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## *From* The Editor

It's not always easy to endure a trial or test of our faith, but, oh, how sweet the victory on the other side... another testimony of God's grace and mercy!

There have been occasions over the past year that I've mentioned my battles with health issues and have requested prayer both here and on social media. In gratitude for the encouragement and the many prayers, I have also tried to keep those who are interested informed with the latest updates.

No need to rehash all that's happened, but it bears repeating that 2023 was the most trying year of my life. With one health issue after another, I endured multiple surgeries, spending much of my time in the hospital and in doctor's offices. Most importantly, however, is the fact that Jesus walked with me through it all and kept His loving, healing hand on me without fail. (Excuse me while I shout!)

Now, I have a new page to add to my story for HIS glory. Just as the smoke of the last battle was clearing, I found myself facing yet another health issue and it was determined that I desperately needed heart surgery. On the early morning of February 27th, I underwent triple bypass open heart surgery. By the glorious grace of God, I came though with "flying colors," as they say.

I was prepped by medical staff and informed of possible post-surgery side effects and complications long before ever going into the operating room. I want you to know I experienced nothing they warned me about. No confusion, no complications, no setbacks, and absolutely no pain! (I feel another shout coming on!) I went into surgery Tuesday morning and went home on Saturday - just four days later. And less than two weeks after surgery. I was already back to most normal day to day activity. I am so thankful to be sitting back at my desk writing this letter to you. THAT'S THE KIND OF GOD I SERVE!

I really believe the health issues are now behind me and I'm finally on an upward flight. I am even starting to see hints of what God is preparing me for. I know now that God isn't finished with me, and unbelievably great things are still ahead. And I know it's greatly due to the prayers of people like you all over the country. I can't thank you enough, and I hope you'll continue to partner with me along the next phase of my journey. I just know it's going to be an amazing flight into new heights!

I finally realize that, with all I've been through over the past fifteen months, it wasn't faith alone by which Daniel could stand in a den full of lions; it wasn't by faith alone that the Hebrew boys could withstand a fiery furnace; it wasn't only the faith of Paul and Silas that, after being beaten and locked up in a prison cell, they could sing and cause the jailhouse to shake! No, it wasn't just because of their faith, but because they also had the PERSONAL presence of God with them!! I now know this by my own experience!!

By God's grace and mercy,

John

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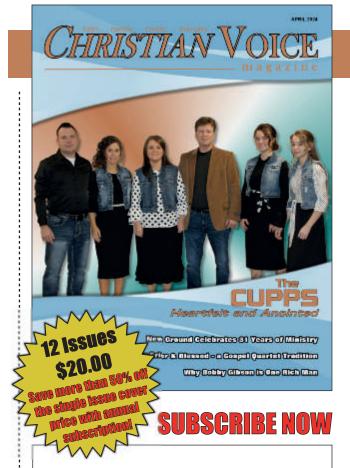
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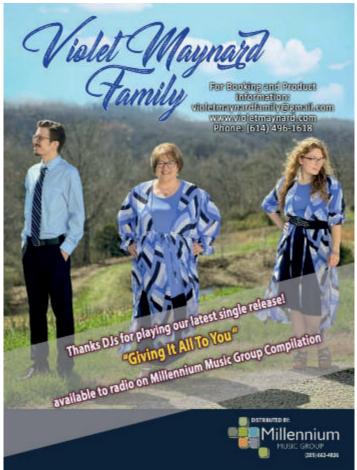
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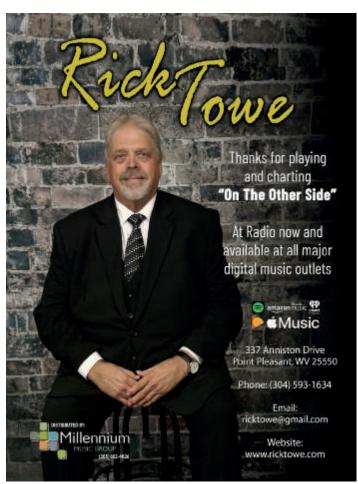
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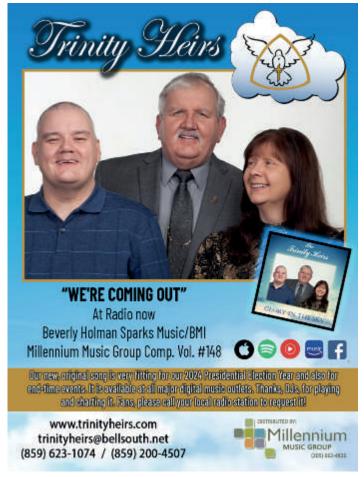




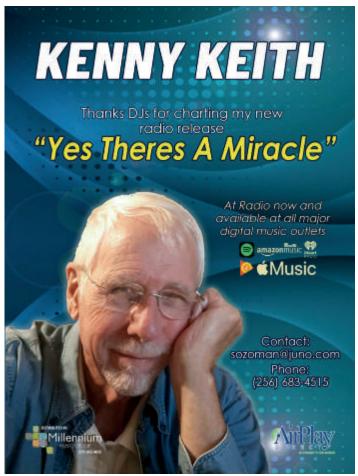














## CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

The Fruit of Sin and Righteousness (Part 2 of 3)

**Gabriel Swaggart** 

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." - Romans 6:22

In last month's article, we explored what happens to the believer when he is controlled by the sin nature - the nature that is completely contrary to God. It never ends well for anyone who is being dominated by the sin nature. For the unbeliever, that life leads to a life of misery, shame, heartache, and ultimately death - spiritually and physically. For the believer, it doesn't mean that the individual in question will lose his soul, but it does mean that he will not enjoy all of the benefits that Christ paid for on Calvary's cross.

Many in the Christian world only know what it is to be controlled by something that causes them to do things they

do not want to do, and they do not understand how to stop it. They struggle to live a holy life - a life pleasing to the Lord - but they do not know exactly how that can be done. Today I have good news: As a believer, you can live a life of complete and total victory over sin. Once a believer understands God's prescribed order of victory, instead of having fruit unto death, he can experience fruit unto righteousness.



#### God's Prescribed Order Of Victory

Before we get into what Paul is saying in Romans 6:22, I want to briefly explain what God's prescribed order of victory is and what it means. The first thing that we need to know about God's prescribed order of victory is that Jesus Christ is the source of all blessings. He is the source from whence all blessings flow, and there is no other avenue that can bring about blessings. No other person, no other ideology, no other man-made religion or philosophy can bring about any blessings to its followers. But every good thing that happens to the believer comes from Jesus Christ. Now, every one of us would shout over that, and rightly so, but we need to take it one step further. Christ is the very source of all blessings, but the question remains, how do we receive these blessings?

As Christ is the source, the cross of Christ is the means by which we receive all blessings. In fact, the cross is the greatest blessing that could happen to anyone, for it was at the cross that all sin was atoned - past, present, and future. It was through the cross of Christ that I can experience salvation, healing, deliverance, and so forth. The blessings of God could

not be poured out on mankind if it were not for the cross, for this is the way that man was brought back into right relationship with God. Some would get a little uneasy about this statement, but the fact is that the cross of Christ is the greatest display of the grace of God that man has ever known. It is because of the cross that all, at least those who are born again, can experience blessings unparalleled from their heavenly Father. Christ is the source of all blessing, and the cross is the means by which we receive all blessings.

The third step to this little formula is faith. We appropriate these blessings through the avenue of faith, more importantly, faith in Christ and Him crucified. Without faith, Paul would say in Hebrews, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). He didn't say that it was improbable, but impossible.

God operates on the basis of faith, but our faith must be anchored and rooted in Christ and the cross.

Once our faith is anchored in Christ and the cross, the Holy Spirit will begin to oversee everything, meaning that He will begin to work in our lives to take out the bad and put in the good. Just because the Holy Spirit is God does not mean that His help is automatic; it's really the opposite. The Holy Spirit, even

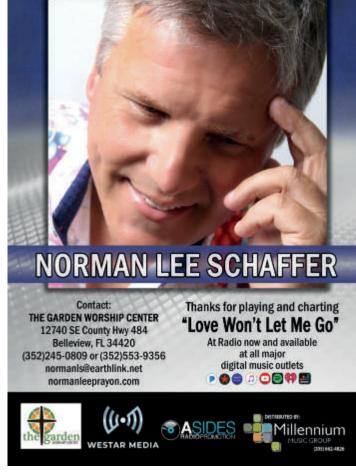
though He is God, will only properly work in our lives if our faith in anchored in Christ and the cross (Rom. 8:2) and will not work outside of those parameters. This is how the believer can live a life pleasing to the Lord, by faith in Christ and Him crucified, which gives the Holy Spirit the ability to work in our lives in the way that He sees fit and will bring about the victory that is needed.

#### **But Now**

As Paul revealed what the former life brought forth, he concludes his statements by saying, "But now," meaning that before you accepted Christ, the path that you and everyone else was on was heading toward destruction. But now, since you came to Christ, things are going to be different! I love these two words because all those who are saved can relate to them. We all remember the lives we used to live, but now things are different, we are no longer heading that direction, and we are no longer experiencing fruit unto death. Since accepting Christ, we now experience fruit unto righteousness.

To be continued next month.











When Pastor Grier's parents were carrying him to Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Badin, North Carolina, a young Michael had no way of knowing what an influence it would have on his life, his ministry, his music. He remembers singing as being the main thing at church and at home. The Gospel music would lead to surrendering his heart to Christ, all the while gathering understanding and appreciation in becoming a quartet singer and songwriter. Pastor Grier fell in love with vocal harmony and the music of guitar and drums.

#### By Deborah Baliles

y the early 1980s, Michael was performing on The and bringing it all together, Pastor Michael Grier (lead singer, Gospel Expo, a television program airing on Sunday mornings, Fox 8 High Point, North Carolina. In 2011, Pastor Grier was awarded Showcase 'New Artist of the Year' at the National Singing Quartet Convention of America in Olive Branch, Mississippi. As well, Pastor Grier & Blessed were 2nd Place Showcase Winners of the East Coast Singers and Musicians Conference (2011). 2023, the band was the National Nominee in the Texas Gospel Music Excellence Awards.

Making their home in Greensboro, North Carolina, Pastor Grier serves Word of Life Holiness Church in Ramseur, North Carolina. He has been married to the lovely Jenene for fifteen years. As Pastor Grier was lauding his wife as a singer, and as a central part of the Blessed group, he ended the conversation with a very endearing, "And, I love her."

Members making up the group, Pastor Grier & Blessed, are Jenene Grier (alto and business manager), Harry Thompson (second lead, guitar, and band leader), Ron Herring (baritone), Steve Thompson (bass), Reverend Samuel Gilbert (drums), Cheryl Herring (marketing and advertising),

guitar, manager, and CEO).

Pastor Grier has recorded several CDs from 1980 through present day. Two of his most recent singles are I Know I've Been Redeemed and In The Middle Of The Night. "The latter has been my biggest accomplishment," he mentions. "The song came from inspiration of a sermon that I preached one Sunday morning. Taken from Chapter Sixteen of the Book of Acts, it talks about Paul and Silas being in prison and it goes something like this: Many stripes and bonds had Paul and Silas when they were thrown in prison. But at midnight they prayed and sang praises unto God, and to their fellow prisoners. In the middle of the night, God sent a great earthquake and shook the place where they were held captive. Immediately all of the doors were opened and everyone's hands were loosed. A terrified keeper of the prison recognized the divine intervention and fell down before Paul and Silas, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. How often has God done his best work in the middle of the night?"

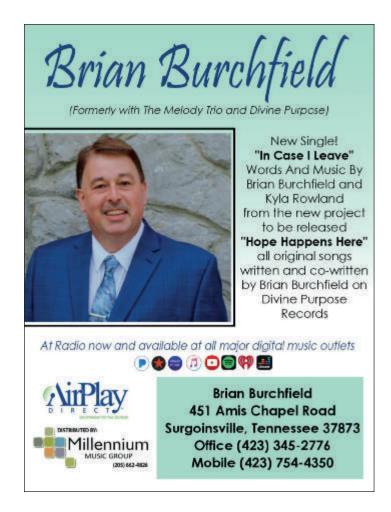
Furthermore, "Every song penned has been given by inspiration so that men and women might come to know, through the lyrics, that Christ desires the best for us and has made available to us everything we need to get from earth to glory, and all in between. When the Word of God takes first place in our lives, no real or simulated prison doors strong enough to hold back his plans for us." In attendance with Pastor Grier & Blessed, one will always get a "church service" of some good old Gospel music and a little preaching, no matter the venue."

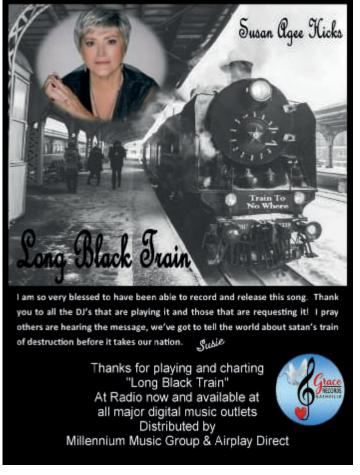
If there be any challenges for Pastor Grier, is it thusly, "I so wish there were more people who share the same love for Gospel quartet music as I, and as it were in days past. I wish there were more commitment and drive to sing the old (and new) songs of Zion under the anointing of the Holy Spirit."

Pastor Grier & Blessed (the group) are more than blessed to do what they love. Blessed to bring as many as possible to the saving grace of Jesus Christ through songs, personal testimonies, and sermons. Blessed to help usher in the Holy Spirit so that healing, deliverance, and salvation may take place in the lives of those who attend. Blessed indeed!



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Nineteen-year-old Dreyden Gordon is a Bluegrass and Country artist from eastern Kentucky. He strives to be a tradition keeper while adding just enough of a new flare with his own style to the songs he performs on tour.





The young Kentuckian recalls those early days when music became his calling. "I am very blessed and fortunate to be able to do what I love - make music. I began on stage at the age of two, dancing with local acts that would come through the area. Through much persuasion and encouragement from one of my mentors, Bluegrass music legend Melvin Goins, I started singing on stage as a guest of his and other musicians on their road shows and concerts at age seven. I continued until the age of eleven when I taught myself to play guitar. I had taken lessons and attempted to learn guitar a few times prior, but it never seemed to stick. One day I came home from school and pulled my old guitar out and sat down to YouTube to attempt to learn some basics. As they say, the rest is history. Within three months I was playing guitar on stage. I've been fortunate to have a lot of great mentors and heroes invite me onstage with them or show me little tips and tricks of the trade along the way."

his craft by keeping a very busy touring schedule. "It is such a blessing to travel up and down the highways and see so many good friends and fans, in addition to making new ones as I go," Gordon admits.

He grew up listening to Bluegrass and Classic Country. He was also raised in church hearing and singing the old hymns and Gospel music. He shares, "To this day, the church music remains some of my favorite. There is a certain beauty in the words, the music, and the message that just can't be found anywhere else."



