, the most on any one record in Chapman's catalog.



"After all of the touring I've done through the years, it's hard to imagine there's something I haven't ever done. But it turns out I've never done a tour where I play every song from a certain album," shares Steven Curtis Chapman. "'Speechless' is an album that seemed to connect with a lot of folks, and I am excited to play all the songs from that album from front to back, and of course, add in a few other familiar favorites as well. I'm also bringing some other incredible musicians along with me to help me breathe new life into these songs! So here's your 'Invitation', I hope you'll come with 'Great Expectations' as we 'Dive In,' and see the 'Fingerprints of God' - ok, you get the point!"

As Chapman's ninth career album, "Speechless" was certified RIAA Platinum and won the 2000 GRAMMY Award for 'Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album' and the GMA Dove Awards for 'Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year,' 'Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year' (for *Dive*), 'Artist of the Year,' and 'Male Vocalist of the Year.' With these achievements, this album is considered one of his greatest works and one of the most successful Christian albums of all time.

"We have loved watching Steven Curtis Chapman's career over the years and the impact he has had by spreading the Gospel through his music! The "Speechless" album is a huge highlight of his career, and it will be incredible to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this album and hear those hits live in concert once again," shares Robyn Klass, VP of Marketing at TPR.

### **The Chosen Season 5 Premieres Exclusively on Prime Video This Summer**

With the release of the official trailer, Prime Video announced Season 5 of the global phenomenon The Chosen will premiere on June 15, 2025 in the U.S. Featuring eight episodes, The Chosen: Last Supper (Season 5) will debut in three parts over three weeks, with the first two episodes premiering on June 15, followed by three episodes on June 22 and the last three episodes on June 29. In addition to the U.S., the new season will be available on Prime Video in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Sub-Saharan Africa, UK, and Latin America in July. The Chosen Seasons 1 through 4 are now streaming on Prime Video.



The Chosen: Last Supper (Season 5) made its theatrical debut on March 28 in the U.S. and on April 11 internationally to incredible box office success, grossing nearly \$60 million and counting. In May, The Chosen: Last Supper Parts 2 (episodes 3-5) and 3 (episodes 6-8) will be released in theatres in the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. Cumulatively,



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over the past three years, The Chosen's theatrical releases have grossed nearly \$140 million worldwide in 55 countries.

The Chosen: Last Supper (Season 5) follows Jesus' (Jonathan Roumie) triumph to treachery as his final days unfold in a story that changed the world. Welcomed as a king into Jerusalem, he boldly confronts the corrupt merchants, sparking a chain of events that shakes the city. While religious leaders scramble to silence his growing influence, Jesus shares one last meal with his closest followers. But in the shadows, Judas makes a deal that seals both their fates. In a tale of power, faith, and betrayal that echoes through time -- one man's ultimate sacrifice becomes humanity's greatest story.

Jonathan Roumie returns as Jesus alongside Shahar Isaac as Peter, Paras Patel as Matthew, Elizabeth Tabish as Mary Magdalene, Noah James as Andrew, George H. Xanthis as John, Abe Bueno-Jallad as Big James, Vanessa Benavente as Mother Mary, Luke Dimyan as Judas, Richard Fancy as Caiaphas, Paul Ben-Victor as King Herod, and Andrew James Allen as Pontius Pilate.

The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season series shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. With over 250 million viewers, The Chosen is one of the most-watched series in the world, produced by 5&2 Studios and written, directed, and produced by Dallas Jenkins.

Earlier this year, Amazon MGM Studios inked a first-look multi-faceted deal with 5&2 Studios. The wide-ranging deal provides streaming rights to the first five seasons of The Chosen and the new unscripted series The Chosen in the Wild with Bear Grylls for Prime Video. The pact also includes theatrical and streaming rights to The Chosen's upcoming final two seasons, which will follow the crucifixion (Season 6) and the resurrection (Season 7). Season 6 production is currently underway in the U.S. and Italy. Lionsgate handles global distribution for The Chosen and The Chosen In The Wild with Bear Grylls.

## Lynchburg Welcomes Bill & Gloria Gaither for Two-Day Homecoming Event

On October 17 and 18, Gospel Music legend Bill Gaither will present a Homecoming Weekend musical celebration at the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. Over the course of two days, nearly two dozen Homecoming friends will gather for two exciting concert events.



For over three decades, Bill and Gloria Gaither have taken their exciting Homecoming Tour on the road, touring internationally and enjoying sold out crowds in cities worldwide. The exciting tradition continues in Lynchburg as this 2025 Homecoming Celebration brings together dozens of artists on one stage for a weekend that has the promise of being quite historical. This special weekend will feature Gaither's own Vocal Band, consisting of Wes Hampton, Reggie Smith, Adam Crabb and Todd Suttles, as well as Gaither alum Mark Lowry, Grammy-winner Jason Crabb, as well as popular multi-award winning groups like The Martins, The Sound, The Isaacs and Jeff and Sheri Easter. Additionally, popular Homecoming artists set to appear include Janet Paschal, Gordon Mote, Joseph Habedank, Angela Primm, Lynda Randle, Autumn Nelon Streetman, Chris Blue and many other Homecoming friends..

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By Malik Riaz

If you've ever heard Southern Gospel music that made you feel like Heaven came a little closer, chances are you've encountered the anointed work of Sam Blankenship and Whosoever Ministries. Based in Cleveland, Tennessee, Sam's journey is one of faith, music, and a calling that started young and never let go.

Raised in church by his aunt and uncle, Sam fell in love with Gospel music early on. "I loved the piano and thought it was amazing. With lots of prayer, at the age of eleven, I started playing the piano," he says. Even more remarkable, he's never had a lesson. "It is a God-given talent... for that, I give God all the glory!"

His love for music turned into a ministry as he played for numerous groups over the years, but the tug to do more never left. That's when he stepped out in faith and formed his own group, Whosoever Ministries. The name came straight from scripture: Romans 10:13, "*Whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" It's a powerful reminder of the inclusive nature of God's grace, and Sam's ministry has been built on that truth from the start.

In less than two years, the group has made an undeniable mark. Their first year included an astonishing 80 bookings without Sam making a single call. It's a clear testament to divine guidance. His motto - "God will open the doors and I will go through them," Sam believes.

With a live band and a full travel schedule, the work isn't easy, but it's rewarding. One moment that stands out is a powerful service in the Meigs County Jail. While Sam was singing, an inmate ran to the altar to surrender his life to Christ. That's the kind of impact Whosoever Ministries aims



for every single time they take the stage or the pulpit. Yes, the pulpit, too. Sam holds a doctorate in theology and has pastored churches in the past. Many of their bookings now include both preaching and singing, a combination that Sam considers a double blessing.

Their radio single, *God Reached Below the Bottom*, has been climbing the charts, debuting at #72 on the Cashbox Southern Gospel Top 100 and rising to #49 by April. It's also made the Christian Voice Magazine Top 100, a sign that their message is not only reaching ears, but hearts.

What can audiences expect when they experience Whosoever Ministries live? Sam puts it plainly: "We do not go to any singing to put on a show, we go to worship God through our music... We are on the same team, the Jesus team."

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**R**omans 15:13 says, “*May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope*” (AMPC).

Over the last 45-plus years I’ve spent traveling and teaching God’s Word around the world, I’ve met many incredible people from nearly every walk of life. Some were doing great, seemingly on top of the world. Others confided in me that they were barely getting by, living day-to-day, trying to make ends meet. And many others were dealing with circumstances so difficult that, quite frankly, they felt defeated and overwhelmed by life.

We will all battle hopelessness at some point in our lives. And no matter who we are or what our situation, HOPE is one thing we all desperately need. The reason is: hope is powerful!

Hope is more than a motivational thought or a fading daydream - hope is a nothing-is-impossible-with-God firestorm refusing to be quenched. It’s an awareness that God is actually expecting, looking, and longing to show you His goodness. Hope is what stabilizes your frantic thoughts and emotions - it’s an awareness that there is no problem big enough to keep God from rescuing you.

These days, it’s easy to be worn down by hopelessness. People lose hope when they experience overwhelming loss, repeated failures, impossible situations, or when they’re hurt by people they trust. Like most of you, I understand what it’s like to feel hopeless. I spent 23 years of my life filled with pain, abuse, disappointment, unfaithfulness, and one bad thing after another.

Because of this, I wouldn’t get my hopes up. I used to say, “If I don’t expect anything good to happen, I won’t be disappointed when it doesn’t.” But when I got serious about my relationship with God and began studying His Word, I discovered real hope. I learned why hope is important, and how powerful hope can be.

Hope is a positive expectation that something good is going to happen to you because of God’s great goodness. It is not a wishy-washy, vague, wait-and-see attitude, but an action we must choose to take on purpose each day. Hope and faith go hand in hand.

Hope also enables us to endure hardships and long waiting periods, and God uses these times to develop character and endurance in us. Psalm 27:14 says, “*Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord*” (AMPC).

Hope dares us to believe! It thinks, “You know what? Things might just work out after all.” It’s the sometimes unexplainable, but always undeniable, feeling that today would be a bad day to give up.

Isaiah 40:31 tells us: “*But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint*” (ESV).

Regardless of who you are or what condition your life is in, you can’t function successfully without hope in God. If circumstances are bad, you surely need hope. And if they are good, you need hope that they will stay that way!

Hope energizes and motivates us to take action by causing us to step out in faith and act in obedience with God’s Word. Hope believes boldly, decides daringly, speaks firmly, and perseveres passionately. When we embrace hope on purpose, it influences our thoughts, our attitudes, our outlook, and the way we speak. Hope builds us up as we wait on God.

Hope releases joy, and the joy of the Lord becomes our source of strength (Nehemiah 8:10). Never assume that where you’ve been or where you are is as good as it gets. And when your goal or your situation seems impossible, keep in mind that nothing is impossible for God.

In Matthew 19:26, Jesus said, “*With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible*” (NIV). It doesn’t matter what the situation looks like around you; God is greater than any obstacle you may be facing. Everything that has never been done is impossible until someone does it, so why can’t it be you?

Don’t allow your mind to become a hindrance to the things you can accomplish in life. Think big - the way God does! Choose to believe God is going to do something better in your life. So, go ahead and get your hopes up! God is leading you to something better than you can imagine!

