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by Rob Patz



Greetings from rainy Washington State! I recently returned home from balmy Georgia and Tennessee, where I had a great time with SGN Scoops editor Rhonda Frye, Richard Hyssong and Shane Roark. I hope you were able to catch the Diamond Awards Top Ten Nominations webshow! Special thanks to our musical guests that evening. I also had many opportunities to speak during my road trip, including an engagement at the Foothills Gospel Music Network, hosted by Dillard and Linda Hudgins. By the time I was ready to go home I was exhausted.

Upon my arrival at the Atlanta airport, I was informed that my flight was delayed. We finally took off two hours later, late enough that when I arrived at the Chicago airport for my connecting flight, I was too late to fly to Seattle. There was red tape and attitude and many clerks to talk to before things were worked out. I was tired, frustrated and annoyed, and I have to say I wasn't exhibiting much of the love of Christ that night.

As I was standing at yet another customer service desk, I ran into a fellow traveler who was in the same situation. We struck up a conversation and the gentleman was able to direct me to a nearby hotel where I could crash for a few hours until the next flight was available.

Chicago was bitterly cold that evening and the snow was piling up. I wasn't prepared for being out in such weather; any warm clothing or jacket I had packed was buried in my luggage, enroute somewhere between Atlanta and Chicago. The young man graciously went through his carry-on and pulled out a warm blue fleece hoodie.

I pulled on the jacket and we made our way through the snow to the hotel. The airport had claimed the delay was not their issue so they did not offer a free room and I was not looking forward to handing out a hard-earned \$200 for a room I would only occupy for a few hours. My traveling companion worked with a well-known national company that had employee discounts for rooms, so he offered to extend his discount to me as well. What an answer to prayer!

I eventually made it back home the next day but I will not soon forget the kindness of a stranger and his blue fleece. I know the Lord was showing me what I need to do the next time I run into a traveler unprepared for unexpected events. I need to pay-it-forward, showing the love of God to those around me. May we all find a way to do that and make this world a little kinder.





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“Honoring The Redback Hymnal”

BY LOU WILLS HILDRETH



Many of our readers have expressed their LOVE for the recent TBN telecast, produced by the Southern Gospel Music Guild, highlighting songs from the “Redback Church Hymnal.” The SGMG 2014 Harmony Honors, staged before a live audience at TBN’s beautiful auditorium in Nashville, has created renewed interest in the songs many of us grew up singing. We appreciate TBN for telecasting this event to their millions of viewers.

ence in our LIFE. Featured guest speaker former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has been a supporter of gospel music for many years. His powerful greeting was an exhortation to all of us to appreciate and enjoy our treasured gospel music heritage. Jason Crabb and Gerald Wolfe co-hosted the program, joined by a host of dedicated artists who sang collectively, and as individual groups-- Legacy Five, Karen Peck & New River, Nelons,



The Harmony Honors paid tribute to this LEGENDARY church hymnal with an impressive choir of major gospel groups singing songs from this dear old songbook. Clarke Beasley, SGMG President, presented the Harmony Honors plaque to Pathway Press, publisher of the Redback Hymnal, stating the amazing fact that twelve million copies have been sold. Pathway Executive Charles Towler’s acceptance remarks were gracious, and I was reminded of the late Connor Hall, and other friends, who helped make Pathway Press a strong influ-

Whisnants, Gold City, Mark Trammell Quartet, Three Bridges, Tribute, Jeff & Sheri Easter, Mylon Hayes Family, Bowlings, Perrys, Gene McDonald, and others. My sister and her husband, Betty and Walt Stephens, attended this event and loved the sweet spirit of the audience singing along on these precious songs our family grew up performing. We pray that experiencing this fabulous event on TV gave a world of viewers a renewed appreciation for the magnificent heritage of gospel music!! May God continue to bless our efforts!