Dreyden has been blessed to stand onstage with many of his musical influences including Dr. Ralph Stanley, Ralph Stanley II, Larry Sparks, Melvin Goins, Sammy Adkins, Danny Davis, Joe Mullins, Larry Cordle, and many more. Many other highlights for this young artist include performing at the legendary Ryman Auditorium in Nashville with dear friends '2 Country 4 Nashville' (Jo-el & LeAnne Ulmer) and Merlin Gene (from RFD-TV).

This young, talented artist has already received several prestigious honors and accomplishments. He is often introduced as Colonel Dreyden Gordon! In 2017, at the age of twelve he was commissioned as a colonel by the Governor of Kentucky. (For more info about the Kentucky Colonels visit kycolonels.org) "This is Kentucky's highest civilian honor and a gesture that I consider myself so blessed to have received."

Then in December of 2021, He received the Heritage Since those early days, Dreyden continues working on Award from the Keith Whitley Fingerprint on Country Music Awards/Keith Whitley Foundation. He was named 'Bluegrass Artist of the Year' by the Mississippi Music Foundation in 2023. In addition to a busy tour schedule, Dreyden also works as a disc jockey and news anchor on two local hometown radio stations.

> His previous radio single, Soldier's Story is still performing very well on radio. Dreydon shares, "I wrote the song after a meeting I had with a since departed World War II Veteran. The events described [in the lyrics of the song] are all based on the stories that the gentleman told me. I walked away from our meeting with a seemingly newfound

appreciation for the freedoms we all share in this nation. However, the song was written to pay tribute and honor to ALL the brave men and women who have lived and died selflessly defending our country."

Dreydon's brand new single is a throwback of a traditional American Folk song, In The Pines, dating back to the 1870s. His rendition brings a unique and emotive touch to the lyrics, and his delivery enhances the raw emotions present in the song, making it even more impactful. The song is available on Spotify, Amazon Music, YouTube, and other digital outlets.

Dreyden shares how faith has always sustained him. "The Lord has blessed me far beyond what I deserve. I credit all the good in my life to Him. I thank Him for allowing me to pursue a life in music. I've been blessed to be raised in a Christian

me from birth basically. Some of my earliest and fondest memories are of my precious and since departed momma teaching me the words to so many of the beloved classic hymns. I'm extremely thankful to a family that has supported me in all my musical endeavors."



2023 'Bluegrass Artist of the Year'

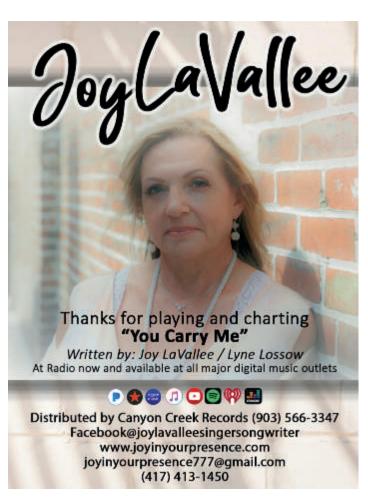
He continues, "Every season of darkness is followed by the light. I've been faced with several hardships, but I know I can always find solace and truth in one who will not fail me - an omniscient, merciful Savior." Dreyden's favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Dreyden is signed with Nashville Entertainment Weekly Records. He says, "They work so hard to provide great music to the world!" He has plans to release new music soon and continues traveling and performing for audiences everywhere.

Dreyden shares a close bond with his fans. He says, "I will always

home by Christian parents who shared the love of God with strive to put on an entertaining and family friendly show. My fans always come first, and they are the driving force that keeps me going. I thank God every day for allowing me to do what I love for a living."

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## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

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## **NEW GROUND**

In the heart of the American South, where the breeze carries the melody of Gospel tunes, there exists a trio whose harmonies resonate not only through the halls of churches but also in the souls of those who listen. New Ground, a name synonymous with the uplifting spirit of Southern Gospel music, celebrates a remarkable milestone this year: 31 years of unwavering dedication to their ministry of song.

At the helm of this musical journey are Dale and Robbie Maxwell, a husband and wife duo whose voices blend seamlessly, creating a sound that feels like a warm embrace to anyone who hears it. Joined by tenor David Owens, an equally talented vocalist, New Ground is a testament to the power of faith and friendship.

Their story began over three decades ago, in a local church nestled amidst the rolling hills of Sand Mountain, Alabama. Dale, a solid baritone, and Robbie, with her alto voice, felt the call to share their love of God through music. With David's soulful inclusion, they found their voices intertwining in perfect harmony, creating a sound that would touch the hearts of audiences far and wide.

From humble beginnings singing in church gatherings, New Ground's talent soon caught the attention of the broader Gospel music community. With hard work and unwavering dedication, they climbed the charts, with over 15 Top 25 songs to their name. Their crowning achievement came with *That Heavenly Home*, a timeless anthem of hope and salvation that soared to the Top 10 on industry charts, solidifying their place as a Gospel music mainstay.

But beyond the accolades and recognition, New Ground remains rooted in their mission - to spread the message of love and redemption through their songs. With a rigorous schedule of approximately 125 dates a year, they traverse the country, bringing their uplifting melodies to churches, conventions, senior retreats, and more. Their travels have taken them to every corner of the globe, from the bustling streets of the USA, to Mexico, Dominican Republic, Central

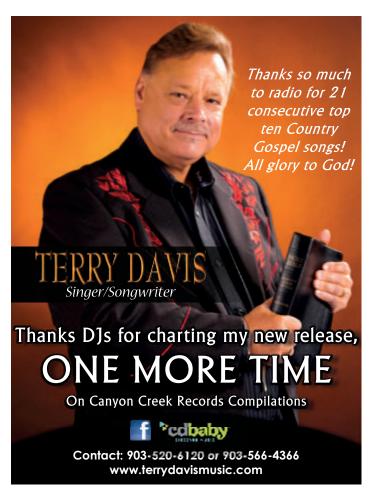


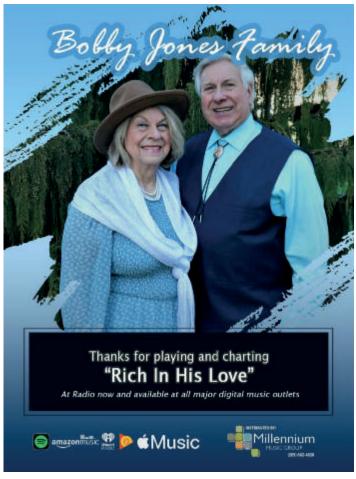
America to the serene countryside of Scotland, spreading the Word wherever they are sent.

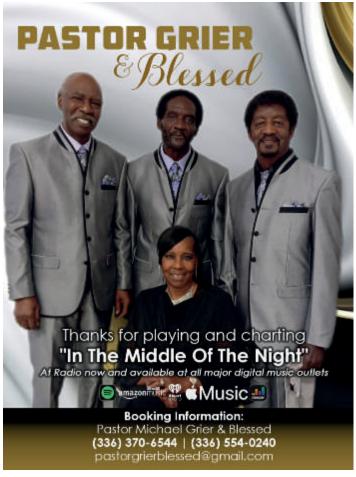
Yet, amidst the whirlwind of tours and performances, the members of New Ground remain grounded in their faith and in the bond they share as a family. Their website, www.newgroundministries.com, serves as a hub of information for fans old and new, while their presence on social media keeps them connected to their ever-growing community of supporters.

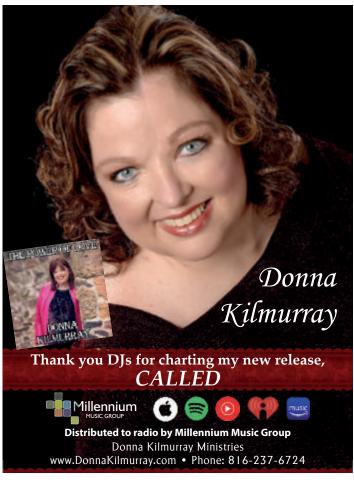
As they celebrate 31 years of singing ministry, New Ground looks back on their journey with gratitude and forward with renewed passion. For them, it's not just about the music - it's about the lives they've touched and the souls they've inspired along the way. And as long as there are hearts in need of uplifting, they'll continue to raise their voices in praise, spreading the harmonies of faith to all who will listen.

Be sure to catch New Ground's first appearance at Gospel Music FanFair in Fayette, Alabama... Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 6:00pm! Go to www.gospelmusicfanfair.com for more information.











## Margie's Meditation

Seasons of the Soul

Margie Tanner

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1

Change can sometimes be difficult. We get comfortable in a certain place in our lives or our ministry and risk missing a new, wonderful experience God has in store for us because we don't like to embrace change. We need to trust God that tested, maybe even faltered a little but it is still in tact.

He knows the right place for us and knows the right time to get us there. We must be willing to follow Him and trust His divine knowledge, knowing He never makes a mistake.

March 19th was the first day of Spring and now the dreary, chilly days seem to be giving way to the warmth of the sun's rays, bringing to life the earth that has lay dormant during the months of Winter. It is an amazing time of year! The Barren trees bring forth bright green foliage and colorful blossoms are seen everywhere. The daffodils and many other spring flowers that could not show their face for some time now push their heads up through the soil to enjoy the sunshine and blue skies. It is a time of resurrection, of new life, and new beginnings.

Springtime is also a time of planting and sowing seed. Having been raised on a farm, I can tell you that springtime meant cultivating and preparing the soil so seed could be planted.

For without the sowing, when summer came there would be no harvest, no reaping. Just as God designed the seasons of the year, and the changes each one brings, I believe God orders different seasons in our lives. Each season has a divine purpose to bring forth something special in our lives.

Perhaps you have endured a long winter season in your life. You felt the chilling winds of trials as they have blown against you time and time again. You may have become discouraged and depressed. You may feel numb, much like

the little flower buried beneath the frozen ground. I pray the Holy Spirit will rise up in you, giving you strength to rebuke fear, grief and discouragement. Remember the winter season does not last forever. Lift up your head, dry your tears, God has a springtime ahead for you. Your faith may have been

> Maybe you have suffered many months with a physical affliction or some difficulty with a rebellious teenager. Maybe you are in financial distress. You may feel your marriage is over. Satan may be filling your mind with negative thoughts, making you feel nothing will ever change or be better, but remember satan is a liar.

Let the sunshine of God's grace pierce the dark clouds and new life will break forth on every side. Let a new zeal replace your worn spirit. God can give you a new vision for the future of your marriage, your ministry, your children and a prosperous future. Just

stand still in faith and watch God move. Begin to speak life to that hopeless situation as Ezekiel spoke to the valley of dry bones. Remember, nothing is impossible with God.

The psalmist David said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from which cometh my help." Look up, child of God, your springtime is coming.

Remember God has a plan and a purpose for every season of the year and every season of our lives.





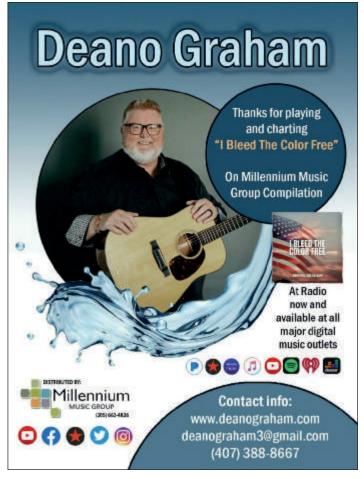
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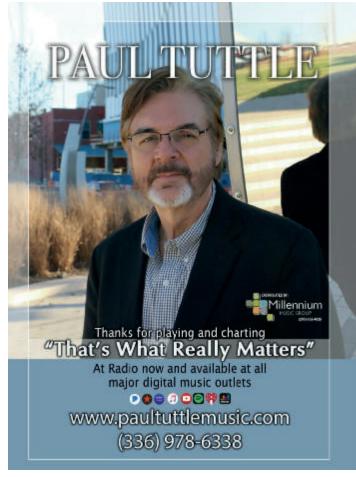
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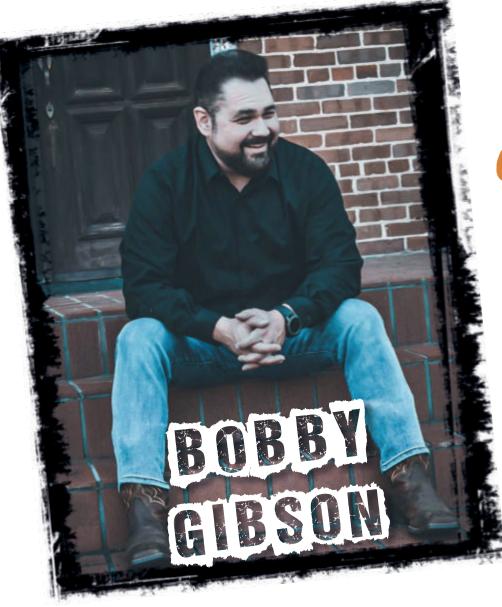
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## ONE RICH MAN!

Country Gospel Singer and Songwriter, Bobby Gibson begins his story with this, "I did not see what was coming, but God has showed out in an awesome way."

By Deborah Baliles

This Southern Baptist raised young man was born in Mobile, Alabama. He grew up with four siblings, his mother, and his dad. Surrounded by Southern Gospel and Country, music runs through his veins. He has numerous cousins who sang in local churches throughout Southern Alabama and Northwest, Florida. Some of those cousins are still active in Country and Southern/Bluegrass Gospel music. Although, Bobby did not have the confidence to sing in front of a crowded room, he was persuaded to sing a John Anderson song, *Straight Tequila Night* at a karaoke restaurant.

Bobby was saved at the age of fifteen despite the environment at home. Dad was an alcoholic and not present for him in a positive way. The verbal and emotional abuse would drive Bobby out of his childhood home and into a different set of bad choices, including a failed marriage at a young age. "I suffered from anxiety and self-doubt for years. My mother was the glue that held the struggling family together. She made sure that we remained in church. I am so grateful for the people that God put in my life during this time, like my friend, James' dad, Ward Small. Mr. Small was a

This Southern Baptist raised young man was born good man, a Christian Man, an awesome dad, and an awesome in Mobile, Alabama. He grew up with four husband. He taught me that I could be all of those things."

Cousin Marvin Harrell invited Bobby to attend church, Oak Grove Assembly of God where Country/Christian artist Brandon Rowell is the pastor. "I had been praying for God to use me in whatever way to lead others to Christ. I started singing at Oak Grove almost every Sunday. God was answering prayer. I did not see what was coming." Bobby is now an active member at Oak Grove Assembly of God in Frisco City, Alabama.

In addition to his love for music, Bobby received a Master's Degree in counseling from the University of South Alabama. He is currently working towards becoming a licensed counselor. Meanwhile, he provides substance treatment services to individuals in Escambia County, Alabama, i.e. drug court, those seeking referral services, or those seeking treatment on their own. As well, he cofacilitates, with a very close friend, a Celebrate Program in Conecuh County, Alabama. Some of Bobby's songs reflect his empathy for working with individuals who are struggling with addictions, and/or are struggling with dealing, coping,

and healing from choices they have made in life. "Brandon Rowell, Brother Kenneth Johnson, Scott and Lori Roberts, Jonathan and Kaitlyn Monk, Brenda Plaster Jay, and Marvin Harrell all have beautiful testimonies and servant hearts that have inspired and motivated me at just the right time, and when I needed it the most. I love and appreciate every one of them."