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### **Huey P. Williams**

*September 21, 1938 - March 24, 2025*

Huey P. Williams was born in 1938 into Gospel music royalty. He was the older brother of Frank Williams, who founded the Mississippi Mass Choir, and of Melvin, Doug, and Leonard Williams, members of the Grammy-nominated Williams Brothers. The Williams family is widely recognized for its significant influence in shaping the sound of modern Gospel.

As the longtime front man with The Jackson Southernaires, Williams' unmistakable voice and soulful storytelling made him one of the most beloved vocalists in the genre. He is revered as a trailblazer in traditional Gospel.

The Jackson Southernaires, founded in 1940 in Jackson, Mississippi, rose to national prominence in the 1960s with the breakout single, *The Greatest Creator*, released in 1963. *Too Late* (1968) became a major success, leading to the release of the group's first full-length album. Other fan

favorites include *Don't Let Him Catch You (With Your Work Undone)* and *How Long Will It Last*.

In 1975, the group became the first Gospel act to sign with Malaco Records, where it released projects that charted on Billboard's Top Gospel Albums list, such as "Down Home" (1975), "Legendary Gentlemen" (1979), and "Lord We Need Your Blessing" (1985). They were frequently named among Billboard's 'Top Gospel/Soul Artists of the Year.'

The Jackson Southernaires won multiple accolades, including three consecutive Gospel Music Workshop of America awards for 'Traditional Male Group of the Year' in the late '80s, a Stellar Award in 1989, and a Grammy nomination in 1992. They were inducted into the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame, and in 2010, the city of Jackson renamed a stretch of road in their honor: Jackson Southernaires Drive.

Huey's commitment to Gospel never wavered. When asked if he'd ever retire, he famously replied, "My answer to that question is, how do you give up on God? How do you give up on Gospel? How do you say, 'I'm going to retire?' It's like a good marriage - until death do us part."

Williams' final performance with the group was in late 2024, a testament to his enduring passion for Gospel. On March 24, 2025, he died peacefully at his home in Smithdale, Mississippi. He was 86 years old. His passing marks the end of an era for quartet Gospel - a style he helped define and preserve for over five decades.

"My big brother Huey, in my eyes, was in a league of his own," said Doug, who is one of his brothers. "He possessed a signature voice that was unmistakably his own. His music ministry touched so many lives in such a positive way over the years. He had a big personality, but such a humble spirit. Huey was the epitome of a people's person, a man who loved everybody and never met a stranger. He would literally give you the shirt off his back. That's why so many people from across the country gravitated to him and loved him dearly. His presence will be sorely missed, but his undeniable legacy will live on forever."





### ***LuLu Roman***

*May 6, 1946 - April 23, 2025*

Born Bertha Louise Hable on May 6, 1946, in Dallas, Texas, Lulu's life was a testament to the power of perseverance. Raised in an orphanage after a challenging childhood marked by abandonment, she transformed adversity into a radiant career that spanned music, comedy, and ministry.

Her indomitable spirit and infectious joy propelled her to stardom, beginning with her breakout role as a founding cast member of *Hee Haw* in 1969. Alongside Country music legends like Roy Clark and Buck Owens, Lulu's comedic brilliance, hearty laugh, and commanding singing voice made her a household name. Her performances brought warmth and humor to generations of viewers, cementing her as a cornerstone of the show's legacy and a beloved figure in television history.

Lou's talents extended far beyond the screen. As a trailblazer in Gospel music, she released over a dozen albums, which showcased her soulful voice and deeply personal faith. Her music earned her a Grammy nomination, a Dove Award from the Gospel Music Association, and a 1999 induction into the Country Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Lou's concerts were more than performances - they were spiritual gatherings filled with hope, testimony, and connection. Her openness about her struggles with addiction and her transformative journey to Christianity in the 1970s resonated deeply, offering inspiration to those facing their trials. Her story of redemption became a cornerstone of her ministry, as she shared her faith through music, speaking engagements, and outreach.

Her unwavering love for her family defined Lulu's life. She often spoke of her sons, Damon and Justin, as her greatest blessings. Sadly, Justin passed away in 2017, a loss that profoundly shaped her heart and deepened her faith.

Beyond her professional achievements, Lou passionately advocated for causes close to her heart. Drawing from her own experiences, she supported organizations focused on children's welfare, addiction recovery, adoption, foster care, and heart health. She frequently spoke at churches, recovery centers, and prisons, using humor, humility, and testimony to uplift those struggling with hardship. Her compassion for the broken and her commitment to sharing hope made her a beacon of light for countless individuals, inspiring them to find purpose and healing.

Louise "Lulu" Roman, beloved Country and Gospel music artist, comedian, and cherished star of the iconic television show *Hee Haw*, aged 78, passed away unexpectedly on the evening of April 23, 2025. Her departure leaves an irreplaceable void in the hearts of her family, friends, and millions of fans worldwide, but her legacy of laughter, faith, and resilience will endure forever.

Her family and friends will forever cherish her infinite kindness, quick wit, and generous spirit, which touched everyone she met.



### ***Garry Jones***

*September 16, 1962 – April 27, 2025*

Born in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on September 16, 1962, Garry Ray Jones was one of four children born to Jerry and Loraine Jones. He had a long and celebrated career in Gospel music, first gaining national attention with the Pensacola, Florida-based group, the Dixie Echoes. However, he rose to his most notable position with the award-winning Gold City Quartet, which he joined in 1981. He was the group's pianist and eventual producer/arranger and is credited

for establishing the Gold City sound of the 1980's and early 1990's. Garry's musical creativity was heard on such songs as *When I Get Carried Away*, *One Scarred Hand*, *There Rose A Lamb*, and the group's signature song, *Midnight Cry*.

During his time with Gold City, Garry was awarded the Singing News Fan Award for 'Favorite Musician' in 1990 and 1991. A tenure spanning 13 years with Gold City, Garry, affectionately known as Taco, later went on to play for The Old Friends Quartet and was a founding member of both Ernie Haase and Signature Sound and Mercy's Mark.

In 2017, Garry was inducted, as a member of Gold City, into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame. After spending some time doing other endeavors, Garry had recently returned to his roots, once again producing the music of Gold City. He co-produced their 2024 recording, "Right Now" and penned several songs on that project. Gold City's latest chart single, *Rise Up*, was written by Garry, and is currently climbing radio charts across the nation.

Award-winning musician and producer, Garry Jones passed away on Sunday evening, April 27, 2025, after a brief battle with metastatic cancer. He was 62 years old.

Immediately following the announcement of his passing, tributes began pouring in from the members of Gold City. Danny Riley stated, "Our Gold City family has heavy hearts, as we have lost not only a great musician and producer, but also a dear friend. Garry was an incredible talent who was responsible for a lot of the group's early success in the 1980's to mid-1990's. I've known him since I was a kid. I think shocked and devastated would be how we feel as a group right now. Garry has left us way too soon. Our hearts go out to his family during this time, and we would ask you pray for them in the days ahead."

Josh Feemster, lead vocalist for Gold City adds, "Garry was a great friend of mine. He gave me my first job in Gospel Music as a member of Mercy's Mark. He was currently working with Gold City, producing new music for us. Nobody really knew how to get that Gold City sound for us better than Garry, because he helped create it from the beginning. This is a huge loss for a lot of people, including Gold City and myself personally. But I am so thankful to the Lord for allowing us the opportunity to work together again these past few years."

Gold City manager Joel Stapleton shared, "Garry's impact on our music, ministry, and lives will never be forgotten. When he came aboard to produce the last half of Gold City's current album, he really helped breathe new life into our recording process. We will miss him greatly, but we rejoice in knowing he's safe in the arms of Jesus now."

*We are confident, I say, and willing  
rather to be absent from the body, and to  
be present with the Lord.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:8*



**Charles Abee**

*April 7, 1943 – April 29, 2025*

Born April 7, 1943, Charles Abee most heavily impacted Gospel music as a pianist during the 1960s and 1970s. He first surfaced on the professional scene in 1965 with The Pine Ridge Boys, later joining The Palmetto State Quartet.

He is best known for his tenure with the Kingsmen Quartet from 1971 to 1973, during which they first became known as "The Ton of Fun." During this period, he played a pivotal role in shaping the group's sound, contributing to albums such as "America's Favorite Hymns" (1971) and "May Day" (1972). Abee was also credited with coining the group's nickname, "The Men of Music," reflecting their dynamic and evolving musical style.

Abee played on numerous early Kingsmen hits including *Just As The Sun Went Down*, *The Apple Tree Story*, *Gone*, *I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian*, and *Reverend Everette Beverley And Sister Annie Laura*.

After Abee left the full-time circuit, he remained active with several regional groups such as Meetin' Time Quartet, The Tarheel State Quartet, and Men Of Praise, in addition to serving for 24 years as Minister of Music at Winklers Grove Baptist Church in Morganton, North Carolina. He was a recipient of both the 2004 Living Legend Award at the Grand Ole Gospel Reunion, and a 2011 inductee into the Southern Gospel Piano Roll of Honor.

Charles Abee, the esteemed Southern Gospel pianist renowned for his contributions to the Kingsmen Quartet during the early 1970s, passed away on April 29, 2025, at the age of 82.





### ***Squire Parsons***

*April 4, 1948 – May 5, 2025*

Born April 4, 1948, Squire Parsons, Jr. began singing Southern Gospel music professionally when he joined West Virginia's Calvarymen Quartet in 1969. By 1975, Mr. Parsons had joined The Kingsmen, serving as the quartet's baritone vocalist for most of his tenure there. During his time with The Kingsmen, Mr. Parsons' voice was heard on several songs that have gone on to become classics - *It Made News In Heaven*, *Hello Mama*, *The Lovely Name Of Jesus*, *I've Got A Reservation*, *Master Of The Sea*, *Look For Me At Jesus' Feet*, and numerous others.

Following his departure from The Kingsmen in 1979, Mr. Parsons began focusing on a solo ministry and songwriting, and it was during this time that the Gospel music community was introduced to even more songs that touched the hearts and lives of people around the world. *Sweet Beulah Land*, *He Came To Me*, *The Broken Rose*, *The Greatest Of All Miracles*, *I'm Not Giving Up*, *I Sing Because*, and *I Call It Home* are just a few of the songs that Mr. Parsons shared with the world. Mr. Parsons was also ordained as a minister in 1979 at his home church, Trinity Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

In addition to a solo ministry, Mr. Parsons was responsible for two groups that served Gospel music well: Squire Parsons & Redeemed (1984-1991) and The Squire Parsons Trio (1995-2009). During the year 1992, The Squire Parsons Quartet made limited appearances with a line-up that included Ernie Phillips, Arthur Rice, Joe Fowler, and Mr. Parsons.