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# Music

and Madness  
Concert Review

By Craig Harris

Mark Lowry has little difficulty stepping to the forefront. He has also essentially turned back the clock, even with the birth of the Music and Madness Tour. Lowry teams up with award-winning pianist Stan Whitmire and dynamic vocal trio the Martins on the tour, which is scheduled to make 22 stops on its first leg.

One of those early stops came at Christ Church Nashville on March 29, with Whitmire opening the evening with a rousing rendition of his popular piano solo "Celebrate Jesus." The siblings followed with an energetic performance of "New Day," followed by one of their signature a cappella songs, "Down By the Riverside." Lowry was welcomed to the stage as he performed "Some Things Never Change."

While things have changed, the tour has some striking similarities to Lowry's Be The Miracle Tour, which Whitmire was a part of along with LordSong in 2007 and 2008. The Martins have replaced LordSong in the equation, and Lowry does inject some newer material into the mix, including a pair of songs – including a duet with Joyce Martin Sanders on "Our Love Is Here To Stay" – off of his "Unforgettable Classics" project.

Lowry talked about his first time meeting the Martins, and he played a clip from when the group performed "He Leadeth Me" a cappella at a Gaither Homecoming taping. The Martins took over later on during the song and concluded it with a live vocal rendition.



On the Be The Miracle Tour, a staple was his performance of Dottie Rambo's "I Call Him Lord" that he performed with LordSong's Kim Ruppe Lord and Amber Franks Balltzglier. However, it's the Martin sisters – Joyce Sanders and Judy Hess – that currently round out the trio on that Southern Gospel classic.

Whitmire was featured again before the first half of the concert was over, delivering "I've Got That Old Time Religion." The Martins followed that with "The Promise" and then reverted back to another staple in their arsenal with a third a cappella song, singing "The Doxology."

To conclude the first half of the concert, Lowry spoke of his mother, who succumbed to her battle with dementia last December. The audience was treated to a clip of Mark and Bev Lowry singing one of her most popular songs, "I Thirst," before Mark Lowry sang "Nothing To Hide," saying, "that's for you mamma" at the conclusion of the song.

The Martins brought their more recent hits to the forefront during the second half of the program, starting off with "Love's Gonna Drive This Train" and "Somebody Like Me" before performing "Unredeemed" later on. At Lowry's request, the group tagged it with an impromptu a cappella chorus of "Unredeemed."

Though they didn't come from the Martins, hymns were in the forefront of the second half as well.

Lowry sang the chorus of Frances J. Crosby's "My Savior First Of All" and then asked if anyone in the audience knew any of the verses to the song. He walked out into the audience, and concert-goer Ann Boyd delighted the audience with a jaw-dropping delivery of a verse of the song.

Lowry took requests on Whitmire's behalf as the talented pianist played a five-song medley that included, "It Is Well With My Soul," "In the Garden," "Amazing Grace," "Victory In Jesus" and "Blessed Assurance," another hymn penned by Crosby. Then, Lowry concluded the concert by pleasing the crowd with the song he wrote with Buddy Greene, "Mary, Did You Know?"

The tour kicked off on March 6 in Little Rock, Ark., and it has five stops scheduled in May.





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# *The Whisnants* “All Is Well” By Jennifer Campbell

Forty three years ago, God sought out a few individuals from Morganton, North Carolina for a special purpose. He knew they had a heart to minister to others. He knew they would tell others about Jesus. He knew they were up to the task, despite the long drives, the sleepless nights, and the struggles along the way. For more than four decades, these individuals have stayed true to the calling that God has placed on their lives. Through every bump in the road, The Whisnants know that God is in control and they can say with confidence, all is well.

Jeff Whisnant is the only original member of the group. As owner and manager for the group, Jeff sings baritone and runs sound on stage. He said, “We placed our ministry in God’s hands 43 years ago and have watched Him do miraculous things. There is no doubt in my mind that God has

His hand on this ministry.”