However, Bobby (and God) could not move forward until he found a place of forgiveness for his dad and losing all the resentment that he had harbored for so long. In 2010, his dad was diagnosed with cancer. "The Lord was working on me hard. I knew that I had to grant forgiveness, and to ask him to forgive me. The release from that burden was so powerful in watching the Holy Spirit's conviction come over my dad.

Dad left this world knowing he was going to be with Jesus. Forgiveness truly will set you free. You cannot move forward until you are free from the past."

Bobby Gibson's first two single releases, *Heaven Is Your Town* and *The Colors and the Cross* have done very well with downloads. Then and now is where God showed out as I was about to be introduced, by Pastor Rowell, to my producer, Rick Schweinsberg. "When I had thought that I would only be singing in church, God provided a platform for me to witness for him all around the world."

The latest Bobby Gibson global release is debuting in the Top 100 on the Country Gospel charts affiliated with Cross Country USA and Christian Voice magazines. Writers Robert Gannand and T. Edwin Doss created a beautiful song in *One Rich Man*. "The song talks about faith and hope for what comes in eternity if we know Jesus. Life is not about the worldly possessions we work so hard to acquire. It is about our love for Jesus, living Christ-like, and looking forward to eternity in Heaven."

Bobby goes on with expressing great gratitude to Rick Schweinsberg (Nashville Christian Country and Nashville Christian Country radio), Rick's wife Teresa (New South Artists Agency-Promoter), their son Micah and his wife Jackie for all they do in both production and promotion, The Nashville Pickers, Paul Bowen, Radio Music DJ.com and all the DJs who have played his

music. "Imagine finding out that the guitar player in *Straight Tequila Nights* was also the lead guitar player in my first recording at Hilltop Recording Studio in Nashville! God leaves His hints all over the place to take us back and remind us that He was with us all along."

Bobby Gibson music is all tied up with this simple notion, "We all have sin, hurts, and hangups that get stuck and hold

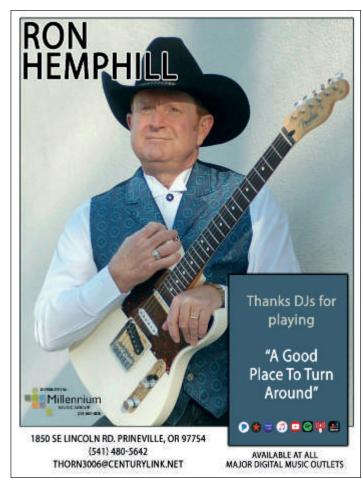
us back in life. You cannot undo the past, and forever looking back is never the answer. My mission is to be obedient to God, turn it (whatever it is) over to God, and let him heal me and fight for me. Jesus died for me; Jesus died for you. Accept his forgiveness, forgive yourselves. From there it does not matter what anyone thinks about you or me, only what Jesus thinks about us. My hope is that fans will hear a relatable song, take in the positive message that will inspire them to continue, renew, or start a walk with Christ."

Bobby Gibson is one rich man, living a life in witness of walking with Christ. "Abundant blessings are renewed every day. So much so, that one will not see the what, when, or how His blessings are coming."



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## ENJOYING EVERYDAY LIFE

Burnt But Not Bitter

Joyce Meyer

I think we'd be amazed if we knew how many people are walking around with bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness in their hearts.

Bitterness often begins with the little things. When people wrong us in some way, it's tempting to store it away in our memory and never forget. Apart from the help of the Holy Spirit, our natural inclination is to "keep score" and want to make people pay for what they've done.

However, this is how a root of bitterness gets planted. First, we get offended, then we allow that offense to fester and grow. Hebrews 12:15 (AMP) says, "See to it that no one falls short of God's grace; that no root of resentment springs up and causes trouble."

You see, regardless of how big or small the offense, God commands us to keep a clean heart so we can continue to grow in Him and experience the freedom He has created us for. Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (NIV).

I recently saw a movie that really impacted me. The main character had been mistreated very badly, but he eventually chose to forgive the person. Even his wife asked him, "How can you forgive?" His answer has stuck with me ever since. He replied: "If you forgive, you only have to do that once. But if you hate, you have to do that every day for the rest of your life."

So, I ask you: Has someone hurt or cheated you? If they have, don't let them continue hurting you every day of your life. When you choose to forgive someone, you are taking your life back!

For years, I used to be controlled by my emotions. If I was upset at Dave about something, I could go days without talking to him. Or if someone rubbed me the wrong way at church, I was really good at holding a grudge.

Of course, I was the one who lost my peace and joy while the other person had no idea I was even upset. But it wasn't only me - my anger and bad attitude also created a toxic atmosphere in my house and affected my family and those around me.

It was a great day when I realized I could do the right thing even when I don't feel like doing it. And when we do, something marvelous happens - our feelings catch up with our decisions.

You see, God desires for us to grow and mature to the place where we're not always led around by our feelings. He desires for us to obey His Word and choose to forgive others even when we're right and even when the other person doesn't seem very sorry.

The truth is, life isn't always fair. But God is fair, and He will make wrong things right if we continue to trust Him. If we allow Him to, He can take our bad experience and work it out for our good.

Just look at the life of Joseph. Genesis tells us that as a young man, Joseph had great dreams for his life. But his older brothers resented him and sold him into slavery, and he was taken to Egypt.

Now, let's stop right here. If Joseph allowed himself to stay hurt and offended and never forgave his brothers, I don't think anyone would have blamed him. However, Joseph refused to grow bitter and let this stop him. As a result, he found great favor with his master, Potiphar, and was eventually put in charge of his entire household.

Years later, Joseph faced another test when Potiphar threw him in jail for a crime he didn't commit. But he still didn't allow bitterness and unforgiveness to take root, and the Lord eventually gave Joseph an opportunity to interpret a dream for Pharaoh, who then promoted him to the highest official in Egypt!

Joseph literally went from the pit to the palace. Then, years later, when a famine struck the land, the Lord used Joseph to save his family and the entire house of Israel.

When Joseph finally came face to face with his brothers, they were petrified because of what they had done to him. But look at what Joseph said: "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..." (Genesis 50:20 AMP).

Because Joseph was willing to forgive all along the way, God was able to take what was wrong and make it right!

I don't know where you are today. Maybe you've suffered some painful experiences in the past that have left you struggling to forgive. Or maybe little things are slowly chipping away at one of your relationships and bitterness is attempting to take root in your heart.

Whatever it is, the single greatest thing you can do is forgive and trust God to reward you and make things right. I encourage you to pray and ask for God's help even before someone offends you!

Because when you're determined to do what's right - when you're ready to forgive others and keep your heart free from anger and resentment - it honors God. And the Bible says that when you honor God, He will honor you (1 Samuel 2:30).

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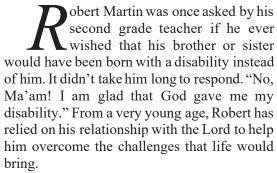




# ROBERT **MARTIN**

## The Man Behind the Mic

By Jennifer Wyman



At birth, Robert's lung collapsed and as a result, he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. This was the beginning of many uphill battles for him. Fortunately, he was raised in a

Christian home and accepted the Lord as his Savior at the Gospel, Instrumental, and Contemporary Christian. young age of eight years old. This relationship would continue to grow throughout his school years.

In high school, Robert was chosen, through Workforce Development, to participate in a job study as a DJ for a Gospel radio station, WBLB 1340 AM in Pulaski, Virginia. It was here that Roberts' love for the profession grew. At seventeen years old, he was able to share his testimony with his listeners. His love for the Lord continued to grow and his desire to serve would lead him to his next mission field.

At twenty-three years old he was given the opportunity to pastor a small, country church, Liberty Missionary Baptist, in Ronceverte, West Virginia. Determined to start a life of his own, he moved out from the care of his parents and began living independently while preaching the Word of God.

Upon completion of his pastoral duties, Robert was faced with many negative advisories and health conditions. His relationship with the Lord began to be severed and the complications from a stroke left him unable to care for himself. After living independently for several years, living a dependent life again was enough to make him realize that





he needed to heal the broken relationship with his Heavenly Father. With God's help, Robert began searching for his purpose in life while working to gain his independence again.

Reflecting back on his earlier years and the fulfillment he received from serving at the radio station, Robert decided to start his own Internet radio station. This is where DJ 4 God Radio originated. On June 15, 2021, Robert signed on as DJ 4 God once again and began proclaiming the love of Jesus while trying to reach souls for the Lord.

DJ 4 God Radio offers a variety of music including Southern, Bluegrass, and Christian

Listeners can tune in twenty four hours a day, seven days a week for music that is sure to bless the soul. He also has several live broadcasts throughout the week. Each weekday, Monday through Friday, Robert hosts a Bluegrass and Country Gospel show from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. EST. Then again from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. EST for Live until Five. This gives listeners an opportunity to call in or text their requests directly to Robert himself. On Saturday each week, you can hear the Top 10 Countdown of Southern Gospel as published by Singing News. Sundays are sure to be uplifting and inspirational with DJ 4 God when you tune in for The Sunday Afternoon Flight as they fly through Southern Gospel music.

In need of a little spiritual pick me up? DJ 4 God has that covered as well. Most days, you can find Robert in the studio programming, recording, and communicating with artists as he works to share God's love through music and continue to grow his relationship with Him.

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## TBN Announces New Weeknight Program with Network's Host and News Correspondent, Erick Stakelbeck

TBN, America's most-watched faith-and-family network, has just premiered a new current events program, "Stakelbeck Tonight" on March 25. Each weeknight at 7:30pm ET and PT, host Erick Stakelbeck will take viewers around the world - from Jerusalem to London to Washington, D.C. and points beyond with cutting-edge commentary, analysis and interviews focusing on world news events and why it all matters to every American.

"After several incredible years of working with TBN on 'The Watchman,' hosting primetime specials and anchoring daily news updates, it's an honor to launch 'Stakelbeck Tonight,'" says Stakelbeck. "With America and the world experiencing unprecedented challenges, I'm excited to take viewers across the globe and bring top-notch reporting to those seeking truth through a biblical lens."



From wars and rumors of war abroad, to the rise of anti-Christian "woke" ideology here at home, it's clear that Americans are living in perilous and unprecedented times. "Stakelbeck Tonight" will make sense of these stunning developments through a bold and biblical lens. The show will shine a light in the darkness and remind viewers that even in these uncertain times, God is still in control and has an extraordinary and purposeful plan for His Church.

Radio Host Jaye Harmon, Veteran Announcer and Member of Stellar Award-Winning Team, Launches New Gospel Countdown Show



Washington, DC's Gospel music lovers remember tuning in to the Afternoon Drive-time Show on the Stellar Award-winning Heaven 1580/WPGC-AM to get their daily dose of inspiration. In addition to hearing great Gospel music during the ride home, listeners also heard the smooth, captivating voice of Jaye Harmon. The veteran announcer was a favorite among area announcers



and amassed a huge following while there. Although Heaven 1580 shut its doors in 2009, Harmon has continued making an impact in Gospel music. He recently prepped a new 2-hour Gospel countdown show called "Jaye Harmon's TG 30".

Produced by Harmon's own JPE Media, the new show debuted on DAF Gospel Radio at DAFEntertainment.com on Sunday, March 3, 2024. Airing weekly at 5:00PM, 11:00PM and 3:00AM ET, the program will highlight both indie and major label artists impacting Gospel radio. Airing popular, inspirational music, the show features interviews during the "Indie Artist Spotlight" segment. In addition to DAF Gospel Radio, listeners can also tune in to the show on LP-FM stations, WWDA 101.9 and WFTB 104.1.

The new program is a high point in Harmon's radio career. His launch into radio began as a student at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland. His passion for media was ignited there, and eventually, he was hired at his college radio station, WESM. He first "cracked the mic" there, but gained his first Sunday morning Gospel show at WJDY in Salisbury, MD. He was later positioned as an afternoon drive-time host at both WDIH in Salisbury and WWIN in Baltimore. Eventually, he landed at Washington, DC's Heaven 1580AM, a CBS Radio station, also showcasing his talent during the afternoon drive-time show.

A musician at heart, Harmon is a drummer, keyboardist, producer and former choir director. He is also a graduate of Full Sail University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Production and a Master's Degree in Entertainment Business. The owner of JPE Media, Harmon heads a full-service media production company specializing in voiceover and imaging for terrestrial and internet radio stations. Based in Atlanta, JPE Media also produces voiceovers for church videos, audiobooks and documentaries. The company also offers video production services for social media promotions to a variety of businesses and organizations.

For more information on Jaye Harmon and JPE Media, log on to www.jayezpadent.com. Connect with him on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

#### Patriotic Hitmaker Natasha Owens Steps into the CPAC Spotlight

Patriotic powerhouse Natasha Owens was a featured performer throughout CPAC in Washington, D.C., making appearances on the main stage as well as the sold-out Ronald Reagan Dinner. The Christian recording artist performed *The Star Spangled Banner*, worship classic *How Great is Our God*, and her #1 smash hit single, *Trump Won*.

"What an honor to once again be asked to grace the CPAC stage and boldly and proudly proclaim my faith and my love for this country," says Owens. "At the Ronald Reagan Dinner, I decided to quote the former President who in 1964 gave a speech that would forever change his path. He stated 'It is not a battle between left and right, it is between up and down.' He was right - this is a battle between good and evil. A battle that we will only win if we first fight the battle on our knees."

With a string of viral hits already under her belt, Owens called out Republican RINOs with her most recent single, *Party People*, produced by GRAMMY-nominated and multiple Dove Award winner, lan Eskelin.



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Owens started the current trend of patriotic anthems topping the Pop charts when her smash hit single Trump Won, became a viral hit in 2023 amassing over 70 million social media impressions despite shadow banning and widespread reports of posts, retweets and shares being removed on nearly all platforms. The song shocked the music industry upon its release, immediately debuting at #1 on iTunes before debuting at #5 on the BILLBOARD Digital Sales Chart and #2 on the BILLBOARD Country Digital Song Sales Chart. Former President Donald J. Trump repeatedly posted about the single at TruthSocial.

Her latest studio album, "American Patriot" is a bold, proud, powerful concept collection that bridges an unwavering love of country with the themes of faith and family that have always played a significant part in her artistry. The album includes notable tracks such as 2nd Protects the First, America First, Stand for Life, and The Star Spangled Banner. She's had extensive media coverage including appearances on Fox News, Newsmax, OAN, Huckabee, Real America's Voice, War Room with Steve Bannon, The Eric Metaxas Show, Lindell TV with Mike Lindell, CNN, Al Jezeera, and HLN, among others.

For more information, visit www.NatashaOwensMusic.com.

#### **Coral Ridge Ministries Honored with the National Religious Broadcasters 'Milestone Award'**

The National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) presented Coral Ridge Ministries (CRM) with the prestigious "Milestone Award" during the 2024 NRB International Christian Media Convention February 20-23 in Nashville, Tennessee.