During Mr. Parsons' professional singing career, he was honored numerous times for his contributions to Gospel music. The readers of *Singing News Magazine* presented Mr. Parsons the award for 'Favorite Baritone' (1986-1987), 'Favorite Male Singer' (1988), and 'Favorite Songwriter' (1986, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995). His song, *Sweet Beulah Land* was voted 'Song Of The Year' in 1981. Mr. Parsons was inducted in the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2008 and he was also inducted in the Gospel Music Association's Hall of Fame in 2000 as a former member of The Kingsmen.

Though he continued to make limited appearances in his home area of Asheville, North Carolina, Mr. Parsons retired from traveling in 2019 due to health concerns. Even while facing several serious health issues in his mid-to-late 70s, Mr. Parsons' powerful voice could often be heard during regular services and revivals at Trinity Baptist Church.



At age 77, legendary Southern Gospel singer and songwriter Squire Parsons went home to be with the Lord on May 5, 2025. Known for his powerful voice, heartfelt lyrics, and unwavering faith, Parsons left a lasting legacy in the world of Southern Gospel music.



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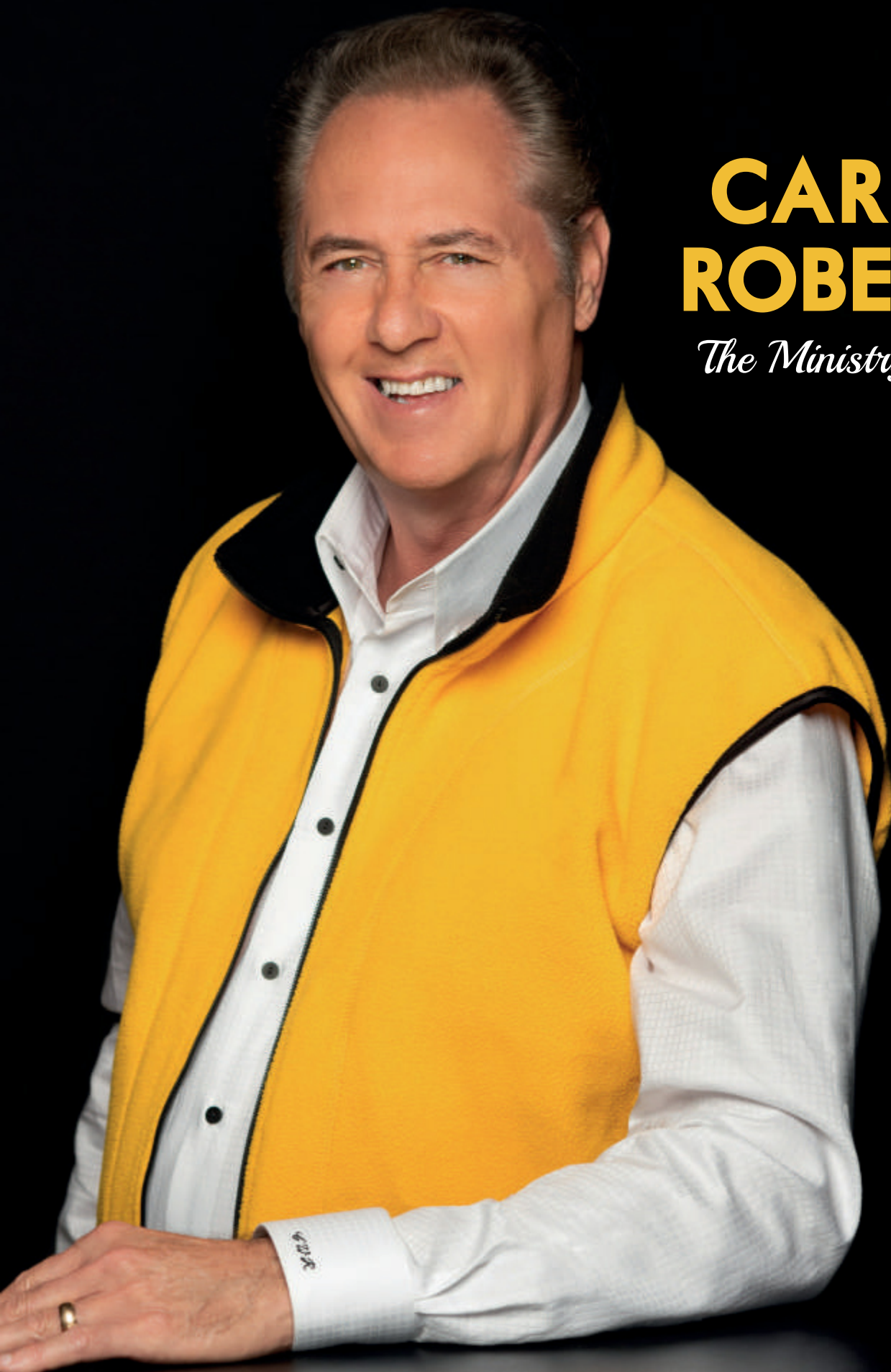
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# CARROLL ROBERSON

*The Ministry, The Music*

**By Malik Riaz**



Carroll Roberson's life story reads like a tapestry woven with faith, resilience, and purpose. Born and raised in rural Mississippi, just a few miles from Ripley, his upbringing was marked by simplicity and hardship. His father, Marshall, could neither read nor write, and his mother, Lois, worked tirelessly for the family with very little pay. These humble beginnings planted the seeds of gratitude and perseverance in Carroll and his brother, Stan. Guitar lessons from his father and a home built on character and faith shaped the foundation of his future calling.

### From Funeral Song to Gospel Stardom

Roberson's journey into full-time evangelism began almost unexpectedly at a funeral in 1985. A local funeral home owner, Willie McBride, heard Carroll sing and instantly recognized his natural gift. McBride funded Roberson's first professional album, taking a leap of faith when Nashville's music industry wouldn't. That gamble paid off.

Carroll's version of *This Ole House* soared into the top 40 within two weeks, paving the way for a contract with the Eddie Crook Company. The late 1980s and 1990s saw a string of top 10 Gospel hits and two #1 songs: *Wilt Thou Be Made Whole* and *Just Go By*.

Carroll started his own record label in 1996, and has enjoyed several more #1 songs like, *Good Mornin' Lord*, *The Way We Should Live*, *Jesus Says Hello*, *Jesus Put my Life Together*, and many other top ten songs.

### A Defining Encounter and a New Direction

Though Carroll believed in Christ from childhood, it wasn't until 1983 that he fully surrendered to Him. "At the age of twenty-eight, being convicted by the Holy Spirit, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ," Carroll recounts.

This life-altering decision was soon followed by a cancer diagnosis, threatening his ability to sing. Shortly after his conversion to Christ, he had a cancerous tumor removed from his throat... but the gracious Lord had other plans. Not only did Carroll recover, but this trial also became a divine turning point. Within two years, he felt the unmistakable call to ministry.

### A Musical Signature Beyond Labels

While Nashville tried to define him within traditional genres, Carroll Roberson's sound remained uniquely his own. Raised on the music of Marty Robbins, Glen Campbell, and Elvis, Carroll infused his Gospel compositions with familiar Country and Bluegrass rhythms. "Carroll's music is not Southern Gospel, or Country, or Bluegrass, or Contemporary; it is just simply Carroll Roberson," noted one DJ. Over the



**Carroll & Donna Roberson**

decades, he has penned over 300 songs and recorded more than 60 Gospel albums, including the recent single *A Few Good People Left*. His newest album "A Man & Jesus" will be released this month.

### Preacher First, Musician Always

Despite his fame as a singer and songwriter, Carroll never lost sight of his primary calling: preaching the Word of God. He notes, "Whatever our gift is, preaching or singing, we should make sure that our motive is pure and never lose our personal, God-given identity."

Carroll's preaching is direct and rooted in Biblical authenticity. "I believe in presenting the Bible in its original context. I believe in living out the Christian faith," he says. His sermons reject modern compromise and emphasize living a life that reflects Christ to the world.

## Israel: A Spiritual Awakening

One of the most transformative chapters in Roberson's ministry began in 1991, when he led his first tour to Israel. "To be on the Sea of Galilee and grasping that God in Heaven has called you to be one of his servants, is a most exciting, humbling experience," he reflects. Since then, Carroll and his wife, Donna, have guided more than thirty-five pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Their tours, branded as Jesus Isreal Tours, have led thousands to a deeper understanding of the Jewish roots of Christianity.

Roberson also emphasizes, "Gentile Christians do not have to get caught up in Jewish traditions, but without a Jewish context it is impossible to have a true interpretation of the sacred scriptures." His long-time study of Hebrew and the Biblical origins of Christianity has enriched his preaching and teaching, making his commentaries widely appreciated among believers seeking depth and authenticity.



## From Stage to Screen: Reaching the World

Recognizing the limits of the traditional Gospel music circuit, Carroll expanded his outreach through television and digital platforms. His weekly show, "This is Carroll Roberson" aired on many TV markets for years, and now he is reaching a new audience through his YouTube Channel, with over 140,000 subscribers and millions of viewers from across the US and around the world. Carroll's TV producer

David Webb decided years ago that Carroll's songs would appeal to a larger audience being filmed with the background of beautiful outdoor scenery like the Grand Teton Mountains, Monument Valley, Arizona, Colorado, with heartfelt messages in song and Word. Carroll continues to innovate, inspire, and evangelize.

## A Ministry Without Boundaries

Carroll Roberson Ministries remains a debt-free, evangelistic association dedicated to spreading the Gospel without seeking grandeur. The organization hosts the annual Jesus Isreal Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, drawing attendees from far and wide. Though road dates are limited, Carroll's ministry impacts countless lives in the U.S., Europe, India, Africa, and beyond.

The simplicity of his mission belies its profound reach. From churches using his sermons in distant lands to individuals discovering his music online, the ministry's fruit is evident. Roberson declares, "Seeing the Holy Spirit touch so many people through this ministry is the greatest of all awards."

## Looking Ahead with Faith

Now celebrating 40 years in full-time evangelism, Carroll Roberson remains steadfast in his calling. The accolades may be many, but his focus is unchanged: "to serve God with integrity and passion".