Jeff’s parents influenced his decision to enter into the Southern Gospel Music industry, along with Eldridge Fox, former owner of the Kingsmen. Jeff’s wife, Susan says her dad is the one whom she says has been the greatest musical influence on her life. She said he taught her to love to sing. In fact, she sang with her dad up until she met Jeff. She fell in love with this genre of music when the Singing Americans came to her church years ago. She said the Nelons also inspired her, including songs such as “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues” and “Come Morning.” Susan stated, “That’s when I fell in love with Southern Gospel Music.”

Susan continued to say, her greatest life achievement so far has been raising their sons, Austin and Ethan.



“Being a mother is the greatest gift God ever gave me,” Susan said. “I’d do it again. I’ve got two of the finest boys that I could ever pray for. And I love my mom. My mom is probably is my best friend. Being able to be a mom and watch these boys grow and become men of God is one of the most incredible things I’ve ever been able to do. On this Mother’s Day, I’m thankful for being able to be their mom and being able to be an example for them.”

When asked how she balances time between family and ministry, Susan said it was about the same. “The boys love being home,” Susan said. “When they were little, we’d just say that home is wherever mom and dad is, and if it’s on the bus, then that’s home, and if we’re in Morganton, that’s home. Wherever we are is where home is. It’s tough balancing it out sometimes. I missed my grandfather’s funeral about two months ago. That was tough, because we were booked. I was going to cancel and my dad said, absolutely not.

You go do what you’ve got to do. It’s tough to balance, but at the same time, I could not imagine not doing it with my family. That has been a blessing.”

For the Whisnants, the best part of traveling on the road together is just that: being together. Susan said her favorite part of singing with the Whisnants is being with her family.

“We watch movies together and just spend time together,” Susan said. “I love it. We eat together. We do it all. I love it all. That’s the best part, just being with my family. I couldn’t do it if I had to dread getting on that bus, and I’m thankful I don’t dread it.”

Jeff added, “The Southern Gospel life is not an easy life, but it is an extremely rewarding life. As for traveling and singing, I am having the time of my life. Getting to travel with our family and the guys who work with us, I consider myself a VERY blessed man.”

Jeff and Susan will celebrate their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 28. Their relationship with each other is evidence that they each have a relationship with Jesus Christ.



The Whisnants have had 13 number one songs, several Top 40 songs, and Singing News Song of the Year titles, including their latest nomination in 2013 for “All Is Well.” They have been



nominated for Trio of the Year nine times and have received multiple individual nominations. Their list of appearances is extensive, including 18 appearances at the annual National Quartet Convention, as well as appearances on the Gospel Music Southern Style Program (INSP Network) and at the Gaither Video Taping in Nashville in 2007. By earthly standards, they have achieved success in this industry. But the greatest success is the fact that none of this matters to them.

“We’ve always said if we never had a charting song, if the radio never played our music, or if we never sang at a big venue, we would still sing, because that is what God has called us to do,” Susan commented. “Even if we were working full time jobs and singing on the weekends, we would do it because we love it that much. Back in 1988, we were interviewed and that was the one thing we said is that we want to be consistent and stay within the calling, being content with where we are.”

Susan also gives the following advice to young artists just starting out: “Stay within your

calling. There are a lot of people that want to sing, but they can’t. If God’s called you to do it, He’s going to make a way. If that means singing in your church or wherever, stay within your calling. To a young group that is starting out, be consistent. Be content with where you are. Pray diligently that God will open the doors.”

Having traveled with the group most of his life, Austin Whisnant is no stranger to life on the road. In 2009, he felt called to step onto the stage with his family as the group’s bass player. At the young age of 19 years old, he loves traveling with his family. He gives the following advice to young artists just starting out: “Make sure you like traveling on a bus!”

Jeff and Susan’s youngest son, Ethan, is 16 years old. He says that he is destined to be a gospel singer as he gets older.

Austin and Ethan are currently working on a new project and there are plans for a new Christmas project by the group, which is tentatively scheduled to be released before the National Quartet Convention.