NRB acknowledges that longevity in any field is a rarity and exemplary service in Christian Broadcasting for more than 50 years is a feat worthy of recognition and applause. For this reason, the "Milestone Award" is reserved specifically for organizations with more than five decades in Christian Broadcasting.

"It is fitting to receive this honor in 2024 as our ministry 1974," said Dr. Robert J. Pacienza, president of CRM. "Dr. Kennedy rendition of the national anthem ahead of former President

established CRM to meet demand for an intelligent, relevant, uncompromising proclamation of the Gospel and use media to reach the most people possible for Christ. We are proud to continue his legacy today through quality programming and resources that follow his motto of 'Excellence in all things, and all things to the glory of God."

CRM uses all available media to make Christ trusted, known and served, to equip Christ-followers from generation to generation, and to advance a biblical worldview that is embraced throughout the world. The ministry's flagship programs include the Truth That Transforms broadcast, The City of God podcast, the daily Christ Meets Culture with Rob Pacienza 60-second radio feature, special documentaries, Providence Forum resources, and outreach to Capitol Hill via the D. James Kennedy Center for Christian Statesmanship.

CRM is an active member of NRB, a nonpartisan, international association of Christian communicators whose member organizations represent millions of listeners, viewers and readers.

In 2003, NRB professionals awarded The Coral Ridge Hour as the "Television Program of the Year" and in 2004 they designated the radio program, Truths That Transform, the "Best Radio Teaching Program" of the year. In 2005, Dr. Kennedy, himself, was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

In addition to receiving the "Milestone Award" in 2024, Pacienza was also elected to the NRB Board of Trustees.

"We are grateful to NRB's dedication to protect the free speech rights of its members and celebrate excellence in Christian broadcasting and honored to support and join with them to proclaim biblical truth through the media," Pacienza said.

For more information about CRM, visit CRM.tv.

#### **Ernie Haase & Signature Sound Let** Freedom Ring at NRB Presidential Forum

GRAMMY® nominated, Dove Award-winning Gospel music celebrates 50 years since its founding by Dr. D. James Kennedy in luminaries Ernie Haase & Signature Sound delivered a stirring

> Donald Trump's remarks at this year's recent NRB Presidential Forum, which was held during the National Religious Broadcasters' International Christian Media Convention in Nashville.

> The quartet also shared their popular America Medley - featuring America The Beautiful, My Country, 'Tis of Thee and God Bless America - and performed a selection of Ernie Haase & Signature Sound favorites before a capacity crowd of NRB conventioneers at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center.

> "To sing our nation's anthem in a public setting is always a sacred honor, and we were thrilled to be able to do just that at NRB," Haase shares. "As we awaited President Trump's speech that evening, it was also a privilege to have the opportunity to share some favorite songs from our repertoire. I'm thankful



NRB Board Members Jim Sanders (far left) and Debra Fraser (far right) present Dr. Robert J. Pacienza (left), president of Coral Ridge Ministries, and Jennifer Kennedy Cassidy (right), the daughter of D. James Kennedy, with the NRB Milestone Award.

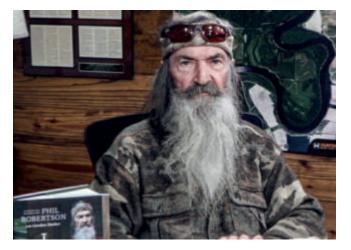


for all the new friends we made and all the old friends we were able to see at NRB as well."

The NRB Presidential Forum, sponsored by Salem Media Group, Heritage Action for America and PRAY.COM, included remarks from Dr. Kevin Roberts, president of The Heritage Foundation and Heritage Action for America; and Hugh Hewitt, host of The Hugh Hewitt Show and a professor of law at Chapman University's Fowler School of Law, along with the keynote address from former President Trump.

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#### **Phil Robertson Announces New Book**



No. 1 New York Times Bestselling Author, highly acclaimed Podcaster, and A&E's Duck Dynasty Star Phil Robertson just released his latest book, I Could Be Wrong, But I Doubt It: Why Jesus Is Your Greatest Hope on Earth and in Eternity (March 12, Nelson Books). In his new book, Robertson boldly shares why, in this crazy world, Jesus is worth following and how he is the only one who "has the answers to our questions and the solutions for our problems."

This latest offering from Robertson, written with brother-in-law Gordon Dasher, is meant to help readers discover the completely unique qualifications and accomplishments of Jesus Christ - the Creator of everything, the King who sets people free, and the best

friend anyone could have.

Robertson draws from his profound experience of nearly five decades of walking with God, offering unparalleled insights into why Jesus stands as the ultimate hope for humanity. With his signature fervent voice and bold and unwavering faith, Robertson takes readers on a transformative journey, revealing why Jesus is the only one with solutions to all of life's problems.

"There are lots of people who claim to have the answers for a better life. Politicians claim they can fix our nation. Scientists and technologists trumpet the latest and greatest discoveries that'll make everything right. Self-help gurus offer one pathway to peace after another," notes Robertson. "But it's no secret that our world is increasingly divided and broken - and we've got the fear, anxiety, and hopelessness to prove it. Jesus alone can make good on the promise of lasting peace, real freedom, and life eternal."

For more information about Phil Robertson's release of I Could Be Wrong, But I Doubt It, visit www.philrobertsonbook.com.





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#### **By Deborah Baliles**

he family Southern Gospel group, The Singing Cupps, is comprised of Troy, Barbara, Sarah, Hannah, Leah, and Sarah's husband Ben Dishman. The Singing Cupps have been a part of the Gospel Music industry for many years. The highest honor bestowed on any ministry, whether it be singing the Gospel or proclaiming the Gospel, is but two simple words; heartfelt and anointed. These words have often been used to describe the unique voice of Barbara Cupp, affectionately referred to as a "gentle mountain songbird."

Impressed by their performance alongside his own group, The McGruders; Carroll McGruder invited the Cupps to Oak Valley Studio. In 1996, the group signed a major recording contract with Kevin McManus and Oak Valley Studios in Nashville, Tennessee. Despite being told that it usually takes a couple of years for DJs to warm up to new artists, the Cupps were quickly gaining popularity with their first single reaching national charts just six months after its release.

With the Cupps music being released on the same label as other well-known artists, (The Crabb Family, The Anchormen, Lesters, Ivan Parker, The Veterans Quartet, Singing Ambassadors, The Crossmen Quartet), they would

create ten albums at Oak Valley Studio, under the Zion Music label. They would stay with Zion Music until the illness of to introduce The Singing Cupps' music to multiple countries Keven McManus and the closing of the studio. Thereafter, the Cupps received offers from two major music labels, but took time off to pray for guidance before making a decision.

In 2006, the Cupps were gaining even more recognition in the Southern Gospel Music world. They became a popular request on the nationwide XM Satellite Radio, EnLighten XM 34. The following year they signed a national distribution contract with New Day, making their music available in Christian bookstores all over the Country.

Over the years, the Cupps have released numerous songs to radio that have made their way into national charts, such as Singing News, Christian Voice, and US Gospel News magazines. Some of their most beloved hits to roll into the Top 100 include What's Wrong With Living Right, Man In The Middle, Army Of Angels, Broken Pieces, I've Been Healed, Heaven Is Real, I Found The Rock, He's My Friend, and It Wasn't The Nails.





The Gospel Barn in Williamsburg, Kentucky, where The Cupps host free Gospel concerts every weekend.

What's Wrong With Living Right gathered the attention worldwide. With their songs being heard internationally, they received a request to perform at Buckingham Palace in Westminster, London for the Queen of England. Unfortunately, they had to respectfully decline the invitation due to Troy's ongoing health issues. Still, their music continued to sweep internationally.

The Cupps faced a tragic event in August of 2010 when Troy accidentally fell from the rooftop of their food pantry building, almost losing his life. He was hospitalized for several months and had to undergo extensive physical therapy to regain the use of his right arm and learn to walk again. Suffering from memory loss, some wondered if this would mark the end of the Cupps singing ministry. Only God knew what was in store for the future Cupps family. Troy remained dedicated to the food pantry work and continued to assist volunteers, by phone, from his hospital bed.

With some months now behind them, the Cupps were feeling a new calling from God for their music ministry. They

> became independent artists and released songs on Crossroads Radio Sampler, alongside names like The McKameys, The Talleys, The Carolina Boys, The Collingsworth Family, and The Primitive Quartet.

> Subsequently, this new calling brought to them numerous awards, over the next years, from former Kentucky Governors, City Officials in Tennessee, Christian Voice Magazine, The American Christian Music Association, and The Lake Cumberland Music Association. Remaining humble, the Cupps have stayed focused on their mission to inspire and touch lives for Christ.

> The Williamsburg Gospel Barn in Kentucky would become a part of the call and mission of the

Cupps. Mr. Ward Correll, a well-known and successful Scott Counties in Tennessee. In addition to giving away the businessman who sometimes attended the Cupps' concerts became a strong supporter of their ministry, beginning in 1994. Having witnessed the dedication of Cupps Ministry Inc., in 2014, Mr. Correll graciously donated one of his facilities to the ministry, now known as the Williamsburg Gospel Barn.

After the passing of Mr. Ward in April 2016, son, Mr. Kirk Correll continued his father's legacy by not only financially supporting the Cupps ministry, but also attending their performances and giving a speech once a year at the Williamsburg Gospel Barn. Mr. Kirk would too pass away in May, 2021; Troy Cupp had lost a true friend and walking partner.



**Barbara Cupp** 

Another son, Mr. Jess Correll understood the significance of carrying on the family's support for The Cupps Ministry, in that he has become a dear friend and a financial supporter continuing to honor his father and brother, and the Correll family name. Located at 90 Happy Hollow Road in Williamsburg, Kentucky, the Williamsburg Gospel Barn is one of Kentucky's newest tourist attractions in the state. It can be easily accessed from Interstate I-75, Exit 11. On Saturday evenings, the Cupps hosts free live concerts featuring local and regional artists, as well as some of America's most popular singing groups and soloists. Troy Cupp states, "The main goal is to promote, protect, and preserve the rich history of Gospel music by providing these wonderful concerts at no cost to the public."

Aside from the music ministry, the Cupps have a charitable calling as well. Free hot meals are served to the homeless individuals who attend the concerts. Troy explains, "The Williamsburg Gospel Barn food pantry has been able to assist numerous families. Non-perishable foods and paper products have gone to serve the needy in Whitley, McCreary, Knox, and Laurel Counties in Kentucky, also Campbell and

free supplies, the Cupps collaborate with court-mandated community service workers, aiding individuals recovering from drug addictions. Retired professionals and members from various church denominations, in Southeastern Kentucky and East Tennessee, volunteer their time and services to the ministry."

As a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, Cupps Ministries, Inc dba Williamsburg Gospel Barn does not have a traditional church tithing system for funding. They rely solely on donations from kind-hearted individuals and Christian-owned businesses. The ministry is upholding its mission and making a positive impact in the community.

At the end of the busy day, it all comes back to the music. The Cupps are once again carrying the Gospel through beautiful music. Their latest album, "When The Blood Touched The Dust" was recorded at Chapel Valley Recording Studio in Sharps Chapel, Tennessee. Produced by Shane Roark, the album features eleven powerful songs including, When The Blood Touched The Dust, Down In The Valley, You Are Not Alone, and Either Way Lord. The Singing Cupps pray that fans will be pleased with this long-awaited addition to their music library.

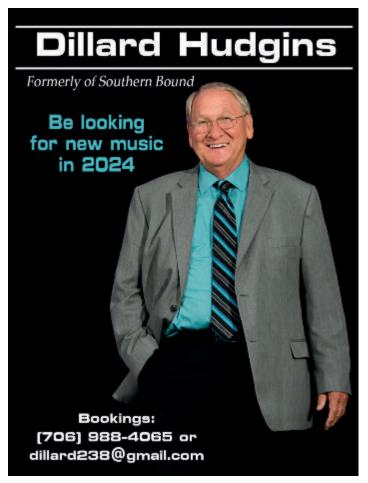
Their latest single released to radio is the title song, When The Blood Touched The Dust written by Gary Starr and Bobby Edwards. From The Singing Cupps, "This song is spiritually-charged and soul-stirring that delves into the emotions of Archangels, Gabriel and Michael as they watched Jesus being crucified. It poses the poignant question; How difficult was it for them to witness the death of our Savior? With powerful lyrics and the beautiful voice of Barbara accompanied by her daughters' background vocals, this song is bound to give you chills."

Troy mentions, "I would like to express gratitude to God for the songwriters who have contributed to the Cupps music over the years, to mention a few, Reverend Bill Adams, Rhonda Davis Christian, Russell Gilbert, and Roger Cureton.

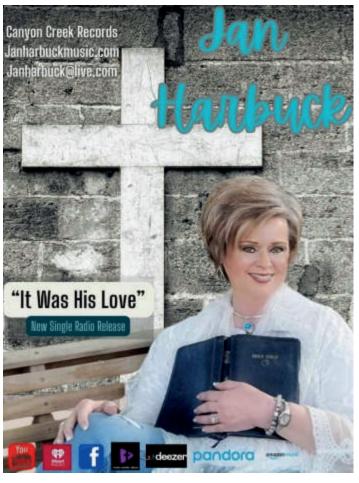
Barbara adds, "I would like to thank the radio DJs for playing When The Blood Touched The Dust, and a thank you to the listeners for requesting it at their favorite stations."

The Cupps extend an invitation to all to attend any or all of the free concerts at the Williamsburg Gospel Barn. "We hope and pray you will be blessed by the heartfelt and anointed experience."

The Singing Cupps music is available for purchase online or at your local Christian bookstore. Learn more about this ministry, their latest album, and the Williamsburg Gospel Barn at thecupps.org, gospelbarn.org, or subscribe to the Williamsburg Gospel Barn livestream on YouTube, where you can watch live concerts.











### ON THE ROAD WITH GOSPEL MUSIC TODAY

A Sound Journey - Mark Hale

Ken & Jean Gradv

At a recent concert by The Guardians, we were able to catch up with Mark Hale, the audio engineer for the group. Mark's history with Gospel music reaches back to his early childhood when his dad and mom sang in a group called the 4 Keys Quartet out of Huntington, West Virginia. In High School, Mark learned to play guitar and after graduation, he played bass for a group and became their "sound man," not only providing sound, but by taking his recorder and wiring it in to the PA system, he could make a pretty good sounding recording. This led to more recording and the birth of Harvest Gospel Studio in 1981. That business grew and is still alive and well today with Mark engineering and completing thousands of recording projects including the very first Guardians recording in 1988.

Mark and his wife, Karen, have a small farm just outside of Huntington. With six kids and fourteen grandchildren, he states there is never a dull moment around their house!

Several months after Dean Hickman brought John Darin Rowsey into the Guardians, Dean asked Mark if he would be interested in traveling with them full time as their audio engineer and he has been on the road with them for elevan years. Mark does not take his job lightly. He works to take every note that is sung and every word that is said and convey that through the sound system and to take the attendees on a journey with the Guardians to make them be as effective as possible. He wants EVERY PERSON to leave the event having enjoyed the concert and feeling better than when they came.