"God doesn't need all of us trying to do the same thing. His kingdom is so vast that there is room for all of us!" Carroll says.

Carroll continues to record new songs and film Bible devotions for His YouTube channel. Social media has opened new doors for him to share Christ in Word and song to countless people. Carroll even tries to personally answer most of the messages that His ministry is getting, many times seeing profound spiritual results. One lady writes from Brazil, "It sounds too simple to call you Bro. Carroll, your ministry of Bible messages and music have really made a difference in my life and my family." - Suzanne Barry, Brazil, South America

Carroll Roberson exemplifies what it means to walk in faith. Whether through a powerful sermon or a simple melody, his message remains clear and unchanged: "Jesus Christ is Lord, and that truth will always be worth singing about"

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### Gospel Music Today “Live!”

Ken & Jean Grady

In January, we received a invitation from Greg West, WATC-57 President, to be interviewed on their nightly show “Atlanta Live”. This was an exciting invitation since our show is on the air on WATC-57 every Saturday. Preparing for a trip to Atlanta, deciding what to wear and getting haircuts were all part of the week before the show. 2 days before the show, some very cold and icy weather came through the Atlanta area and we, along with everyone else scheduled, had to cancel. Everything was then postponed until January 31. As that date neared, the excitement built again, only to have Ken come down sick. Thinking it would still be OK, we made the trip to Atlanta, but he was too sick to be on the show or even to go to the studio, so Jean went alone.



#### Going it Alone – by Jean

Met at the door by Christina Johnson, I was taken to the conference room for the pre-show meeting. It was there that I met the host for the evening, Jordan Coletta and the other guests, Kiana Dancie and Rosalie Hovencamp. Each of us shared a part of our ministry and answered questions that Jordan had for the interviews. Christina went over the format, timing and logistics of the evening.

At 6:40 pm, we met in the studio for microphone hookups, last minute directions and prayer. It was a beautiful time as Kiana led us in a prayer to cover the evening. Everyone took their places, and the countdown began with the show opening exactly at 7 pm, starting with Jordan’s introduction, Rosalie singing and then my 17-minute interview with Jordan. It was such a fun time as I was able to tell a little about Gospel Music Today and to share the vision that Ken and I have for helping Southern Gospel artists become a little more well known through the medium of television.

Ken was watching from the hotel room as were friends and family from across the country. This was an exciting opportunity, and I hope that we can do it again so Ken will be able to share his heart during “Atlanta Live”.



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## California Parents Finally Find Ally in Legal Fight Over 'Kinder Buddy'

Bob Kellogg

In liberal-run California, where a 2024 law bans parental notification in schools, some parents can point to a narrow legal victory in their ongoing fight against gender-based indoctrination.

In its 14-page ruling, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California told Encinitas Union School District it must notify parents if gender ideology is a classroom topic in its "Kinder Buddy" program.

The ruling, which granted a preliminary injunction, was signed by U.S. District Judge James Lorenz. He directly tells the Northern California school district it "shall not" cover gender identity topics unless Encinitas provides parents with advance notice and an opportunity to opt out.

Even though the California ruling is narrow, since it affects only Encinitas schools, a similar case went before the U.S. Supreme Court in mid-April. That case, *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, was brought by Maryland parents who are likely to win their appeal according to news reports.

*Mahmoud v. Taylor* also involves an LGBT-themed children's book, "Pride Puppy," and a liberal school district that refused to allow an opt-out option that was based on religious objections.

Representing two sets of Encinitas parents, First Liberty Institute and the National Center for Law & Policy filed a complaint and motion for preliminary injunction in September 2024.

The 57-page lawsuit names as defendants Encinitas Union superintendent and an assistant superintendent; the La Costa Heights principal; two La Costa Heights teachers; and the five Encinitas Union school board members.

Before that lawsuit was filed, AFN reported in a previous story how a parent named Carlos Encinas learned his fifth-grade son was forced to watch a read-along video for "My Shadow is Pink," a transgender-friendly children's book.

The father was never informed by LaCosta Elementary School about the controversial book, and he only learned about it after his son complained he had been paired with a kindergartener for the school's "Kinder Buddy" program.

After news of the book reading spread, Encinas and other parents swarmed a school board meeting to demand a parental notification and opt-out policies.

"We the people have the freedom to opt-out," one outraged parent told the school board. "We are going to opt-out as Christians. If you don't accept our opt-out, we'll see you in court."

When the school board ignored their pleas, Encinas became a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit that cites his Christian faith. "Plaintiff Parents believe the School District should not encourage their

minor children to question their God-given sex or gender," the complaint states.

Nate Kellum, a First Liberty attorney, tells AFN the so-called "buddy classes" were really a tool for using older students to indoctrinate kindergarteners.

"They were actually forcing these kids to teach it to younger kids," he says. "So not only were they doing this, but they were keeping the parents out of the loop."

In the ruling, Judge Lorenz points out the buddy class was allowing students to pick the books to read and a weekly newsletter informed parents of the book list. At some point, however, a LaCosta teacher chose "My Shadow is Pink" and that selection was not listed in the newsletter.

Farther down in the ruling, AFN found Judge Lorenz was unpersuaded by the school district's claim the fifth grader was not harmed by "My Shadow in Pink" because he did not complain to the teacher.

The school district also argued the student's participation was not "compelled," because the parents are not claiming non-participation would result in punishment, but the judge pointed out Encinitas had acknowledged participation in the buddy program is mandatory.

## Heretical Denomination Adds 'Racist' to its Description

Steve Jordahl

An Episcopal ministry that usually helps resettle refugees in the U.S. is refusing to help the few dozen South Africans the Trump administration has welcomed in – because they are white.

Migration Ministries is also cancelling its entire contract with the government. "We can't be ourselves in the Episcopal Church and take this step of resettling white Afrikaners from South Africa," Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe explains regarding the decision. "Our church has a long commitment to racial justice and reconciliation."

49 Afrikaners had been expected, but 59 arrived in May, including toddlers and other small children. Trump told reporters that he was admitting them as refugees because of the "genocide that's taking place" in their post-apartheid homeland.

"It has been painful to watch one group of refugees, selected in a highly unusual manner, receive preferential treatment over many others who have been waiting in refugee camps or dangerous conditions for years," Bishop Rowe laments.

Bishop Vincent Mathews of Project 21, however, says the denomination is purposefully violating a biblical mandate. "The scripture tells us that we should not have respecter of persons," Mathews notes. "This is a bad look for the church."

He points out that this is not the first time the Episcopal Church has defied scripture; Mathews says they disqualified



themselves from biblical ministry decades ago, when they welcomed immoral sexual relationships. "They could be salt and light in a difficult time and really minister to some people, but they have really kind of fumbled that opportunity," he concludes.

Bishop Rowe says Christians must not be guided by "political vagaries," but he also insists the denomination's partnership with government, particularly the new administration, is "no longer viable."

He has asked for prayer for the persecuted President Trump has not regarded as refugees and hopes private sponsors will provide the funds needed to eventually revamp the resettlement ministry, as he knows the forfeited \$50 million in annual federal funds cannot be covered by current donations or investment proceeds.

### **They're Not Just Killing Babies; They're Mutilating Minors**

Chris Woodward

An undercover video investigation appears to show Planned Parenthood offering to help minors get cross-sex hormones – at taxpayers' expense.

The new video from Live Action features an employee posing as a minor and calling different Planned Parenthoods to ask about getting cross-sex hormones. In many cases, she is told she could go ahead and begin the process, even though she just decided to transition in recent days.

Her supposed age of 16 also did not matter, with one Planned Parenthood staffer telling the operative that her mother did not have to be with her for her whole visit to the clinic. Another said that her consultation could be done virtually. Meanwhile, no therapy was required prior to getting the hormones.

This is not the first time Live Action has done an undercover report, but it is the first one that specifically looks at Planned Parenthood through the lens of gender manipulation or, as some describe, "trans healthcare."

"We know Planned Parenthood is killing babies – 400,000 a year, their new annual report shows," notes Live Action's Noah Brandt. "We also know that Planned Parenthood is mutilating older children who are already born by putting them on really challenging paths that can ultimately sterilize them and harm them for the rest of their lives via cross-sex hormones."

The video comes at a time in which Live Action and many other pro-life organizations are calling on Congress to defund Planned Parenthood through reconciliation – something Brandt calls a no-brainer.

He says when Americans learn that Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion chain and the nation's largest trans organization for minors, their support for defunding Planned Parenthood skyrockets; their opinion of Planned Parenthood plummets.

"The truth is there are a lot of Republicans in Congress who are even more incensed and care more about the trans issue than the life and abortion issue," says Brandt. "So, talking about the trans issue as we debate this bill to Defund Planned Parenthood is crucial."

### **Will Media Keep Trusting Terrorists Who Sacrifice Kids to Lead the News?**

Steve Jordahl

Even after a British think tank studied civilian casualties in the Gaza Strip, which debunked propaganda by Hamas, a media analyst predicts liberal news outlets will stick to their talking points anyway.

Every civilian death in war is tragic, but the Jew-killing terrorist group Hamas is infamous for sacrificing its own civilians, including children, to stir up world anger at Israel and the Jews.

After the surprise Hamas attack in Israel 1 1/2 years ago, which killed 1,200 Israelis, Hamas now claims 70% of the Palestinians killed by the IDF in Gaza are innocent women and children. A new study by the Henry Jackson Society, however, says Hamas is exaggerating the deaths of its own civilians and hiding the deaths of its military-age males. Looking at hospital records from the Gaza Ministry of Health, the Society says women and children officially accounted for 51% of deaths so far.

While that figure is tragic, the Society points out it is Hamas that forces its civilian population to remain in a combat zone even after the IDF publicly urged civilians to flee the fighting. That occurred in Khan Younis, a city in southern Gaza, in 2023, according to a Fox News story.

A phone call recorded by the IDF showed a Palestinian man telling the IDF that civilians in Khan Younis were being told by Hamas to remain in their homes. Among the official hospital casualty numbers from the Ministry of Health, 76% were male of which 58% of those men are fighting age. In its own casualty statistics, the Ministry of Health doesn't identify any dead combatants even though the IDF says it has killed 20,000 fighters to date.

Dan Schneider, of the Media Research Center, says the liberal media repeats the Hamas propaganda because most reporters, correspondents and editors are "hard-left people" who hate Israel.