The final member of the group has been singing lead with the Whisnants since 2001. Aaron Hise was saved at the young age of six years old. He says the best part of traveling with the group is seeing the country, being on the bus with people he loves, eating different foods, and seeing people encouraged by their music and hopefully coming to know the Lord.

ten, but Susan would like to write a song titled, "Where Your Treasure Is, There Will Your Heart Be Also." She said, "I wish I could write a song about that. I've always thought, there are so many people, their treasure is in the wrong place and if they only knew that that is where their heart is, there's no denying it. It's just simple, where your treasure is, there will your heart be. And if our



In 10 years, Susan said she hopes to be doing the same thing she is doing now. She added, "Austin would be 30, so hopefully he is going to be married and maybe have a kid, maybe I'll be a grandparent. But I want to be doing the same thing I'm doing and loving every minute of it!"

The group sees a lot of things in their travels, but two things rank as the funniest incidents thus far. Susan said a woman came to them, asking for pray for her feet because they were hurting. They looked down and the woman had her shoes on the wrong feet. Susan recalls another humorous encounter: "Another lady asked us if she could pray for our hearing because we all, she thought, wear hearing aids, but we all wear ear monitors. She was praying that God would touch our hearing. That was pretty funny."

So many wonderful songs have been writ-

treasure is in the Lord, I want my heart to be there. I want to live daily like it's my last day. Jesus is my hope, my salvation, my whole world."

Susan's favorite scripture is Psalm 28:7: "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." She commented, "I think I've always loved that scripture."

During the interview, I asked Susan what she would say to God if she could talk to him face to face. She said she would thank Him for loving her unconditionally. She added, "I would thank Him for dying for me. If I'd have been the only one, He would still have loved me that much. And I want to thank Him for that. Also, I was thinking about this yesterday: 'Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart'. I really want to thank Him for doing that for me, because every desire I've ever had. I've tried to



delight in Him and He has proven His word is true. It may not always be what I want, but He's given me the desires of my heart and I want to thank Him for that. Thank Him for my family, my parents, and my upbringing. For every aspect of my life, I want to thank Him. So if I could talk to Him face to face, I would thank Him for every blessing and every detail of my life."

The Whisnants would like to invite everyone to join them at the Gatlinburg Gathering in Tennessee this July. Mark your calendars now for the National Quartet Convention in Pigeon Forge for the first time this fall, and of course, don't miss Singing in the Sun in April 2015.

"We were recently part of an entire week of Singing In the Sun in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina," stated Jeff. "Eight-three people were saved. There is no way to put a price on that type of reward. Every once in a while God just blesses in such a way that there is no explanation except to say, that's God. Those times keep us going."

It is in the difficult times of our lives that we need to remember that all is well. Susan said, "The song 'All is Well' is something I've had to come to grips with the fact that I want to say that. I want to try and fix everything, so when I can't fix it, I get frustrated. I don't care what problem it is or whose problem it is, I want to try to fix it. To stand and be able to say, even if the world's crashing in on me, that God's still God and all is well. I've had

to really think through the words of that song and say, God help me to not only sing it, but to live it. I want to be able trust in Him in all things and even if it's coming unraveled, I can still put my trust in Him and know that all is well."

Without doubt, the Whisnants live their lives in an effort to spread the Good News of the Gospel through song. Susan, Jeff, Austin, Ethan, and Aaron realize that the days are short and that Jesus is coming soon. Susan said, "In these last days, it is imperative that we as Christians get a backbone about us and to realize that there's a lost and dying world out there. We think that we're infringing on their privacy when we share Christ with them, when the truth is they are longing for someone to share with them the Good News of Christ. It is time for us to tell the lady at Wal-Mart she needs Jesus. We have a job to do, and we only have a little bit of time to do it. We need to encourage each other and to be bold and be strong."



No matter what is going on in your life, stand up for Jesus, even if you have to stand alone. Follow the lead of the Whisnants and share the message of Jesus Christ with everyone you meet. Tomorrow may be too late. Put your trust in Jesus, lean on Him, and remember all is well.