Pat Barker, the Guardians bass singer states, "Mark is a game changer. Several groups are blessed to have a sound man, but we are blessed to have the best there is. He makes sure the audience has the best experience possible, while also making it as easy as possible for the singers to be successful. He loves what he does and counts it a privilege to do it. We wouldn't want to do it without him."

Recently, Mark learned that he is being added to the Southern Gospel Music Association of West Virginia Hall of Fame. He is honored to be added and thanks the Lord for what he gets to do for a living. We are all honored to know Mark and to appreciate what he does for the Kingdom.



Mark Hale



The Guardians



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## CVN Reporter



**National News from a Christian Perspective** 

#### **Another Resource for Students**

**Bronson Woodruff** 

A family-focused policy council is working on getting chaplains in Florida's public schools.

Opponents of the effort argue that religion is something that should be left to individuals to participate in after school hours, but the Florida Legislature has sent to Governor Ron DeSantis (R) a bill that could allow volunteer chaplains in schools.

Aaron DiPietro, legislative affairs director for the Florida Family Policy Council (FFPC), says his team is excited and grateful for the bill's progress. "We worked on supporting this legislation through the process," he asserts.

He says the measure includes components of local control and religious liberty protections, and it basically makes clear that school districts are absolutely allowed to create volunteer chaplaincy programs.

as well to make sure that parents are involved in volunteering or allowing their children to participate in the volunteer chaplaincy program," DiPietro details.

It would allow the faith community to provide counseling and encouragement to young people.

"We really think that this legislation covers a lot of the bases that need to be addressed," the FFPC legislative affairs director submits.

The only requirements of a chaplain participating in a school program would be a background check and having their name and religious affiliation listed on the school website. The chaplains would "provide support, services, and programs to students

as assigned by the district school board," the bill reads.

Schools would have to publish online the names and religions of chaplains picked to participate in the program, and parents would have to give permission before children could meet with them.

#### **New Documentary Warns Democracy About Dangerous Christians**

Steve Jordahl

A spokesman for a Christian ministry that's on the frontlines of America's culture war says a new film about so-called "Christian nationalism" does no favors to politically engaged evangelicals.

Rob Reiner, a Jewish atheist and liberal activist who came to national prominence in the 1970s for his role as Michael "Meathead" Stivic on the sitcom "All in the Family," is one of the producers of the new film, "God & Country."

It features some well-known luminaries "There is a parental consent piece of this like columnist and former attorney David French, "Veggie Tales" creator Phil Vischer, and Christianity Today's Russell Moore, who take some unexpected swings at the evangelical Christian faith to help make the point that Christian nationalism is entwined with the MAGA movement and that it essentially seeks to take over the world.

> The documentary likens the movement to Nazi Germany, and it begins and ends with footage from January 6, 2021.

> The rub is no one seems to agree on the definition of the term "Christian nationalism." Moore, for example, says it "uses Christianity as a means to an end, that end being some form of authoritarianism."

"It seems like a political movement that uses an issue, whatever the issue is, to get what you want, and you're willing to do girls' basketball, volleyball, and track and

anything for it," Reiner posed in a related interview with Christianity Today. "You'll do it at the point of a gun."

response, American Family Association's (AFA) Ed Vitagliano begins by pointing out that no credible evangelical advocates violence. "If you define Christian nationalism as being some sort of fascist movement, then I think you may be talking about a fraction of a percent of the Christian community," he submits.

He is disappointed but not surprised that Moore and friends lent their voices to the film. "There's no way a real Christian leader should allow themselves to be used by someone who is creating a film to harm the Christian community in this country," Vitagliano contends.

He says what appears to unite the liberal Hollywood atheist and the former head of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission is a shared enemy. "They have an extraordinarily deep antipathy, a hatred for Donald Trump and anyone who supports him," the AFA spokesman observes.

They cannot seem to understand why conservatives would support a candidate who championed their values during his time in office, and they cannot seem to grasp that for evangelicals, sharing the Gospel is not about political power; they do so because the Bible teaches that Jesus is the only way to Heaven, and they genuinely care about the eternal wellbeing of other people.

#### Is This a New Normal in Athletics?

**Bronson Woodruff** 

At least one reporter is making sure the public knows that more males are competing in and dominating female sports.

Lazuli Clark, the male who plays on the



field teams at KIPP Academy in Massachusetts, is just one of at least four examples of this in America's northeastern states.

"There have been boys on girls' teams for some time in Massachusetts," notes Massachusetts Family Institute staff attorney Sam Whiting. "There's been an outcry about this for a long time, but unfortunately, nothing's been done to fix it, and it's produced a lot of stolen championships, a lot of injuries ... and it's displaced girls from their own teams."

In Maine, a male skier who goes by the name Soren Stark-Chessa had three third-place finishes at a state championship.

In Vermont, a 6'1" senior boy who answers to the name Rose Johnson contributed to the Long Trail School girls' basketball team's 17-1 season record.

Next door in New Hampshire, male Maelle Jacques practically dominates in girls' track and now holds the title of state champion. He has competed in four regular season meets this season and has won first place each time.

NewBostonPost reporter Tom Joyce notes that Jacques came in second place as a freshman in the 1600 meter in outdoor track and field, "which is to say this athlete is bound to win several state championships over the next few years."

Joyce says guys competing in girls' sports is becoming increasingly more common. "The mainstream media doesn't report on it, and therefore, people don't know about it," he submits.

He, however, is reporting on it and says other instances will be brought to light.

#### Jordan Peterson: De-Banking Paving a Dark Path for America

Steve Jordahl

Members of a House subcommittee heard testimony in early March from a wellknown author and educator who warned of a coming repressive regime in the United

The House Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government met to talk about "de-banking" – the trend of financial institutions and some online payment apps to close the accounts of people or groups with whom they disagree. One of those offering testimony was Dr. Jordan Peterson, who has become somewhat of a cult hero among conservatives – although he does not claim that political characterization.

At the House hearing, Peterson warned members of Congress that the U.S. is fairly far down the path to becoming like a well-known dictatorship that employs widespread video surveillance on its citizens.

"There are now 700 million CCTVs in China under the rule of the Communist Party," he pointed out. "The system to which those electronic eyes are attached is the most complete state apparatus of surveillance yet imagined."

Peterson said the life of a Chinese citizen revolves around their "social credit score" – a rating the government assigns a person based on what that surveillance caught them doing. According to Peterson, the U.S. government is already rushing down that dark, dystopian path.

"Because we already fell prey to the terrible temptation of lockdown employed by that state in the face of hypothetical crisis once – and partly because any problem whatsoever that now confronts us can easily be used to justify the increasing reach of the security and nanny state," he explained.

De-banking, said Peterson, is another marker through which the federal government is tracking the lives and habits of conservative people and groups.

"Governments can, and are, colluding with these corporate agents to develop a picture not only of our actions, but of our thoughts and words, so that deviation from the desired end can be mapped, rewarded, and punished," he stated.

According to the Viewpoint Diversity Score website, financial entities such as JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, PayPal, Regions Bank, and Wells Fargo have debanked many conservative and faith-based individuals and groups over the past several years.

#### High School Clarifies Old Glory Ban but Not Before Controversy Went Viral

Bronson Woodruff

A high school senior in Indiana has won his battle over flying an American flag on school grounds.

Cameron Blasek, who attends East Central High School, was ordered by school officials to remove Old Glory from the back of his pickup truck or get punished by the school for ignoring the demand.

In a Fox News interview, Blasek said he told school officials he would not remove the flag.

"I was always taught never to back down on a situation that you believe in. That's just the way I was raised," Blasek said. "My family raised me that way and I'm very grateful for it."

To fight back, Blasek read through his school handbook and told the school he failed to find any rule about flying a flag on school property.

Meanwhile, his standoff with the school went viral on X, formerly Twitter, and a post about Blasek climbed to 6 million views.

Soon other students came to school flying the American flag, too, to support him.

Amid the backlash, high school principal Tom Black insisted no one at East Central High was offended by the flag or complained about it. Rather, he said, the school had followed a no-flag rule for years for the safety of teenage drivers.

In the end, however, Black and the school district gave in and announced U.S. flags would be permitted to fly, without punishment, at East Central High.



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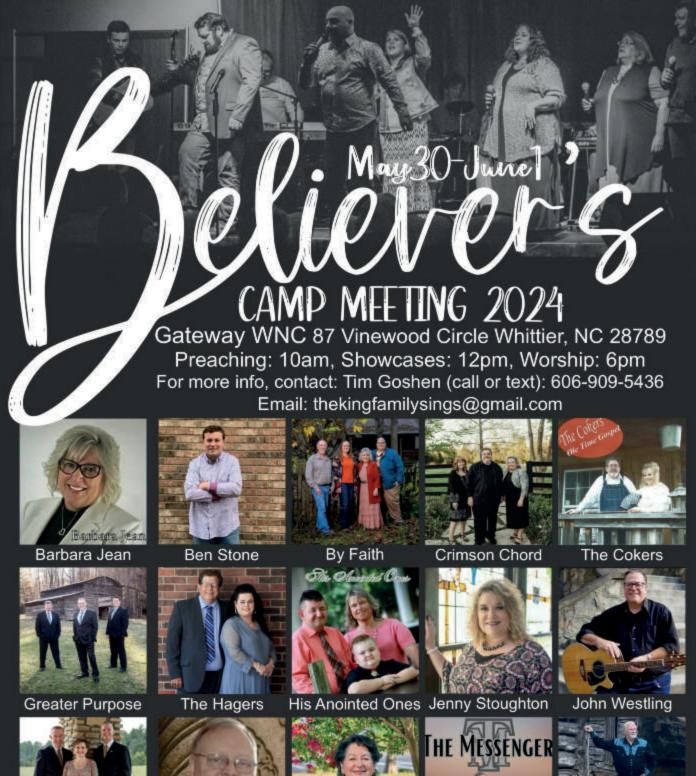














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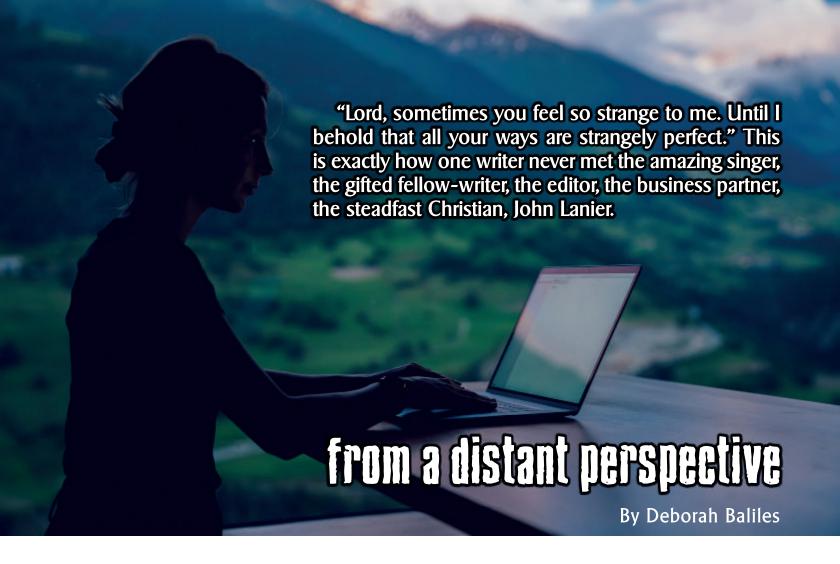
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Violet Maynard Family







Some four years ago when I began a working writing relationship with Randall Wilds, I thought. I thought that I would be a ghostwriter sitting at a little desk in the cozy, dimly lit corner of a room, with wire-rimmed glasses perched on my nose, sipping tea, and writing with a quill pen by the light of an oil lamp. This image came to mind from an antique painting that I once saw of a nineteenth century famous writer. Assuredly, this is not at all me. Assuredly, this is not at all how it happened.

From one who does their best work at night, music artists' stories or features are most always written in the wee hours of the night. Unaware, that I may be the only person fully awake, these features were also emailed to Randall during those same wee hours. Although Randall has never posed an inquiry, I feel sure that he has wondered what goes on in East Tennessee in the middle of the night. However, the executive editor and business partner was very much so inquisitive.

This particular piece is about John Lanier, from a distant perspective and of my own encounter. Growing up in Southern Gospel music, I knew most all by face, many by name, and some up close and personal. However, I did not know about John Lanier. At the initial rise of John's rightful place in Southern Gospel and Christian music, I was off in a secular career. I did not know about his early glory days of touring and singing with his mom and dad, then Naomi and The Segos, and on to Tony Gore and Majesty. So, to see the

name John Lanier in Christian Voice Magazine each month, simply did not jump off the page to me. From one to the other, one thing that I perceived was that he was articulate in presenting his very best by putting his heart and soul into all that he does. All was evident in every published magazine and in every singing YouTube video that I have watched thereafter. That is about all that I knew of John Lanier and it would probably have remained so, except for his bit of protecting the integrity of the magazine, and his bit of plain curiosity.

After a few written features were published, I get a text from a number not in my contacts, "Do you have a moment to talk? May I give you a call?" "Sure." A few seconds later, the phone rings and in a most professional voice, "Hi Deborah, this is John Lanier from Christian Voice Magazine." Now, I have had my share of awkward moments (trust me), but that moment had to be the "awkwardest" of them all. There was a moment of silence and then, "Tell me a little about yourself." With every word, every sentence, every paragraph, and every short story that followed, it was crystal clear that we had lived out parallel lives. "In common" was an understatement.

Both being raised Pentecostal leaves that in common door wide-open. Throw in the singing/music thing and you immediately have a never ending conversation going. Before either of us realized, almost two hours had passed and I am

holding an almost dead phone. Plugging in the charger, the phone rings in my hand. Some new question, some new irony or inspiration had come to mind. That Pentecostal dam had been pent up for so long and now it had finally broken and was flooding all over the place. Neither one of us like-minded cared to stop the flow of remembering the good times, the bad times, the embarrassing times, the times of joy and laughter, the times of unforgettable anointing, the times of the undeniable Holy Spirit flowing over, as well the times of being left with so many unanswered questions. Unanswered questions that were again not answered some eight hours later and ending the day. One can always fall back to the old song, Farther Along printed in the 1911 Church of God Select Hymns for Christian Worship and General Gospel Service. Attributions for the authorship are not fully known. Suppose farther along we'll know all about it and we'll understand it all by and by (the song and this life).

Still pondering our own personal questions of why things must happen in ways that they must, in one day, John Lanier and I became some kind of friends. For the next couple of years, when anything Pentecostal, or otherwise prompted the heart; it was shared, mattering not if it be in the middle of the night. You have truly found an unfeigned friend when they are comfortable enough to bring out all of their inner caricatures, and you find yourself comfortable enough to talk about the mishaps observed at church revivals, tent meetings, and gospel singings. Please do not, even for a moment, think this is about making light of the genuine article of saints rejoicing in the Lord. Quite the contrary. Some readers will not understand the following, many will understand immediately. There were scary times of fear and flight in the Pentecostal church world. Sadly, some chose flight. For those of us whom have seen a glimpse of Heaven and experienced even one genuine moment in the presence of the Holy Spirit, we chose to find humor in the otherwise. We learned from the unexplained ironies, and for no earthly reason, God truly does have a sense of humor. It is okay to laugh.