Even though the study puts the number of civilian casualties at 50%, Schneider says even that sad statistic is misleading because Hamas uses its own people as human shields. "Is a 19-year-old carrying a fully automatic weapon, shooting at Jews, is that a child?" he asks. "Or just because somebody is a woman does not mean the person is not also a terrorist."

Back in the United States, Schneider points out the liberal media also manipulates public opinion to create anger and sympathy. The media, for example, used the story of a deported MS-13 gang member in order to attack the Trump administration and its immigration policy.

More recently than that, Schneider points out CNN tracked down a literal Mexican gang member for a news segment attacking Trump. "One of our major news outlets interviewed a human trafficker and was asking how that human trafficker feels now that Donald Trump is clamping down on his business."

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# A PREACHER'S PERSPECTIVE

## God Goes with You

Jerry Roach

**S**o many are going through most difficult and troubling times. As I write this, I think of individuals to whom we are ministering. One recently expressed these words, "I feel like I am drowning." Some of you identify with such a feeling. Perhaps you've been through deep troubling waters or a dark valley. Maybe you're in such a place right now. Please know God has not abandoned you nor has He forgotten you.

I'm reminded of Job, a man that God declared as "perfect and upright...and feared God, and eschewed (avoided) evil." (Job 1:1). Job lost his health, his wealth, his family...and he questioned where is God? He had lost everything, but he held on by faith. "...I cannot see Him (God), but He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold." (Job 23:9-10) And he did! Read the last chapter. "So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." (Job 42:12)

Friend, take heart! God knows you too and He knows what you may be going through and He goes with you! Here are some special scriptures that have helped us to hold on to God's unchanging hand through many storms.

### Isaiah 43

2. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

3. "For I am the LORD thy God..."

5. "Fear not: for I am with thee..."



### Isaiah:41

10. "Fear thou not: for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

13. "For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

### Isaiah 40

28. "Hast thou not known? has thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding."

29. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

30. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall."

31. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

Don't forget...He is our Shepherd. Psalm 23 is most special to me. He guides me and protects and provides for me. Verse 4 gives confidence, comfort and peace even when I face the darkest hours. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy Rod and Thy Staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23-4)



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# The Joy of FATHERHOOD



By Cory Parker

**F**atherhood is one of the most profound gifts God has given to mankind. It is more than a role or responsibility - it is a calling, a divine invitation to reflect the love, wisdom, and grace of our Heavenly Father. In embracing fatherhood, a man steps into a journey that is deeply spiritual, full of challenges, joys, and countless moments of reflection. It is a journey that mirrors God's relationship with His children - one of patience, sacrifice, and unconditional love.

## ***The Sacred Calling of Fatherhood***

From the moment a man becomes a father, his life changes in ways he never imagined. He suddenly carries the weight of responsibility - not just to provide for his child but to shape their heart and soul. The Bible reminds us of this sacred duty in Proverbs 22:6: *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

To be a father is to be a teacher, a protector, a guide. It is to walk alongside a child through their fears, their questions, and their dreams, pointing them toward truth, righteousness, and faith. A father is called to lead not just by instruction but by example - to demonstrate patience when the world is chaotic, strength when trials come, and faith when doubts arise.

## ***Moments That Shape a Father's Heart***

Fatherhood is not defined by grand gestures but by small, quiet moments - holding a newborn in his arms for the first time, watching tiny fingers curl around his own, hearing his child's laughter echo through the home. It is found in the sleepless nights spent praying over a fevered child, in the whispers of bedtime prayers, and in the steady, reassuring presence that lets a child know they are safe.

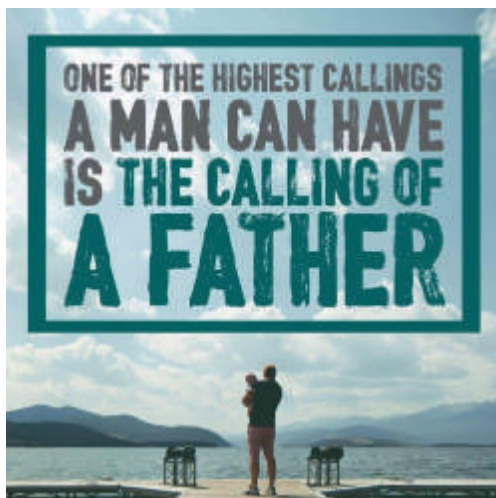
There are moments when a father wonders if his sacrifices matter, if the long hours, the constant worries, the lessons given are truly shaping his child. Then, one day, he hears his child repeat his words of wisdom, sees them kneel in prayer, watches them choose kindness when the world offers cruelty. In that moment, he realizes that every prayer, every sacrifice, every lesson planted has not been in vain.

## ***A Reflection of the Father's Love***

A Christian father is called to reflect the love of God - the kind of love that does not waver, that does not diminish with mistakes, that offers grace freely. *"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."* (Psalm 103:13)

Just as God welcomes His children with open arms, a father learns that his greatest strength lies in his ability to love unconditionally. His child may stumble, may stray, may falter - but a father's love remains steadfast, his arms always open, his heart always forgiving.

Fatherhood teaches a man about grace. It humbles him, showing him his own flaws and shortcomings. In teaching his child about





patience, he learns patience himself. In instructing his child about faith, he is reminded to trust God more fully. The journey shapes both father and child, molding them through love and devotion.

### ***The Challenges and Rewards of Fatherhood***

Being a father is not easy. There are days of frustration, moments of self-doubt, and times when failure seems inevitable. It is in these moments that a father must lean on God for strength. He must remember that he is not called to be perfect but to be present, to lead with humility and faith.

3 John 1:4 states, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."* A father's deepest joy does not come from worldly success but from seeing his child grow in faith, knowing that they are walking the path of righteousness.

### ***The Legacy of a Father***

Fatherhood is one of the greatest gifts, one of the greatest responsibilities, and one of the greatest joys. It is a journey of love, sacrifice, and transformation - a reflection of God's own fatherhood over us.

When a father looks back, he will not remember the sleepless nights or the worries that once consumed him. He will remember the moments of laughter, the prayers spoken,

the lessons taught, and most of all, the love shared. In those memories, he will see the evidence of his calling, the beauty of his purpose, and the profound joy of being a father.



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# FIVE LOAVES & TWO FISHES

## Praying for Wisdom

Gina Ables

Lord, please give me wisdom. Let me know how to respond in Your wisdom to deflect harshness in any and all situations. Give me the discernment and insight to answer people in a way pleasing to you.

How much easier is just giving someone a piece of your mind than to give a soft response? I know for me, I struggle with this. I'm seeking His guidance and His wisdom to overcome this fleshly characteristic of mine. Anyone else have any flesh issues?? He can help us

James 1:5 (ESV) , *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

Proverbs 3:13-15 (ESV), *Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.*

### Spicy Meat Loaf

- 2 lbs. ground chuck
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 bell pepper, chopped
- 1 1/2 stalks celery, finely chopped (optional)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon sage
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- 1 cup barbecue sauce (I use my bbq sauce recipe)
- 1/2 teaspoon dry ground mustard



Mix all ingredients except for 1/2 of the barbecue sauce. Put in loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Pour remaining barbecue sauce and bake for an additional 15 minutes.

### Sausage and Cream Cheese Pinwheels

- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 lb. bulk sausage
- 1 8-oz. block of cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1/2 teaspoon chives
- Dash garlic powder

Preheat oven to 370°. Brown sausage and drain. Blend garlic powder and chives to cream cheese with a fork in a large bowl. Roll out crescent rolls into one rectangle on floured surface, pinching perforated edges together.

### Spinach Madeline

- 2 10 oz. Boxes Frozen Chopped Spinach
- 1 Onion (chopped)
- 4 Tablespoons Butter
- 2 Tablespoons Flour
- 1/2 Cup Milk
- 1/2 Cup Spinach Liquor (liquid from cooked spinach)
- Bread Crumbs
- 1 Teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 Teaspoon Black Pepper
- 1/4 Teaspoon Celery Salt
- \*6-8 oz. Velveeta Cheese
- \*1 Teaspoon Jalapeno Pepper (chopped)
- Dash Cayenne Pepper
- \*Can substitute Mexican Velveeta for these 2 items

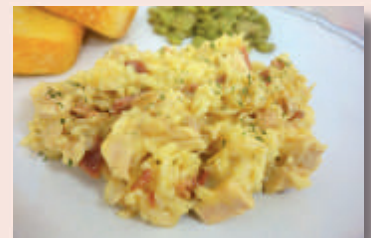


Cook spinach according to box. Drain saving liquor. Set aside.

Sautee onions in butter until soft. Stir in flour and milk. Stir in spices, Worcestershire Sauce, and jalapenos. Add spinach liquor slowly. Add cubed Velveeta. Stir until cheese is melted. Add spinach. Stir until mixed thoroughly. Pour into a casserole dish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and place pats of butter on top. Cook for 20 minutes or until bubbly and brown in a 350 degree oven.

### Savory Chicken and Rice

- 2 chicken breasts
- 2 cups rice
- 1 cup cream of mushroom soup
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon chives
- 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon crystals
- Water



Cook chicken in pot with enough water to cover. Add bouillon crystals. When done, add rice. Keep close check and add water as needed. Shred chicken with a couple of forks. When rice is done, add garlic powder and chives and soup. If it is too dry add a little water at a time to get to right consistency. Serve hot.



Mix sausage and cream cheese mixture together. Evenly spread mixture close to the edges on the crescent roll rectangle. Roll long ends and secure edge. Gently cut with a serrated knife as to not mash flat.

Place on baking sheet. Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden brown.