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# YOUNGER PERSPECTIVE

## Jared Stuffle

BY ERIN STEVENS

If you are an avid Southern Gospel fan, then you would have some idea what the The Perrys have been through with regard to Tracy's health this past year. This family is a testimony to what true, unwavering faith in a sovereign Lord really looks like. This month, I had the chance to talk with Tracy & Libbi's son, Jared. Life has undoubtedly been rough for this young man as of late, but instead of focusing on that today, I thought Jared deserved to talk about why he loves traveling and singing. Take it away, Jared...

Erin: How old were you when you started traveling with your family?

Jared: I was cleared by a doctor to travel when I was two weeks old and I have been on the road, full-time since then.

Erin: It's no small thing that while your dad was still recovering in the hospital, you stepped up to the plate and started singing with the group. What was that transition time like for you personally?

Jared: It was challenging to say the least. It has been very different, but I'm starting to get more comfortable, and am relaxing into it more.

Erin: When you're off the road, what would you usually be found doing?

Jared: It would have to be one of five things: either a hockey game, golfing, church, going to the movies or just hanging out around the house with my friends.

Erin: What is the funniest thing a fan has ever said to you?

Jared: That's a tough one. Several people lately have come to the table and think I'm Dad, so that's always interesting!

Erin: Night after night in concert, what song touches

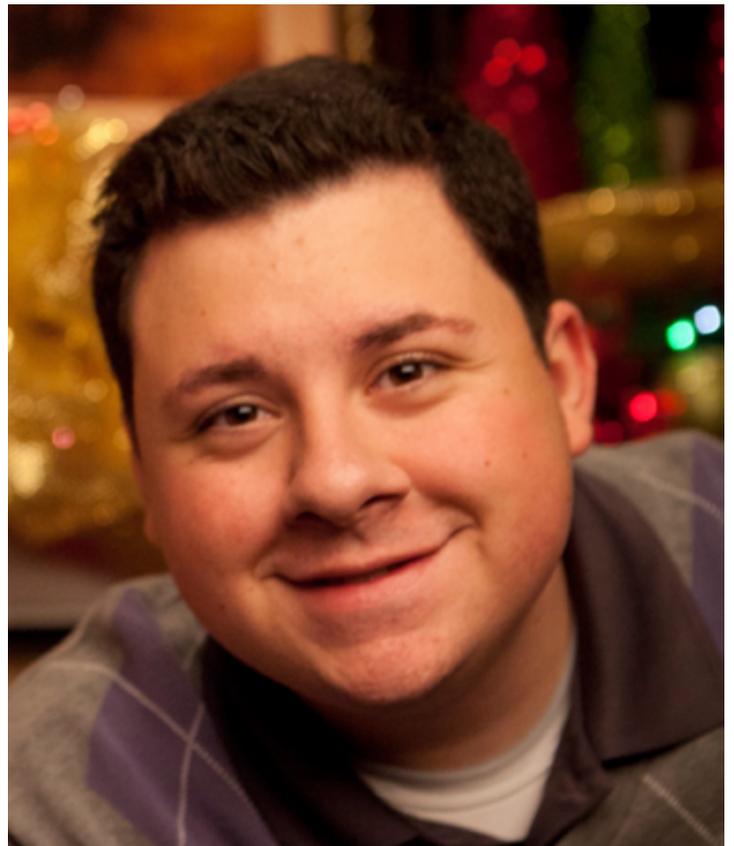
you the most and why?

Jared: I really love "Calvary Answers For Me." I've always loved that song, and now getting to sing it is great. The song title pretty much sums up why it's my favorite.

Erin: Share something about yourself that no one would ever guess?

Jared: Let's see, it would probably have to be that I collect vinyl records, and that I am absolutely terrified of snakes...I can't stand those things!

Erin: Who are the top 5 artists you would be found



Listening to most often on your iPod?