Approaching thirty-something years in gospel music, John also mentioned an anniversary feature that happened periodically during the milestones of his music and ministry. I could insert, right here, the many music accomplishments of John that I have read or heard about. But then again, this particular piece is about the person, John Lanier, the incredible person that I have been blessed to have crossed my path. Thereby, when the next actual music feature does come about, one can appreciate it all the more in knowing a little something of the real person behind the music and the ministry.

More unanswered questions would be added to our both already full list running off of the heart page, going back to the top of the page squeezing them in between the narrow lines. (Just because the questions are written smaller does not make them any less significant.) For John, it would be the rising health issues. (For me, I was off dodging whatever other fiery darts that Satan could find to throw.) Nevertheless, life distresses are not what an anniversary feature for John Lanier

should be made up of; an anniversary is for celebrating the years of accomplishments past, not for wondering if there will be accomplishments future. More surgeries and more hospital stays intensified the questioning even more. Make no mistake, a deep-rooted faith does not waver just because the happenings of the moment have clouded over this side of a prayer, that prayer still holding out for an answer. Show me even one steadfast follower of Christ that has not struggled and posed questions along the journey. Jesus does not mind. He was continually around twelve who did these very things. What's more, He was standing right there in front of them!



Even though we did not communicate so often during these rough times where time alone with God was both needful and necessary, it was understood that we were just one phone call away, and prayers were even closer. Nothing to confirm or validate even while going through his most recent and major surgery. John needed only to cling to the old rugged cross, while countless prayers of so many that know and love him were piling up high on the floors of Heaven. The rest of this amazing healing is John's personal testimony to tell as only his reality, and his elation of thankfulness can tell it, when the time is right.

I am just here to tell about my forever friend (I think I am up to about five now). John became such a friend that somehow landed on a page in one of my books: Dedicated to John Lanier for the Pentecostal nostalgia, for the evening flippancy, and for riding with a heathen. That whole judging a book by the cover thing could very well apply to never let a polished professional photo distort into a faux first impression. From photos, I perceived someone to be a slightly unapproachable perfectionist, you know, what with the posed eyes, flawless hair and smile (just the proper number of teeth showing to capture the perfect equal amount of class and sincerity), and all pulled altogether with the GQ gentleman attire. They were just well-done photos, and I could not have been more wrong. Having so much in common, and being of the creative, artistic folks, fully aware that such are often misunderstood, in photos and in person. Perhaps, even considered somewhat enigmatic. It may take a while to get to know such one, but underneath all that is John Lanier, there is an all too human that is actually quite pleasant, has an unpredictable sense of humor, is unapologetic and unashamed of his personal and Pentecostal walk with Christ. No finer qualities could ever a person possess.

Far stranger is getting so close to another breathing human soul and never having met face-to-face. You have read correctly. I have never met John Lanier in person. I have wondered why that has never occurred, but no more. Only God knew and arranged things so. Being misunderstood and being so much alike, that meeting in person may have not gone so well. A forced introduction, a shaking of the hands, we may have walked away not so much giving another thought of getting to know each other deeply. So much has

now been conversed without the first spittle to the face, not sure what would be left to say. Should that day come for meeting, guaranteed it will be the second "awkwardest" moment.

Modern philosophy lends to the notion that you do not choose your path in life, the path finds you. But of my own personal thinking, I believe that whatever the journey, God statically situates persons when you need them the most, coming from the most unlikely of places, and baffling the brain as to how God does it so to perfection. (So it goes with meeting Randall Wilds, but that is for another day.)

I would surely hope that personally meeting John Lanier is arranged this side of Heaven. But should the trumpet sound before that happens, I cannot imagine a greater meeting than in the air, both seeing our Lord for the first time as well. What a day that would be!

Reflecting back on that first encounter and spending precious moments with my friend, I can only reiterate: "Lord, sometimes you feel so strange to me. Until I behold that all your ways are strangely perfect."

The stage lights are brightly shining and the curtains are pulled back. The floor is yours, John Lanier. The audiences are seated and waiting to hear your brand-new testimony. A testimony nothing short of the Master's touch and the answer to endless prayers from the countless you have met, and the countless yet to meet.





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- Dr. Peter Kunkle, Executive Director



### Five Loaves & Two Fishes

God is Faithful... We are Blessed

Gina Ables

We are so blessed. At times I feel like I'm being swallowed up in my own problems, then I'll read the vast do of His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13). number of prayer requests posted on social media sites about someone who is truly suffering either with serious health, financial, spiritual issues or a gamut of other difficulties. Then my "problems" seem to be just little bumps in the road ways. (Psalm 128:1) - so trivial - so minute.

realize that it is impossible for me to count all of my blessings. Every time I thank God for one blessing, another pops up in my mind. He is so faithful to His children.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19).

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His

Here are a few easy recipes that I hope you will enjoy. I start thinking about how much the Lord blesses me and Please send your comments to me at gmables@numail.org. May we forever be thankful for His blessings.

#### **Strawberry Trifle** (tweaked from online recipe)

1 cup 2% milk

1 cup sour cream

1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix

1 teaspoon grated orange zest

1 large container of Cool Whip (thawed)

8 cups cubed angel food cake

4 cups sliced fresh strawberries



In a large bowl, beat the milk, sour cream, pudding mix, and orange zest on low speed until thickened. Fold in Cool Whip.

Place half the cake cubes in a 3-qt. glass bowl. Arrange a third of the strawberries around the side of bowl and over the cake. Layer with half the pudding mixture. Then repeat layers once more and top with the rest of the strawberries.

Refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

#### **Coconut Poke Cake**

1 White cake mix 14 ounce can cream of coconut

1 can sweetened condensed milk 16 ounce container Cool Whip (thawed)

8 ounce package flaked coconut

Prepare and bake white cake mix according to package directions in 9x13" pan. Remove cake from



oven. While still hot, using a utility fork, poke holes all over the top of the cake.

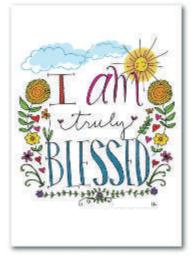
Mix cream of coconut and sweetened condensed milk together. Pour over the top of the still hot cake. Let cake cool completely then frost with the Cool Whip and top with the flaked coconut. Keep cake refrigerated.

#### **Heath Candy Pie**

4 oz. cream cheese (softened) 2 tablespoons sugar 1/2 cup milk 8 oz. Cool Whip (thawed) 1 package Heath candy pieces (divided) 1 graham cracker crust (see recipe for crust)

Beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth, adding milk a little at a time. Fold in Cool Whip and all but 1/4 cup of Heath pieces. Pour into pie crust. Sprinkle remaining Heath pieces on top. Cover and freeze.









# TOP TOTAL 2024

тм	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST	тм	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST
1	4	Here Comes Jesus	Jeff & Sheri Easter	51	32	Marys Holy Precious Lamb	Cathy Reynolds
2	5	I'm Forgiven	Kingdom Heirs	52	93	Solid Ground	Ray Wolford
3	24	Sheaves	Karen Peck And New River	53	44	Overcomer	Shepherds
4	6	I Think I'll Just Go On	Perrys	54	36	It Is More Than Just A Story	Violet Maynard Family
5	8	Make The Morning Worth The M	idnight Gaither Vocal Band	55	80	On Time God	Lena Aldridge
6	17	Anthem Of The Ages	11th Hour	56	71	Oh The Glory Did Roll	Joy Sound Trio
7	11	Your Worst Mistake	Wilburn & Wilburn	57	25	Bold Enough	Sacred Call
8	21	There's Always A Place At The	Table Sunday Drive	58	41	Rich In His Love	Bobby Jones Family
9	28	Meet Me At The Cross	Brian Free & Assurance	59	73	His Name Is Jesus	Rick Towe
10	16	Once And For All	Gold City	60	86	Nothing Better To Do	New Road 2
11	1	It's Not About Us	3 Heath Brothers	61	46	They've Got To Go	LizzyG
12	12	Soldier On	Mark Dubbeld Family	62	47	Dust On The Bible	Barbara Jean
13	22	In The Precious Blood Of The	Lamb Williamsons	63	31	What'll I Do	Barry McGee
14	2	Until We Fly Away Ern	ie Haase & Signature Sound	64	39	Never Have To Wonder If I'll Ever	Troy Bruns Family
15	74	Ever Present, Ever Faithful	Jim & Melissa Brady	65	61	The Glory	Freemans
16	34	Stand In The Storm	Booth Brothers	66	_	Sundays Never End	Hinson Family
17	7	Evidence	Triumphant Quartet	67	89	Are You Prepared To Meet The Ma	n Cheryl Stone
18	29	In Case I Leave	Brian Burchfield	68	81	He Will Take Care Of You	Pylant Family
19	18	What I Still Believe	Purpose Quartet	69	83	We're Coming Out	Trinity Heirs
20	3	Freedom Band	Hoppers	70	92	Don't Be Afraid	Hyssongs
21	13	All You Need Is Jesus	Greg Sullivan	71	40	Going Back Home	Shay & Michi
22	35	I'll Be Waiting	Judy Murphy	72	78	It Will All Be Worth It Someday	Christine Scott
23	38	More Than Life To Me	Purpose	73	98	Love Worth Dying For	Down East Boys
24	49	Set Him Free	Chronicle	74	91	Calvary Will Come To You	Molded Clay
25	63	When I Got Saved	<b>Judith Montgomery Family</b>	75	88	Redemption Draweth Nigh	Wendell Hilderman
26	69	Taste And See	Grindstaffs	76	-	When The Blood Touched The Dus	st Cupps
27	19	When I Lay My Isaac Down	Ashley Eden	77	99	The Sinner And The Saint	Mark Umfleet
28	45	I Know He's Good	Linda Sanders	78	-	O For A Thousand Tongues	Nelons
29	50	Fires	Chapter 2	79	87	The Fingerprint Of Jesus	Carol Barham
30	27	That's What Really Matters	Paul Tuttle	80	94	Love Won't Let Me Go	Norman Lee Schaffer
31	57	You Are My God	Jeff Arrandale	81	-	Speak To The Mountains	Vernon Greeson
32	15	Braggin' On Jesus	Steeles	82	96	In The Middle Of The Night	Pastor Grier & Blessed
33	9	It Will Be Finished	Poet Voice	83	-	There Was Never A Man Like Jesus	Judi Kellar
34	77	Man In The Middle	Phillips & Banks	84	82	Hold On Child	Ricky Luster
35	14	Everything's Fine	Michael Wayne Smith	85	-	Just Hold On	Battle Cry
36	26	If Heaven Had A Door	Mary Burke	86	97	Keep Me In Your Will	Cathy Guffey
37	54	This Man From Galilee	Tammy Caldwell	87	-	Where We Belong	Adam Crabb
38		Two Or Three	Collingsworth Family	88	-	You Save My Life	Billy Walker
39	10	Think About There	Greater Vision	89	-	Fear	Jeremy McDaniels
40		I Know Who It Is	Carroll Roberson	90	-	Thank You For The Blood	Bless'd Ministries
41	51	Peace When I Leave It In You		91	-	You And Me Lord	Wendy Jones
42		My Purpose Is Praise	Annette Sanders	92		Time For A Change	Gino Joubert
43		No Prayer Requests	Lorraine Howard	93		Heaven Is Holding My Memories	Kenneth Hall
44		I Trust You	Ava Kasich	94		What A Morning	Inspirations
45	76	When They Call My Name	Mark Trammell Quartet		100	I Wanna Be There Peyton & Cathe	y and New Generation
46		Joseph	Wings Of Love	96		Peace Is	The Sound
47		Good Ole Gospel Music Dar	•	97		I'm Gonna Fight	Sons Of Liberty
48	37	Even John Couldn't Tell It	Mark Huitt	98		Jesus Cares	Ben Stone
49	65	Riches Can't Buy	Spirits Of Harmony		-	l Got A Feeling	Going Higher
50	79	God is Greater	Garmons	100	) –	I'm Saved	Daryl Williams Trio

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# TOP TOTAL APRIL 2024

TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST	тм	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST
1	8	Tattoos And Scars	Steve Warren	51	67	Old Hymns	Cyndi Reynolds
2	2	Surrounded	Jimmy R. Price	52	28	A Better Way To Go	David Smith
3	5	How Big God Is Ter	ry and Debra Luna	53	39	If Not For You	Chris Golden
4	6	One More Time	Terry Davis	54	31	Hold On Jesus Will Come	The Journeys
5	11	The Old Rugged Cross Carl Ray	& Rhonda Vincent	55	55	What'll I Do	Barry McGee
6	3	Between The Pulpit And The Pew	Ken & Kim Stull	56	77	Bethlehem, Virginia 1 BC	Steve Bridgmon
7	20	Folks Don't Pray Anymore	Kenny Hatcher	57	89	Peace Be Still	Melissa Eppes
8	12	The Prodigal Story Jo	onathan Ray Smith	58	74	One Rich Man	Bobby Gibson
9	17	Let Him In	Chris Darlington	59	78	It Had To Be God	Tim Livingston
10	22	High Above The Midnight	Richard Lynch	60	95	Hallelujah	Eddy Mann
11	1	I Bleed The Color Free	Deano Graham	61	76	The Sinner And The Saint	Mark Umfleet
12	24	I'm Heading In A New Direction	Elaine Roy	62	79	Blood Sweat And Tears	Todd Tilgham
13	18	Jesus Has A Mountain	Danny Thomas	63	80	Love Won't Let Me Go	Norman Lee Shaffer
14	33	You Get To Me	Delnora	64	-	Closer Than I've Ever Been	Daniel Crabtree
15	29	Dying To Save Me	Melissa Evans	65	41	Where Time Is No More	Greg Finch
16	21	From Afar	Paula Slow	66	51	Broken Vessel	Marvin Harrell
17	9	In His Eyes	Katie Estes	67	87	That's What I Love About A Su	unday Small Town Sunday
18	49	Not Just On Sunday	The Pauls	68	81	Still Waters	Doug DeForest
19	25	Rest On The Water	Wink Kelso	69	84	The Voice Of God	Don Rigsby & Midnight Call
20	32	My Guilt Was No Match (For God's Grace )	Chuck Hancock	70	-	Good Jesus	Matt Hill
21	7	In Jesus' Name We Pray, Amen! Amen!	Melanie Walker	71	64	Thank You	Tarrance Phillips
22	13	Once Upon A Cross	Barbara Fairchild	72	-	His Only Son Micl	hael Ray Fain & Waymasters
23	35	Look What I Found	Keith Buchanan	73	-	Gloves	Jim Sheldon
24	47	The Day That My Sin Died	Kesha Parish	74	85	Back Home Again	Johnathan Bond
	4	I Need Your Grace	Michael Tetrick	75	91	I Love You More	Robert Blankenship
	30	Momma's Wall Of Fame	Michael Lusk	76	90	They Gotta Go	Lizzy G
	15	Hello Mama	Sherry Damron	77	75	We Could Leave Any Day	Dena Clark
	34	Called	Donna Kilmurray	78	99	By Your Side	Michael Walsh
	45	Six Feet Deep	David Timms	79	86	Appalachia Blue	Marty Falle
	10	Child Come Home	Waymasters	80	92	The Fingerprint Of Jesus	Carol Barham
	42	You Carry Me	Joy Lavallee	81	94	Mamas Endless Love	Steve Anthony
	50	Living In His Glory	Troy Richardson	82	-	Over And Over Again	Jeremy Abbott
	40	Lovin' Me	Gina White	83		Real Life	Shellem Cline
	44	Victory Song	Russell Gilbert	84	-	My Bottle Of Tears	Ina and Buddy Gore
	14	Take Up Your Cross	Mary James	85	-	Just Receive It	Victoria Steelman
	46	The Old Sinner	Jamie Coulter	86	96	The Man I Can Be	Perry House
	23	A Good Place To Turn Around	Ron Hemphill	87		Heaven	Bev McCann
	57	He Never Really Went Away	Debbie Bennett	88	93	I Felt God Today	Winnie Cooper
	53	Old Time Feeling /Soul Fillin' Station	Dale Rochell	89		I'm Good	Steve Roberson
	43	That's What Really Matters	Paul Tuttle	90	-	If I Could Only Touch His Robe	
	16	Hold My Halo	James Payne	91		Sara Sings	Debbie Mills
	60	Get On Out Of Here	Mike Walker		100	Heaven's Grand Tour	Wayne Atkins
	52	Never Stop Believing	Tim Fulgham	93	-	Get On Board The Glory Train	
	26	I Know The Man	Mike Leichner	94		I'll Be Gone	Jim Huddleston
	63	Men Like These	Paul Staggs	95	-	Homecoming Day	Rachel Taylor
	66	You're Worth It All	Ty Hodges	96	_	It Was His Love	Jan Harbuck
	56	Don't Take His Job Away	Gena Hamilton	97		That's The Kind Of Love	Lisa Daggs
	27	Small Town Girl	Victoria Steelman	98 99	_	Not Forsaken	Right Side
	58	No Prayer Requests	Lorraine Howard			The Stories We Tell	Down East Boys
50	_	Mama Used To Pray For Me	Travis Tritt	100	<i>,</i> –	Cancel	Randy Houser