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## CVM Southern Gospel

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1	4	You Can't Hurry God	Perry	51	16	You'll Find Him There	Ernie Haase & Signature Sound
2	9	I Just Stopped By On My Way Home	Kingsmen	52	51	Angels In Flight	Singing Byrds
3	5	Things We Cannot Change	LeFevre Quartet	53	95	Mercy River	Down East Boys
4	6	The Sound Of His Voice	Debra Perry & Jaidyns Call	54	54	Soldier	Singing Crowes
5	12	One Day	Troy Burns Family	55	55	Thank You For The Rain	Ben Stone
6	10	What Are You Waiting For	Tim Menzies with The Isaacs	56	59	I Don't Have To Go This Way Again	Wink Kelso
7	27	My Name's Already There	Inspirations	57	69	We Shall Behold The King	Keith Barkley & Family Tradition
8	11	Big Ole Stone	Triumphant Quartet	58	84	Well Able	Ricky Luster, Sr ft. Darrell Luster
9	19	Bigger On The Inside	Legacy Five	59	22	Revival Broke Out	Gaither Vocal Band
10	14	Old Blind Bartimaeus	Jonanthan Wilburn	60	80	Come On Down The Road	Journey N Faith
11	17	One Touch From Jesus	Melissa Evans	61	34	Gods Has A Way Of Workin' It Out	Chronicle
12	20	Right Where You Want Me To Be	Don Stiles	62	66	God Reached Way Below The Bottom	Sam Blankenship
13	29	I'd Rather Hear Preachin'	Greater Vision	63	67	When He Said It Is Finished	Debra Schultz
14	26	Come On Let's Go To That Land	Tribute Quartet	64	73	It Was For Love Of Me	Rick Alan King
15	18	When I Pray	Donna Kilmurray	65	68	I Can Count On The One	Sacred Harmony
16	3	Glory Up Ahead	Hoppers	66	77	Jesus Is A Friend	John Westling
17	25	I Pray About It	Shepherds	67	79	Give Me Jesus	Rescued
18	30	Family	Josh & Ashley Franks	68	71	Public Display Of affection	Rick Towle
19	49	If Not For Christ	Whisnants	69	72	Without Him	Barbara Jean
20	50	That's What Faith Looks Like	Karen Peck & New River	70	75	Armed And Dangerous	John D. Tingle
21	24	I Am Not Afraid	Denise Edwards	71	48	Walk On Water	Crabb Family
22	46	He Forgives And Forgets	Gordon Mote	72	78	The Old Country Church	Bobby Jones Family
23	40	Under The Atoning Blood	Judith Montgomery Family	73	-	Hand On The Plow	Porter Family
24	53	God Won't	Nelons with Autumn Nelon Streetman	74	82	He Keeps The Son	Rocky & Tamie
25	1	Grateful For The Gospel	Brian Free & Assurance	75	-	Build An Altar	Sunday Drive
26	31	Because Of Who He Is	Mary Burke	76	81	God's Got The Box	Lori King
27	7	Throne	Knight Family	77	83	I've Had Enough	Doug & Gina Green
28	39	It Doesn't Seem Enough	The Journeys	78	87	It's Not Over	Beverly Simms
29	56	Sunshine On A Cloudy Day	Jeff & Sheri Easter	79	58	I Don't Care	Wendy Jones
30	35	2nd Opinions	Master's Voice	80	89	I Know That I Know That I Know	Kenny Keith
31	57	A Burden And The Bible	McKamey Legacy	81	91	His Name Is	Michael Walsh
32	13	Jesus Walked In	Joseph Habendank	82	-	You Can Know How It Feels	Dean with Ronnie Hinson
33	37	Liberty	New Day Revival	83	93	Jesus Guy	Jeff Arrandale
34	64	Big Mighty And Strong	Masseys	84	92	Running To You	Robin Johnston
35	65	The Ladder	Freemans	85	86	Hallelujah Every Day	Amanda Rosales
36	2	When It's Gone For Good	Gold City	86	99	Till The Storm Passes By	Nortons
37	47	He'll Walk You Through	Hagers	87	88	Let Us Come Together	Browders
38	38	I Found Victory At The Foot Of The Cross	Billy Myers	88	90	No Better Time	Kingdom Heirs
39	76	Can He, Could He, Would He	Mark Trammell Quartet	89	100	Let My Life Be A Light	Anointed
40	41	Lily Of The Valley	Tammy Caldwell	90	94	I'm Looking For Heaven	Joyce Chastain & Spirit Wind
41	44	There's Only One Way To Grace	Mark Huitt	91	96	Prodigal Son	Perry House
42	8	Something Better	Mark Dubbeld Family	92	98	Special Love	Hendersons
43	15	Keep Turning Your Eyes On Jesus	Booth Brothers	93	-	Symphony Of Grace	Austin Glover
44	42	Crimson	Gil Magee	94	-	Call	Bibletones
45	-	Message To The World	Williamsons	95	97	Faith Song	Megan Brianna
46	33	I Stand	Ashley Collins	96	-	There Is No Fence	Garmons
47	52	Just In Time	Ava Kasich	97	-	Rise Up	Gold City
48	70	A Few Good People Left	Carroll Roberson	98	-	By My Side	Danielle Hargrove
49	23	I'm Gonna Fly Away	Brian Burchfield	99	-	Because I Said So	Greater Purpose
50	61	Go To The World	Webster Brothers	100	-	The Half Hasn't Been Told	Heartland Quartet

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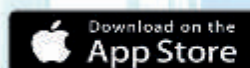
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3	11	Blues And The Badge	Corey Farlow	53	68	There Is Someone	Murphys
4	6	Grace Never Has Failed Me	Kesha Parish	54	63	Wake Up Call	Cyndi Reynolds
5	12	Ain't No Future In The Past	Fortner Brothers	55	67	Hardwood Church Pew	Kendricks
6	14	Dead Man Walking	Paul Staggs	56	59	The Well	Michael Lee
7	10	Broken	Scott Peacock	57	65	Alone	Kevin Woody
8	15	The Hand Of The Man	Ed Bruce	58	35	Just A Country Boy	Ricky Paul
9	19	Spending Time With You	The Hammond Brothers	59	38	Hell Don't Stand A Chance	Paula Slow
10	3	Let's Get The Devil Outta Here	Chuck Hancock	60	71	Urgent	Darin Kinse
11	13	Jesus What Does That Name Mean To Me	David Smith	61	79	A Little More Sunday	Danny Hebert
12	17	It's Not Fools Gold	Mike Leichner	62	34	Washed	Debbie Mills
13	22	His Church Went Marching On	Troy Richardson	63	73	Thirst & Hunger	Rick Lang
14	2	I Wouldn't Be Surprised	Keith Buchanan	64	87	What A Gift	Gena Hamilton
15	23	One Heart	Felicia DeRamus Paul	65	97	We Need Jesus	Kenny Evans
16	26	Thin Blue Line	Kevin Kappler	66	-	Chasing You	Small Town Sunday
17	9	When I Pray	Donna Kilmurray	67	74	Better Felt Than Told	Brandon Rowell
18	25	Nothing Short Of A Miracle	The Pauls	68	69	Ain't Gonna Lay It Down	Linda Lanier
19	28	Friendly Fire	Angela Seng & Marty Smith	69	77	Too Much To Gain To Lose	Rusty Gilliam
20	42	I Wanna Be Found Faithful	Thomas Brown	70	85	It Doesn't Seem Enough	The Journeys
21	52	String Of Pearls	Eddy Mann	71	60	Big Jesus Train	Brother Daniel
22	1	Sin Is Color Blind	Jim Sheldon	72	58	Home	Dale Rochell
23	37	Saving My Place	Jason Welch	73	78	Saved By Grace	Ray Hollis
24	16	When Jesus Comes	Jonathan Ray Smith	74	81	I Don't Have To Go This Way Again	Wink Kelso
25	32	Do You Remember	Joy LaVallee with Johnathan Bond	75	83	Right Where You Want Me To Be	Don Stiles
26	44	What Did I Do Today	Bill Baker	76	92	Amazing Grace	Lady Redneck
27	21	Thank You	Todd Lee	77	89	Beyond The Clouds	Christine Scott
28	55	Horses In Heaven	Randy Travis	78	80	I Don't Need A Mansion	Mary Fay Jackson
29	8	Only You	Bruce Minchey	79	61	Ready And Waiting	Chosen 4:13
30	46	Grandma's Bible	Debbie Bennett	80	82	No Fishing	Royal Clark
31	49	They Laughed	Steve Warren	81	91	Little White Church Revival	New Covenant
32	41	Dash	Joe Arview	82	-	When I Saw You There	Eternal Vision
33	4	Going Home	John Penney	83	84	Jesus Saves	Cooper Alan
34	47	If I Don't Have Love	Jennifer Sides	84	90	Tell It Over And Over Again	Gennie Ruth Cheatham
35	20	Because He Changed Me	Carey Easley	85	95	I've Seen It Rain Before	Steve Roberson
36	40	Preacher Man	Marcus Ellis	86	99	Fueled Up Fired Up And Ready To Go	Billy Gregg/Nikki Nelson
37	43	Heaven Help Me	Aaron Partridge	87	-	A Pew For You	Aaron Loy
38	29	Plenty Of Time	Gayla Earlene	88	88	Be That One Today	Johnatha Bond
39	18	I'm Going Home	Richard Sprayberry	89	93	Porch Swings In Heaven	Ma Bell
40	48	Forever Your Praises	Michael Walsh	90	96	God's Love	Marty Deroche
41	31	I Stand	Ashley Collins	91	-	Holy Ghost Conviction	Jennifer Leann Phillips
42	51	Let's All Get Together	Melissa Couch	92	98	I Thank God For Saving Me	Harry Claytor
43	53	Horses In Heaven	Woody Winn	93	-	One	Pat Boone
44	57	When The Son Comes Down	Sonshine Road	94	100	More Than You Know	Tim Livingston
45	62	Believe	Brooks & Dunn With Jelly Roll	95	-	Lord I Need	John Westling
46	66	Jesus and Bocephus	Richard Lynch	96	-	Tell Me That There Ain't A God	Jon Brennan
47	24	Cast Your Cares	Jimmy R. Price	97	-	One Of These Days	Carol Barham
48	86	Angel Band	Waymasters	98	-	God Does Not Change	Cowboy Joe Babcock
49	75	I Surrender It All	Luke Hendrickson	99	-	Roof-Tearing Off Friends	Chris Perdue
50	76	One More Sinner Saved	Norman Lee Schaffer	100	-	Gospel Outlaw	Jimmy Reno