Jared: Tough one, because I'm constantly listening to music, and I like such a wide variety...but here goes:

1. Michael Bublé
2. Justin Timberlake
3. Kari Jobe
4. Coldplay
5. Imagine Dragons

Erin: What would you consider to be your most embarrassing moment on the road?

Jared: Oh wow! I try my best to avoid embarrassing moments, but just the other night, our soundboard decided to completely reset itself in the middle of a concert. I had to leave the stage, and entirely reset the sound, while the group kept singing - that was pretty embarrassing!

Erin: Who is/are the biggest musical influence(s) in your life?

Jared: Well definitely Mom and Dad, but the other would probably be Michael Bublé. He's such an incredible singer and has a huge voice!

Erin: In your professional roadie opinion, what is the greatest and the hardest part about traveling around the country with your family?

Jared: The hardest part would be missing out on a lot at home, but the greatest would be seeing places that most people only dream of, along with meeting great

people.

Erin: Who do you usually hang out with most on the bus?

Jared: Probably our bus driver Mark. I've known him for a long time, and I usually stay up late talking to him while he drives.

Erin: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Jared: Hopefully singing! That's what I want to do, plus I wouldn't mind having my own studio.

Erin: And in closing, how would encourage your fellow roadie friends as they minister week in and week out? (and for those wondering - they need encouragement as much as anyone!)

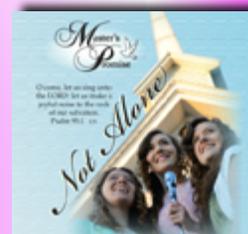
Jared: Remember why we do this. It isn't just a job, and you always have to remember that because it isn't about fame or awards, it's about leading people to Christ and encouraging those who need it!

Thank you, Jared, for opening up and sharing a little glimpse of your heart for ministry with the readers. To you, the fans, I urge you the next time you're at a Perrys concert to take a moment to encourage Jared for a job well done. Let him know just how thankful you are for what an example he is to the young and old alike. Until next month, Scoops fans...

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## What America wants to know about

# *The Hoggles*

By Rob Patz

If you like family harmony – and who doesn't – then you will like newcomers The Hoggle Family. All the good things about family groups are wrapped up in the Hoggles. You will hear tight harmony, endearing camaraderie and talents that have been nurtured from one sibling to the next. On their debut album, *The Hoggles*, you won't hear awkward phrasing or tired melodies. I'd love you to meet this family, some of whom began singing with their parents 11 years ago. Siblings Dylan, Reagan and Kaylan are joined by Kaylan's husband Donald Morris, formerly of the Dixie Melody Boys. In concert, you will also meet brothers Colton and Logan.

The Hoggles' sound is country-southern with a touch of bluegrass banjo; bright vocals that border on progressive and a youthful energy that communicates their desire to see their audiences brought closer to the Lord.

Join me as I ask the Hoggles ten questions that America wants to know!

**Rob Patz:** You just released a new album! Tell us what it is called and which Hoggles are appearing on it!

**Dylan Hoggle:** This album is self-titled, featuring ten original songs. Vocalists include myself, Reagan Hoggle, Kaylan Hoggle and Donald Morris.

**Rob:** Are you releasing a new single? What is it called and who is featured on it?

**Dylan:** We released the first single off of this album in March. We released the convention type song, "I'll Keep On Running." It features all vocalists in a fun, energetic way!

**Rob:** Please tell us what part each of you sings.

**Dylan Hoggle,** baritone; **Reagan Hoggle,** tenor; **Kaylan Morris,** alto; **Donald Morris,** lead; **Colton Hoggle,** baritone; **Logan Hoggle,** lead.

**Rob:** For each of you...what is the 'ultimate' venue you hope to sing at someday?

**Colton:** Grand Ole Opry.

**Reagan:** Main stage NQC

**Logan:** Main stage NQC

**Dylan:** Silver Dollar city, Grand Ole Opry

**Donald:** Grand ole Opry

**Kaylan:** Main stage NQC

5. For each of you...what are the best and worst things about traveling with your family? Starting with the best...

Reagan: Sharing the stage with my family.