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## CVM Contemporary Christian TOP 30 APRIL 2024

TM	LM	SONG TITLE		ARTIST	
1	3	What Are We W	aiting For	For King & Country	
2	4	Reminder		JJ Hairston ft. Deon Kipping	
3	5	You Kept Me		Marvin Sapp	
4	6	The Promise		Mississippi Mass Choir	
5	1	Praise You Anyw		Brandon Lake	
6	28	Speak Your Nam	e	Angel Taylor	
7	13	Live Again		Kelontae Gavin	
8	9	Look What God's	Done For Me	Chenille	
9	2	Speak Your Nam	e	Anthony Brown	
10	18	Jesus I'll Never Fo	3	Zak Williams & 1/Akord	
11	-	Hallelujah Feelin		Caleb & John	
12	7	Firm Foundation	(He Won't)	Cody Carnes	
13	21	Praise The Lord		Micah Tyler	
14		Hold On		Katy Nichole	
15	12	To Not Worship '		Mercyme	
16	27	My Soul Is Ancho	red	Bishop George Livingston	
17	15	Holy Forever		Chris Tomlin	
18	25	Silent Night		Gospel Messengers	
19	16	These Are The Da	•	Lauren Daigle	
20	17	My God Can Do	Anything	Michael Wayne Smith	
21	-	Jesus Does		We The Kingdom	
22		Trust In God		Elevation Worship	
23	23	All Things		Kirk Franklin	
24	-	God's Beauty In I		KSAM	
25	19	Heaven Changes Everything		Big Daddy Weave	
26	-	Any More		Cain	
27	30	I Believe God		Jekalyn Carr	
28			Kell Bailey feat. (M	Mariah Lanee` and Jeremy McKain)	
29	-	Strong		Anne Wilson	
30	_	Faithfully		TobyMac	

## CVM Black/Urban Gospel

TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST
1	9	Speak Your Name	Anthony Brown
2	6	Bless Me In The Storm	Faith Hairston & Chosen Vessels
3	14	Going On In Jesus Name	George Carter
4	15	I Believe God	Jekalyn Carr
5	8	Take Care	Reformed
6	3	Jesus	Maranda Curtis
7	22	Jesus I'll Never Forget	Zak Williams & 1/Akord
8	4	Let Jesus Ride	Ricky Paul
9	13	God Be Praised	Charles Jenkins
10	12	The Anthem	Durmond Glanton
11	18	Amen Right There	Emcee Nice/Canton Jones/ Everett Drake
12	1	Speak Your Name	Angel Taylor
13	16	Keep My Trust	Roszina Williams
14	17	Ransom	Rudy Currence
15	2	Feel Alright	Erica Campbell
16	5	Hold On	Paulette Wright
17	23	In My Arms	Reggie Campbell
18	7	I Will Rejoice	Isabel Davis
19	26	No Stressing	Damon Little
20	10	Nothing Else Matters	Brent Jones
21	-	Reminder	JJ Hairston ft. Deon Kipping
22	24	Only One Night Tho	Tye Tribbett
23	-	Did It Again	Ruth O'Lantra
24	30	His Everlasting Love	Jackee H
25	-	The Promise	Mississippi Mass Choir
26	29	My Faith & My Fight	Tina Nelms Boson
27	-	I Know He's Good	Linda Sanders
28	_	See The Goodness	Vashawn Mitchell
29	-	Live Again	Kelontae Gavin
30	_	You Kept Me	Marvin Sapp

## CVM Bluegrass Cospel

TM	LM	SONG TITLE	ARTIST
1	6	Would You Carry Me	Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
2	3	Here Comes Jesus	Jeff & Sheri Easter w/ Mo Pitney
3	5	Great High Mountain	Larry Sparks
4	12	Lay Em Down	Benson
5	9	The Mighty Name Of Jesus	High Fidelity
6	10	He Broke the Chains	King James Boys
7	17	That Reunion	Tim Raybon Band
8	13	Can't You Hear Jerusalem Moar	Hammertowne
9	16	Can I Tell You About My Jesus	Primitive Quartet
10	18	Family Chain Be	cky Isaacs Bowman w/ Ricky Skaggs
11	7	Man In The Middle	Phillips & Banks
12	-	Baptism	Eddie Sanders
13	14	I Know The One Who Knows	Chigger Hill Boys & Terri
14	2	Poor Rich Man	Gopsel Powboys
15	20	Thank You Lord For Grace	Authentic Unlimited
16	_	The Old Rugged Cross	Carl Ray & Rhonda Vincent
17	-	Hell's Fire	Jimmy Howson
18	19	The Savior Is Born	Becky Buller
19	-	The Gift	Breaking Grass
20	-	Because Of Me	Eagle's Wings









he was a little girl with big dreams singing into a (hairbrush) "microphone." Angela Seng could not have known the doors that would open to her after she accepted Christ at the young age of five. She recalls, "I could feel the emotion of the music long before I could understand the message contained in the song."

"Music has always spoken to me like nothing else could," she continues. "God used music and the Gospel group, The Song Masters to impart to me the Gospel message in song in a way that even a child could understand. On a cold December night, I confessed my sin and accepted Christ to be the Lord of my life, and my love for music began to grow."

Angela's parents surely recognized the love of music she possessed and, in their desire to foster that anointing, began to purchase albums from her favorite group, The Song Masters. "I loved to hear the lady named Debra sing, I was mesmerized by her voice, and wanted to sing just like her when I grew up. It wasn't until several years later I learned that Debra became Debra Talley, the wife of Roger Talley, and the mother of Lauren Talley."

Acting out childhood dreams as most children do, Angela began to hold music concerts in her living room with a hairbrush for a microphone and a barbie doll for her audience. Playing with her barbie dolls, Angela had no idea the plans God had for ministry in her future, but music and barbie dolls would very much play a role in His plans for her.

Angela's father was called to minister when she was a teenager and, from out of the blue, Angela developed a severe case of stage fright that would plague her for many years. "I would pray God to take away the stage fright, but I continued to drag the chains of bondage around with me for three decades, until I laid my fear on the altar and left it there."

Finally set free from the terrible fright that had imprisoned her, God began to open many doors for Angela that would include radio and television. Angela would carry her song to stages in such venues as The Soundstage at Graceland, theatres and events in Branson, and The Christian Music Festival at The Ark Encounter during 40 days and nights of Gospel Music. God has already opened doors in 2024 for her at The Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. in October, during the Singing News Showcase.

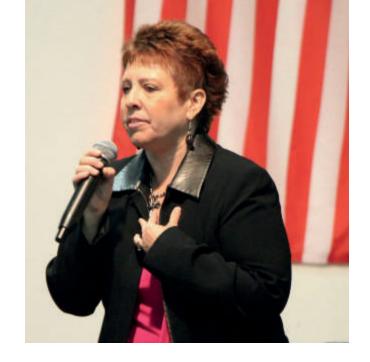
Angela has been blessed to not only sing at various venues but also walk the red carpet appearing in the movie, "The Mayberry Man", appearing regularly on The Don Frost Family and Friends Show on TCT Network, Season 2 of Ascending Sounds, The Kevin Shorey Show, Morning Moments, and The Edge with Donna Feazell. Such great opportunities do not just happen but are opened by God for those who have given of themselves freely to others by putting God and His plans first in their life.

God's plans for our lives are sometimes challenging, especially if you have a ministry and still work a full-time job. Angela and husband both hold full time jobs along with a song ministry as well as a Barbie doll ministry. "We find it difficult at times to balance the demands of work, ministry, and touring, but still couldn't be happier because we know we are fulfilling the calling God placed on us."

Angela describes that no words can fully proclaim the joy you feel as a tool for God to use so others may receive Christ as their Savior. Who would think that taking an old Barbie doll transforming it from used to nearly new could be used as a missionary tool teaching children around the world about the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ?

Angela currently has a new single to radio entitled, *Customized Soul Revival*, written by Don Frost. This toe tapping single contains a message that will cause the audience to examine their life and their need for revival. "I know it fanned the flames of revival in my own life!"

Angela is always searching for the opportunity to give and help in the Kingdom of God. While saving money to record her dream project in Nashville, God had different plans. She explains, "I saved my birthday and Christmas money for my future recording when a friend one night shared his first mission trip experience with me. He stated that the church he visited was in dire need of restrooms and the amount needed blew me away! It was the exact amount I had saved for my dream! The Holy Spirit prompted me to give up my dream money and after wrestling with it, I gave up my funds. The Holy Spirit replied, 'I want you to finance a need and I will take care of your dream.' I did finance the need and God has opened the door for me to sing in Branson regularly and to record in Nashville with the greatest musicians."



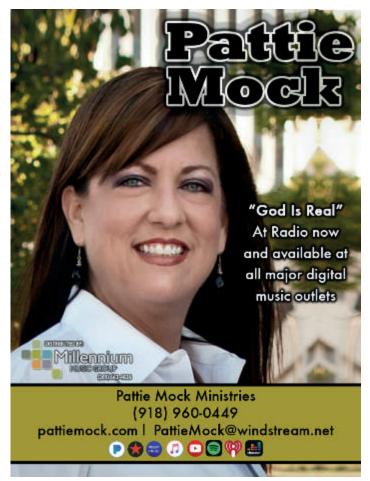
Too many to list, but a few awards Angela has been honored with include 2023 Top 10 Finalist ICGMA Female Horizon Artist and 2023 CGMNA Eastern Division Children's Ministry of the Year (Barbie Doll Ministry). Awards are great but Angela states, "My utmost goal is to glorify Jesus Christ and point lost souls the Savior."

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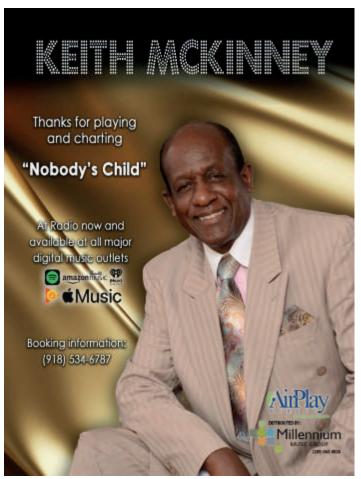




















### A Preacher's Perspective

Light for a Dark World

Jerry Roach

"And God said, Let there be <u>light</u> and there was <u>light</u>" (Geneses 1:3) This was the initial step in preparing the world for life. Without light, life as we know it could not exist. That's not only true in the natural realm, but in the spiritual realm as well.

The same God who dispels darkness and gives <u>light</u> in the physical realm also does so in the spiritual realm. When our hearts are heavy and all seems bleak and dark, if we look to Him and listen we will hear Him speaking, "Let there be <u>light</u>" and there will be light.

Jesus understands our grief, our hurt, our sorrow and pain; for He too had His hour of darkness. On the day of His crucifixion, God the Father literally had to shut off all the lights. He could not look upon the suffering and agony of His Son as He took all of our sins upon Him and died on the cross.

But, for our sakes, He went through with it, for He knew what was on the other side of the darkness. In the dark valley

of the shadow of death, He could see the <u>light</u> on the other side and the joy that awaited Him.

God sent His Son Jesus "to give <u>light</u> to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:79) The apostle Paul wrote "...the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, Who hath abolished death and hath brought immortality to <u>light</u> through the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:10)

Jesus declared, "I Am the <u>LIGHT</u> of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the LIGHT OF LIFE." (John 8:12)

"I am come a LIGHT into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." (John 12:46)

lights. He could not look upon the suffering and agony of His Son as He took all of our sins upon Him and died on the cross.

"For God, who commanded the <u>light</u> to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the <u>light</u> of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

(2 Corinthians 4:6)

Let's walk in the Light, and let His light shine in us.