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## TOP 50 JUNE 2025

TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST
1	10	Love's Got A Way	Andrew Ripp
2	15	Holy Forever	Chris Tomlin
3	7	Place In This World	For King & Country
4	8	Again	Jeremy Camp
5	3	Won't He Do It	We The Kingdom
6	9	My God Is Amazing	Mack Holland
7	17	All Because Of Mercy	Casting Crowns
8	13	The God You Are	Sound Street
9	12	Everything	Otis Kemp
10	4	Miracle In Me	Ashley Gronholm
11	1	Praise	Elevation Worship
12	24	Send It Down	Karen Clark Sheard
13	22	Era	Tory Lynn
14	26	Pray For Me	Tina Campbell
15	21	Up + Up	Colton Dixon
16	28	Made For More	Josh Baldwin
17	34	Hard Fought Hallelujah	Brandon Lake
18	6	Sunshine	Nia Allen
19	11	Call His Name	Kenny Lewis
20	33	God Is	Melvin Crispell III
21	14	Father In Heaven (Right Now)	Bebe Winans
22	32	He Was There	Marvin Sapp
23	38	What He Says About You	Unspoken
24	27	The Cross	Anne Wilson & Chris Tomlin
25	16	Walk With Jesus	Consumed By Fire
26	40	Goodbye Yesterday	Elevation Rhythm
27	2	Counting My Blessings	Seph Schlueter
28	44	Nothin' Sweeter	Tobymac
29	5	Still Waters (Psalm 23)	Leanna Crawford
30	45	Save Your Soul	Ptthegospelspitter ft. Preacherman
31	41	When I Fall	Katy Nichole
32	-	Without You	Jevon Dewand
33	42	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Leilani
34	29	Let It Begin	Big Daddy Weave
35	18	Never Be The Same	Deitrick Haddon
36	47	Only One Way Home	Mississippi Mass Choir
37	-	That's My King	Cece Winans
38	35	Take You At Your Word	Cody Carnes
39	46	Yahweh	Jason Nelson
40	36	Somebody Like Me	Caleb & John
41	30	Don't Give Up	Earnest Pugh
42	48	Deserve To Win	Tamela Mann
43	23	Lead Me On	Chandler Moore
44	-	Worship Through It	Tasha Layton
45	50	Jordans	Blessing Offor
46	-	I Was Not Alone	Terrill
47	43	The Truth	Megan Woods
48	-	Jesus Guy	Jeff Arrandale
49	-	Still Knocking	100 A.K.A The Messenger
50	-	Unashamed	Matthew West

# CVM Black/Urban Gospel

## TOP 50 JUNE 2025

TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST
1	3	Let's Praise	Marvelle Cook
2	5	Father In Heaven (Right Now)	Bebe Winans
3	4	Pray For Me	Tina Campbell
4	8	Send It Down	Karen Clark Sheard
5	14	The Center Of Grace	Lillian Lilly
6	9	Oh To Be Kept	Fred Perry & Second Generation
7	12	My God Is Amazing	Mack Holland
8	1	Don't Give Up	Earnest Pugh
9	2	Like You	Mary Dailey
10	25	Save Your Soul	Ptthegospelspitter
11	23	Without You	Jevon Dewand
12	20	The Rock	Min Ceddy P& V2V
13	7	Take The Lord With You	The Rising Stars
14	10	God Had Been Good	Chanella Monroe
15	11	Never Be The Same	Deitrick Haddon
16	13	Musgrove	Kidratii
17	30	God Is	Melvin Crispell III
18	16	Era	Tory Lynn
19	32	Jordans	Blessing Offor
20	27	Stand With You	Carlington Roberts featuring Talein
21	17	We Need God	Perishia Jones ft. Peigh Jones
22	34	No Weapon	Todd Dulaney
23	40	He Was There	Marvin Sapp
24	46	Only One Way Home	Mississippi Mass Choir
25	6	In It For The Love (Live)	The Scotts
26	38	Just Wait	John Tillery & Voices II Voices Choir
27	-	Place In This World	For King & Country
28	43	Deserve To Win	Tamela Mann
29	50	Church Doors	Yolanda Adams
30	49	God Of Another Chance	100 A.K.A. The Messenger
31	18	Wait On You	Cindy Davis
32	39	Try Love	Kirk Franklin
33	45	Working On A Building	Larry Hill
34	15	Sunshine	Nia Allen
35	28	It's Time	Alexia Price Curry
36	31	Yahweh	Jason Nelson
37	47	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Leilani
38	24	Clap My Way	Micah Lee
39	33	He Can Handle It	Crystal Aiken
40	26	Move	Alex Sayles
41	-	That's My King	Cece Winans
42	29	Everything	Otis Kemp
43	-	No Fear	Jon Reddick
44	41	Afterwhile	Pastor RL Bush & Revived Sons
45	-	Til The Horns Blow	Chaz Chesson ft. Brian Angel
46	-	Gods Gonna Bless You	Minnie Carter
47	-	Daughter	Intelligent Diva
48	37	Holy Ghost	Frozene Hayes
49	-	Making A Way	Higher Authority
50	-	Pray For Me	Mark Anvil



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# CVM Bluegrass Gospel

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1	4	Jordan Darin & Brooke Aldridge w/ Ricky Skaggs, Mo Pitney, Mark Fain	
2	12	Still The Solid Rock	Daryl Mosley
3	7	Country Faith	Kristen Bearfield with Karen Peck Gooch
4	8	The Word	Teddy Barneycastle
5	9	Get On Board	Williamson Branch
6	1	That Reunion	Tim Raybon Band
7	3	I'll Meet You In The Morning	Becky Isaacs Bowman
8	22	Even Better When You Listen	Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers
9	33	God Never Made A Mountain	Kristy Cox
10	21	Come Jesus Come	The Grascals
11	6	Are You Born Again	Cedar Hill
12	30	The First Time I Heard About Heaven	Cox Family
13	37	That Sweet Land Of God Somewhere	Primitive QT
14	32	Blue Collar Gospel	Jerry Salley & The Oak Ridge Boys
15	35	Somewhere Down The Road	Steeldrivers
16	25	Can't You Hear Jerusalem Moan	Hammertowne
17	28	Just Believe	Route 3
18	34	When I Get There	Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out
19	18	Come To Jesus	Amanda Cook
20	5	There's A River	High Road ft. Jaylee Roberts
21	13	In Remembrance Of Me	Po' Ramblin Boys
22	45	Let Me Be The Best Bible	Rock Hearts
23	38	What Are You Waiting For	Tim Menzies with the Isaacs
24	-	Jesus Satisfies	Danny Roberts
25	20	Leave It In The Hands Of The Lord	Darren Nicholson
26	24	Old Rugged Me	Dave Adkins w/ Alecia Nugent & Jerry Salley
27	42	Numbers On A Stone	Mark Houser & Bluegrass Drive
28	43	Somewhere Down The Road	The Steeldrivers
29	-	I Wonder What Mary Thought Of Jesus	Eddie Sanders
30	-	Keep Your Lure In The Water	Gospel Plowboys
31	49	Higher Than I	Adam McIntosh
32	47	Come Jesus Come	Grascals
33	-	Gospel Train	Mark Houser & Bluegrass Drive ft. Darin & Brooke Aldridge
34	10	Rise Above It All	Becky Buller & Nathan Woodard
35	-	When I Can't Reach Up	Daryl Mosley ft. Jeff & Sheri Easter
36	-	There's A River	High Road
37	26	Just Beyond	Barry Abernathy w/ John Meador, Tim Raybon, Bradley Walker
38	36	On The Tips Of Angels' Wings	Alecia Nugent w/ Ben James & Jerry Salley
39	48	He's Gone	Jaelee Roberts w/ Ricky Skaggs, Sharon & Cheryl White
40	29	Here Comes Jesus	Jeff & Sheri Easter w/ Mo Pitney
41	-	It Was Jesus	Right Side
42	50	When Jesus Calls My Name	Don Rigsby
43	-	Amazing Grace	Tony Trischka ft. Sierra Ferrell
44	39	God Knows	Balsam Range
45	-	Jubilee's-A-Coming	Little Roy & Lizzy Show
46	-	Lay Em Down	Benson
47	-	Wings Of Love	Authentic Unlimited
48	-	Call On Him	Eagle's Wings
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# SACRED HARMONY



In 2000, Janet Weaver followed a divine calling and formed what would soon become one of the most distinctive and anointed groups in Gospel music, Sacred Harmony. Celebrating their 25th anniversary in 2025, the Tennessee-based trio has cultivated a ministry that resonates far beyond the walls of the church. With a unique blend of traditional Gospel, Bluegrass, Country, and Contemporary Christian music, Sacred Harmony continues to break barriers while staying grounded in their mission: *“Lifting up Jesus through every note and lyric.”*

By Malik Riaz

“We truly appreciate each church, each concert, and each person that we are blessed to worship with,” says Janet Weaver, the founding member and soul of Sacred Harmony. A voice known for its soft and sweet high tenor/alto tones, Janet brings warmth and harmony not only to the music but to the entire ministry.

With a rich musical heritage, most notably her brother, Wayne Little of the legendary Blackwood Brothers Quartet, Janet’s dedication is unwavering.

“My desire is that God uses this ministry that He started through Sacred Harmony in a mighty way, always leading and guiding through the transitions that life’s journey brings,” Janet says.

### ***Evolving Lineups, Unchanging Mission***

Sacred Harmony began as a trio, became a quartet for nearly fourteen years, and eventually returned to its original trio format, where it has remained for the past eleven years. Despite the evolving lineups, one thing has remained consistent: the group’s commitment to powerful, spirit-led worship.

Joining Janet in the current formation are Caleb Howard and Melissa Evans, each bringing their own rich musical backgrounds and spiritual depth to the trio. Caleb, a phenomenal soloist and evangelist from Eastern Kentucky, continues to minister both independently and with Sacred Harmony.

His solo career has produced multiple #1 hits, including *Just Another Storm*, *Bring It All*, and *Water Grave*. With a heart rooted in ministry, Caleb shares, “My goal is the same today as it was then, to lift up Jesus in every song and message in the best way possible. To see the lost and to make God’s glory known to all who will listen.”

Melissa Evans, an award-winning solo artist, originally joined Sacred Harmony in 2016 as a fill-in vocalist. She now travels full-time with the group while continuing her solo ministry. Her journey began in 2005 with the group Face Like Flint and expanded through prison ministries and feeding programs. Her current single, *One Touch From Jesus*, is climbing the charts. “I am thankful for my calling and for God’s unconditional love for me. Where He leads, I will follow,” Melissa expresses.

When Caleb is away for evangelistic work, Sacred Harmony is blessed with Greg Odom, a devoted deacon and worship team member, as their fill-in vocalist. Known for his diverse musical style and infectious spirit, Greg, along with his wife, Charity, and daughter, Kylie, brings additional strength and support to the ministry.

### ***Breaking Barriers with a Unique Sound***

Over the years, Sacred Harmony has graced stages alongside icons like The Hoppers, Jason Crabb, The Blackwood Brothers, The Guardians, and even secular legends such as Larry Gatlin and TG Sheppard. Their performance at the American Gospel Celebration hosted by Pastor John Hagee stands out as a ministry highlight. From major events like the National Quartet Convention, Dollywood, and The Ark Encounter to humble country churches, their message remains the same: *“It’s not about where they sing, but who they sing about.”*

This versatile style has led to collaborations that have elevated the group’s national profile. Their 2016 breakthrough album, “Believe,” featured the Grammy-winning Fairfield Four and produced hits like *Jesus Did What He Came to Do* and *Grave Robber*. It wasn’t long before accolades followed, including ‘Sunrise Trio of the Year’ at the 2017 SGN Scoops Diamond Awards and a proclamation of ‘A Day of Recognition’ by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam in 2018.

### ***A Ministry of Resilience and Revival***

In 2020, during a time of global upheaval, Sacred Harmony leaned into their calling more than ever. Their powerful album “It Ain’t Over Yet,” recorded at the renowned Blackbird Studio in Nashville, mirrored the trials and hope of the times. With radio hits like *Sing Joy to the World*, *Breathe In*, *Breathe Out*, and the titular *It Ain’t Over Yet*, the group affirmed that even amidst chaos, God was still moving. The project’s accompanying video, produced by Godsey Media, brought their ministry to even broader audiences online.

Their 2022 Christmas CD, recorded at Zenith Studio with Scott Godsey and Paul Secord, ushered in a worshipful season. 2024 brought even more success with *Worship My Way Home* and *Turn Your Eyes*, both reaching Top 40 status and solidifying the group’s position in both Gospel and Faith Country charts. Their current single, *I Can Count on the One*, is already climbing charts and reminding listeners of God’s unfailing presence.

### ***Looking Ahead with Passion and Purpose***

2025 is shaping up to be a monumental year for Sacred Harmony. Two new projects, “In His Eyes” and “A Solitary Place,” were recently recorded at Daywind Studios. The latter, though a solo project by Janet, features the trio’s harmonies throughout and includes a touching duet with her late brother Wayne Little, an emotional tribute made possible by blending their separate recordings.

Sacred Harmony is also expanding into television ministry with “Behind the Scenes with Sacred Harmony,” a streaming show airing on WATC TV57. This show allows fans to engage with the group beyond the stage and witness the heart and preparation behind their performances.

### ***Empowered to Shine, Anointed to Serve***

Sacred Harmony’s journey is as much about spiritual growth as musical evolution: “Be true to yourself and be who God intended you to be, keep on shining. Keep on showing up as the person you are... shift the narrative to one that is empowering and in alignment with you and your dreams”, Janet encourages.

Whether singing at mega-events or small hometown churches, Sacred Harmony ensures every performance is more than a concert; it’s an anointed worship experience.

Their collective testimony echoes this: “Our greatest joy is explaining the concept of sin, Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, and witnessing moments of acceptance and decision to follow Christ.”

As Sacred Harmony enters their 25th year, they carry with them not just a legacy of harmony but a vision of transformation through music. With new music on the horizon, hearts to reach, and testimonies to share, Sacred Harmony remains steadfast in their mission: “To uplift the name of Jesus and invite others into a deeper, eternal relationship with Him.”

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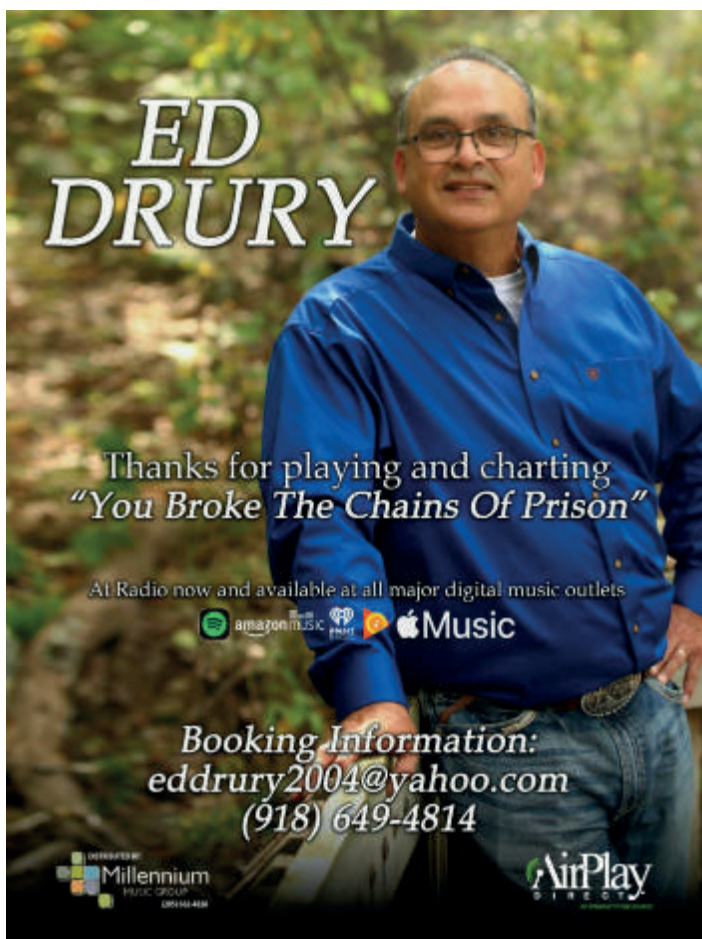
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


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Staff, Christian Voice Magazine

The Josie Music Awards founders have launched their newest venture - Passantino's Concert Café. The small town of Medina, Tennessee, is now home to the bold new hot spot. Known for their passion for music and their celebration of independent artists through the Josie Music Awards, the cafe's Sicilian owners Tinamarie, Vito, Josie Passantino Boone and Matt Boone have turned their talents to the restaurant world, offering an extraordinary dining experience paired with live music. Passantino's is already earning a reputation as the go-to spot for the best Chicago-style food and authentic Italian cuisine.

Passantino's Concert Cafe is much more than a restaurant. It's a tribute to heritage, artistry, and the spirit of community. The owners, deeply rooted in their Sicilian traditions, have infused their family recipes into the menu, creating a delightful mix of comfort and authenticity. The accolades are pouring in, and locals are singing the praises of Passantino's Concert Cafe. One happy customer raved, "Gyro and cheese sticks are WONDERFUL!

It was my first time going, and the staff is wonderful, and the food is amazing. 10/10 recommend!" Another diner described it as "A taste of Chicago in a small town. Hidden gem in Medina." The enthusiasm doesn't stop there, with visitors calling it the "Best place in western Tennessee for authentic Chicago food."

A first-time guest shared their experience, saying, "Just enjoyed dinner for the first time, and will be returning! Finally, there is some really good food from Chicago around here! Love speaking with the owners, they even helped me take the food out to my car. Just an AMAZING place! This will be our go-to Italian restaurant."



Others are loving the classic Chicago-style dishes, with one guest excitedly remarking, "Finally found a restaurant that serves a great, authentic Chicago style hot dog with all of the true toppings." And many agree, simply calling them "The Best Chicago Dogs!"

Passantino's is quickly becoming the talk of the town, with customers delighted to find high-quality Chicago-style and Italian cuisine right in Medina. Tinamarie mentions, "We wanted to combine the things we love most - music, food, and family - to create something special for this community. Passantino's is not just a place

to eat; it's a place to connect and make memories."

The cafe's music venue is the cherry on top. Staying true to their roots in the independent music scene, the space features live performances from talented artists, creating an ambiance that's as lively as it is inviting. Guests are finding that the combination of fantastic food and great music strikes all the right notes.

The Passantino Family is a friend to all independent artists. There are thousands of independent artists in music today who need an advocate to believe and encourage them in their endeavors of music. They have found such allies in Josie Passantino-Boone and Tinamarie Passantino. Many artists consider this mother and daughter influential for



promoting their careers with the Josie Music Awards.

The Josie Music Awards is the largest, multi-genre, privately-owned, independent music award show globally, bringing in thousands from around the globe to celebrate each year. The JMAs is the greatest place for networking, collaborations, and finding lifelong musical friendships.

The Josie Music Awards began after years of working with thousands of music artists by interviewing them on their radio talk show, The Josie Show, and other shows hosted by Josie Passantino-Boone and produced by Tinamarie Passantino. They also played their music on their radio station, Country Blast Radio. Josie grew up working in the radio business, starting her own show at the age of fourteen. Tinamarie, being a manager, took on the management role of the business forming the daughter and mother super team. Another outlet from the Josie Network of Brands includes Indies Voice Magazine.

Tinamarie and Josie are both CMA voting members, members of an advisory panel that rates commercial Country radio music. They have multiple Broadcasting Awards, Tinamarie was also the 'Center Director of the Year' for three years along with the NAEYC Accreditation (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and Achievement Awards including 'Outstanding Teambuilding' and 'Outstanding Quality.'



**L-R: Vito and Tinamarie Passantino, Matt Boone and Josie Passantino-Boone**

Tinamarie and Josie are gearing up for this year's festivities with a full weekend of music. Attendees can expect great performances, award presentations and special guests during the weekend. The events begin November 1st for the JMA Music Festival and Conference at the Belle Air Mansion. Then on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, they will host the 11th Annual Josie Music Awards. held at the Grand Ole Opry House.

Josie states, "One of the biggest highlights and honors we have experienced at The Josie Music Awards is bringing our annual award show to The Grand Ole Opry House. The venue is beautiful, historic, and magical. Everyone we work with there is so kind, helpful, experienced, and professional.

A big standout moment in our minds is the first time the big red curtain opened to a roar of applause, happiness, and the love from the room was instantly felt from the stage. Something that has always stood out for us since the first Josie Music Awards event in 2015 is the amount of love and support you feel in the room being at our annual event. We have never felt anything like it anywhere else."

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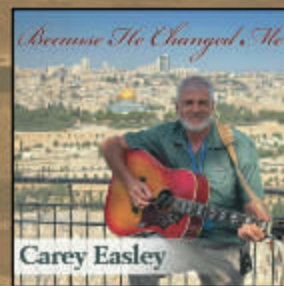
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