### artist appearances • april 2024

11th Hour • 615-595-7500 04/05Skyline High SchoolScottsboro, AL 04/13Strode Arts CenterDefiance, OH 7:00pm	7:00pm	04/27Lawerence Cty. Conv CtrLouisa, KY 1:00pm 04/28Bear Creek Comm ChurchCattlesburg, KY	10:00am
04/14Sand Hill Christian BaptistWheelersburg, OH 04/18Beech Fork ChurchOtway, OH 6:00pm 04/19Grace Full Gospel ChurchBedford, IN 7:00pm	6:00pm	Fergusons • 615-649-8181           04/04Church at The CrossOrlando, FL         10:00am           04/07Liberty LighthouseMt. Dora, FL         11:00am	
04/26Charleston Municipal AudCharleston, WV 04/29Come & See Tent CrusadeNeeses, SC 6:30pm	7:00pm	04/07Lone Oak Baptist ChurchPlant City, FL 6:00pm 04/19Riverside Baptist ChurchLong Beach, MS 04/20Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.Columbia, LA 6:00pm	7:00pm
Bibletones • 615-649-8181 04/13Cross Truth MinistriesLivingston, LA	6:00pm	04/21Grace Baptist ChurchMonroe, LA 10:00am	
04/14Milldale Baptist ChurchZachary, LA 10:15am 04/14First Baptist ChurchMarreno, LA 5:00pm 04/28Mill Creek ChurchLaurel, MS 10:30am 04/28Pleasant Hill BaptistQuitman, MS 6:00pm		Greg Sullivan • 985-507-9432  04/07Cross Point ChurchColumbus, MS  04/07Dixon Baptist ChurchDixon, MS  04/13Cross Truth MinistriesSatsuma, LA  6:00pm	10:30am
Browders • 615-595-7500		04/13Myrtle Beach Conv CtrMyrtle Beach, SC 04/23Jefferson Baptist ChurchBaton Rouge, LA	6:00pm 10:30am
04/04-06Friendship House Of Prayer. Newnan, GA 7:00pm 04/07Friendship House Of Prayer. Newnan, GA 10:45am 04/23-25Gatlinburg Convention CtrGatlinburg, TN 04/28Cedar Crossing BaptistUvalda, GA 10:30am	6:00pm	04/27Pearl City Park	
04/28Bethel Baptist ChurchUvalda, GA 7:00pm 04/29-30Bethel Baptist ChurchUvalda, GA 7:00pm		Griffith Family • 615-595-7500 04/12-13BB Comer H. School AudSylacauga, AL6:00pm 04/28Happy Gospel ChurchBradenton, FL6:00pm	
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04/26Reynolds, GA 6:00pm		The Hyssongs • 615-595-7500	
04/27Menlo First Baptist ChurchMenlo, GA 6:00pm		04/07Dover, FL 10:30am	
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Dixie Echoes • 615-649-8181		04/20East Aubum Baptist Church.East Aubum, ME 04/21East Auburn Baptist Church.East Auburn, ME	5:00pm 8:30/9:45/11:15am
04/05Airview Church Of GodOpelika, AL 5:00pm		04/21East Auburn Baptist Church. East Auburn, ME	6:00pm
04/06Church At Wills CreekGadsden, AL 5:00pm		04/26Carlisle CongregationalCarlisle, MA 7:00pm	
04/07Mt. High Baptist ChurchGardendale, AL	11:00am	04/27Lebanon N. Berwick Baptist. Lebanon, ME 6:00pm	
04/14White House Fork PHBay Minette, AL	10:45am	04/28Nute Ridge Bible ChapelMilton, NH 10:00am	
04/14Pine Haven Baptist ChurchPensacola, FL 6:00pm		04/30-05/04 Amish Country Bus Tour	
04/19Lighthouse Childrens Home Tallahassee, FL	7:00pm		
04/20Cedar Bay Baptist ChurchJacksonville, FL	7:00pm	Jeff & Sheri Easter • 615-595-7500 04/13BB Comer H. School AudSylacauga, AL 6:00pm	
Down East Boys • 615-595-7500		04/14The HallFayetteville, NC	4:00pm
04/06Eastwood Baptist ChurchMarietta, GA 4:00pm		04/17Myrtle Beach Conv CtrMyrtle Beach, SC	6:00pm
04/11E. Columbus Comm. Church Reynoldsburg, OH	7:00pm	04/19First Baptist ChurchLaurel, MS 7:00pm	олоор
04/12First Baptist ChurchBowling Green, KY	6:30pm	04/20Paragould, AR	7:00pm
04/13BB Comer H. School AudSylacauga, AL 6:00pm		04/24Gatlinburg Convention CtrGatlinburg, TN	6:00pm
04/14Grassy Valley BaptistKnoxville, TN 6:00pm		04/26Grace Fellowship ChurchReidsville, NC 6:30pm	
04/19First Baptist ChurchLaurel, MS 7:00pm		04/27Mount Airy WesleyanMount Airy, NC	4:00pm
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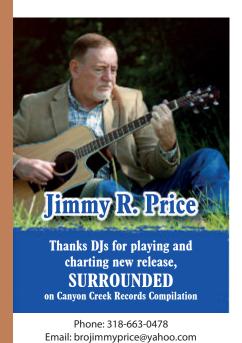
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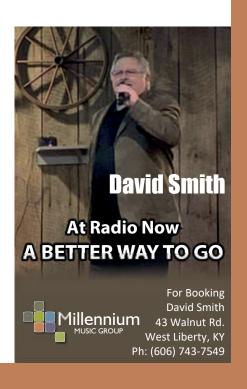
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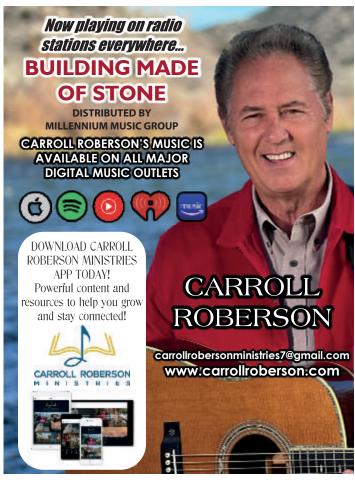
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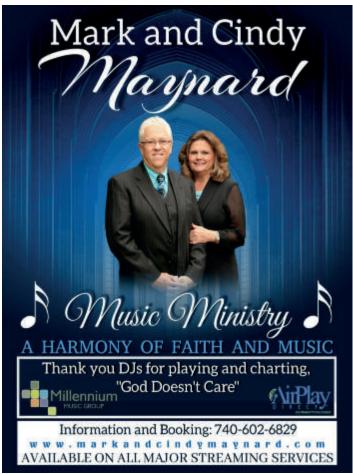












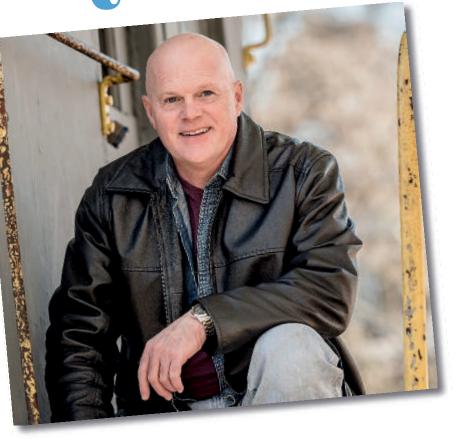


## 08A with Chuck Mason

Author of "How Do I Talk to My Kids about Social Justice?"

Staff, Christian Voice Magazine

Chuck Mason (MDiv) is a seminary graduate, podcast host, and author of the book, How Do I Talk to My Kids about Social Justice? After studying postmodern philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary, he dedicated his intellectual life to battling society's postmodern destruction. He is an accomplished public speaker presenting forums on critical race theory, LGBTQ, and cancel culture to federal and state legislators, pastors, churches, and parents. His podcast, Battleground Ideas, discusses the impact of Marxism on faith, culture, and politics.



CVM: In your opinion, how are churches handling all the woke culture issues? What do you wish every church leader or youth pastor knew about these issues?

Chuck: From my experience, pastors and churches have avoided addressing woke culture for a variety of reasons. Pastors are reluctant to engage because they don't have the resources they need. The ideas of wokeism are complex and nearly impossible to understand if you don't have some education to explain their origins. Pastors also risk controversy and conflict among their flock if they tackle these issues from the pulpit or in Christian education programs. Most congregations have a diversity of viewpoints, and Christians sympathetic to woke narratives will defend them. I've had countless conversations with church leaders who admit they don't want to engage because they aren't equipped and don't want to risk splitting their congregations. Most hoped this would be a fad, while others have fully embraced woke culture. As woke culture advances, it's directly impacting congregations and their families, forcing pastors to accept the need to engage, and a small number are beginning to tackle these issues head-on. Church leaders need to know this for certain: woke culture isn't going anywhere

soon, and it's devastating our children and congregations. The recent Barna surveys confirm that two-thirds of our teenagers in conservative churches are walking away from God when they leave home for college and careers. When asked why they walk, their answers directly reflect the influence of woke narratives. A recent Gallup poll shows that only 31 percent of Americans attended a religious service last week. This includes all services from Muslim to Christian Science, which means the number attending a conservative Bible-believing church is frighteningly low. This is only the beginning, and churches can no longer stay silent and disengaged. We are called to stand for truth and righteousness, which requires active engagement.

### CVM: How can parents combat these issues with their children?

Chuck: It's critical to have a legitimate conversation with your kids, not an agenda. The questions I suggest in the book are designed to help children consider the failures of the ideology they are being taught in schools. I want to help kids come to their own logical conclusions about these ideas. For example, I will ask them: if someone feels as if they are an

animal and they want to be treated as an animal, should everyone go along with that delusion? I haven't had anyone say yes to that concept. Another such question might be: If we define gender based on feelings, then how about race? Is it okay for someone to identify as black based on their feelings and then ask for affirmative action preferences for a job? Questions frame the failures of these ideas in a way that kids understand without making them feel defensive. But you must take them to that place with strategic questions so they can learn to think for themselves and move beyond feelings. In the end, truth always wins.

## CVM: You talk about the woke culture being part of the postmodern movement that has been around for several decades. Why is it important for parents to recognize that correlation?

Chuck: The postmodern movement and woke culture work to achieve the same goal of radically transforming America. They see America as a failed, oppressive society that must be deconstructed and then reordered to achieve fairness, tolerance, and freedom from the Judeo-Christian worldview. Although their attacks begin from different starting points, their efforts complement each other. The postmodern movement argued that the foundations of American society were corrupt. They believe the country's founders relied on the failed beliefs that truth, rational thought, and Judeo-Christian principles were the ultimate standards. They believe people used these lies to gain power and privileged advantage in society. Woke culture relies on Marxist critical theory to argue that America relies upon exploitation and victimization to provide the same privileged advantages at the expense of marginalized communities. They believe these sources of exploitation create the inequalities of income, wealth, race, gender, and the exclusion of the LGBTQ community. They cite these persistent inequalities as irrefutable evidence that American society is irredeemable and must be deconstructed and radically transformed. Each movement approaches their criticism differently but achieves a similar outcome influencing Americans to embrace a new worldview that leads to the radical transformation of America. As postmodernity and woke culture work towards a common goal, this alarming trend will only continue unless Christians begin to engage in the culture war.

### CVM: You say in the book that children are being indoctrinated in two main ways. Can you elaborate?

Chuck: Progressives who embrace the ideas of postmodernity and woke culture make no effort to hide their desire to radically transform every heart and mind in America, and they are starting with our kids. At early ages, our kids are being taught that the world is best served when the post-truth reliance on feelings and emotions determines reality. The tenants of Marxism are being taught as the guide for their moral choices. They want every child in America to embrace their desire to had nearly 200 years of agreement about the Judeo-Chard foundations of society. But no society is immune, and experiencing a revolution in ideas today. That's the composition point parents and pastors need to understand: LGBTQ, and Cancel Culture are symptoms of the changes, and we to be as concerned and informed about the revolution creating these ideologies as the ideologies themselves.

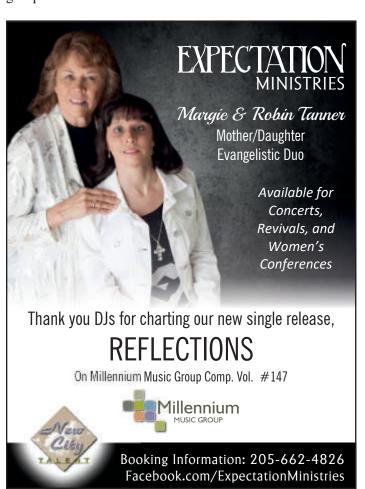
this worldview, and they're indoctrinating them to achieve that goal. Critical race theory (CRT), the Transgender ideology, and Cancel Culture are primary expressions of this worldview. When schools allow these ideologies to dominate classrooms, they present one view as the definitive paradigm to the exclusion of all others, which is classic indoctrination. Kids are encouraged to interpret the world through their emotions instead of critical thinking. They are taught that if they feel something is real, then it is real, regardless of whether facts and logic demonstrate that their feelings don't conform to reality. This view drives the transgender movement - if someone biologically male feels they are a woman, then they are a woman regardless of the facts of biology. Kids are taught to accept this post-truth perspective without question. Students are taught if they believe the "mythical" facts of biology and the Biblical "stereotypes" of male and female as the only acceptable criteria to define gender, they are denying a person's right to the gender of their choice. They are taught that denying this right is intolerance, hatred, transphobia, and oppression against the LGBTQ community. This is the oppressor/oppressed narrative of social Marxism. As kids embrace these ideological positions, they unknowingly embrace this worldview and are a part of the strategy to transform America.

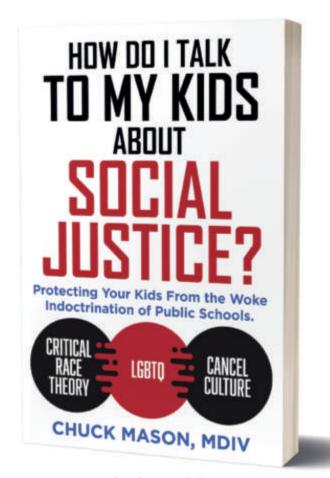
## CVM: Your book takes on all the hot-button issues, including Drag Queen Story Hour and CRT. Most parents have no clue why all this is occurring. Can you help us understand?

A: Most Christians and conservatives are entirely unaware that we're experiencing a major philosophical revolution that's completely reordering the intellectual landscape of America. Since these changes happen gradually over time, most people are unaware until the world changes around them. The postmodern movement caused a quiet yet devastating intellectual revolution, causing more and more people to abandon traditional America's fundamental principles. The hot-button issues of Drag Queen Story Hour and CRT develop from the post-truth Marxist worldview at the heart of their vision as political theory escapes ivory towers to run free in society. Parents have no clue; they want to live each day and have the world remain the same. But revolutionary ideas aren't so kind. The ideas people use to define the foundations of their society are subject to change; they're never fixed. Philosophical revolutions are recorded throughout history. When these ideas change the hearts and minds of people, people change their society to conform to their beliefs. We've been very fortunate in America to have had nearly 200 years of agreement about the Judeo-Christian foundations of society. But no society is immune, and we're experiencing a revolution in ideas today. That's the critical point parents and pastors need to understand: LGBTQ, CRT, and Cancel Culture are symptoms of the changes, and we need to be as concerned and informed about the revolution that's

CVM: Your book discusses the origins of Marxism and how it is really the glue holding all the woke culture issues together. Why is this so dangerous?

CHuck: Marxism is the deadliest ideology the modern world has ever known, killing tens of millions who refused to comply in Marxist nations like the Soviet Union and China. Yet, it has a tremendous appeal to those who have left the Church and are searching for a spiritual replacement. The Marxist social justice movement has parallels to Christianity. It presents a theory for the cause of human suffering and provides a pathway to salvation that leads to a utopian heaven-on-earth existence. It has its moral code and provides hope for atheists and agnostics who have none in a world of nihilism. It has the form of Godliness but lacks its power (2 Timothy 3:5) as it denies the fundamental truths of the Gospel to settle on human alternatives for the answers we seek. The social justice movement allows them to have spiritual values without following God. Younger generations, including our Christian kids, find this incredibly appealing as they search for a replacement for the Christianity they left behind. That's why it's important that parents get equipped to protect their children. We're watching one of the most destructive ideologies capture the hearts and minds of America. We have been complacent for too long and given up too much cultural ground. We must do more than voice our outrage. We need to start running for school boards and organizing parent groups if we want to make a difference.





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