Donald: Traveling with my family.

Kaylan: The conversations never get boring.

Dylan: Definitely singing! You just can't beat family harmony. It's a very special gift from God!

Colton: I enjoy spending quality time on the bus with my family.

Logan: Eating. In this field, we never go hungry!

The worst...

Reagan: Trying to decide where to eat on the road!

Kaylan: Going thru drive throughs. (It happens.)

Dylan: Trying to leave on time! (It never happens.)

Colton: Loading equipment in and out. Do it six times a week and you'll know why!

Logan: Early mornings.

Donald: The noise.

Rob: For each of you...who were your earliest musical influences?

Reagan: Kari Jobe, Karen Peck.

Colton: Jason Crabb.

Dylan: My parents and grandparents; The Crabb Family.

Kaylan: My grandfather.

Donald: Gold City, The Steels, Dixie Melody Boys, my home church.

Logan: My older siblings and parents.

Rob: For each of you...who is your current favorite artist, any genre?

Colton: Jason Crabb.

Dylan: Kari Jobe, Dailey and Vincent.

Reagan: Carrie Underwood.

Logan: Luke Bryan.

Donald: Jason Crabb.

Kaylan: Sonya Isaacs, Jason Crabb.

Rob: What are the top three goals for The Hoggles this year?

Dylan: Our ultimate goal is to see more souls won for Christ! We are called by Jesus to be fishers of men, and that is exactly what we want to be. One of our goals has been met and that was to record a project with 10 original songs. We've wanted to do this for some time; however, the resources were not made available. As of right now, we plan to release music along the lines of what our new project offers. The third goal would be to establish a positive influence in the industry and upon

the youth of our day. We want to show them that all because you're young, it's okay to be different. It's okay to live your life for Christ. And if we can do that, I know God is ready to work in some lives!

Rob: For each of you...what Bible person would you like to meet and what would you say to them?

Donald: Jesus - I would like to just thank Him for all He's done.

Logan: David - I would love to know more about his hunting skills.

Colton: Peter - I would like to know more about his preaching.

Reagan: Paul- I would love to talk to Paul about his endurance in his ministry. What a role model.

Dylan: Job- I would love a conversation with Job about his faith in God.

Rob: For each of you...what is your favorite Bible verse and why?

Logan: John 3:16 - it was the very first verse that I ever learned.

Colton: Romans 8:28- this verse gives me hope for my future, knowing that God is for us!

Donald: John 3:17 - I love that it tells how our example, Christ, came not to condemn the world. We as Christians need to be reminded of this daily.

Kaylan: Romans 8:28 - This is a daily reminder for me, when I feel like giving up, God gives me the strength to get through whatever task is at hand.

Reagan: Ecclesiastes 3:1 - This verse shows me that everything in life happens for a reason.

Dylan: Jeremiah 29:11 - This verse is just so encouraging. When life gets you down, I love this verse because it reminds me that God isn't done with me, and He has me in the palm of His hand!

I'd like to thank the Hoggles for their participation in this interview and for sharing their hearts with us. SGN Scoops is excited about the future of the youth in our industry and the Hoggles Family is definitely leading the way! Be sure to go to their website to learn more about them and hear their music: <http://www.thehoggles.net/>

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# “RELIGION WON’T SAVE YOU”

By Dr. Jeff Steele



The parable of Two Sons found in Matthew 21:28-31 is not a parable that is preached on very much. Here's the deal: Jesus has had His authority questioned by the religious crowd. These are the bean counters, the rules and regulations guys, the ones who always question everybody else's authority. Right...they *never* question their own authority just everybody else's. Jesus poses a question to them. He says a father had two sons: to the first one he said "Son, go work today in my vineyard." The first son says, "I will not!" Don't judge him too harshly because that's what we all say when the Heavenly Father knocks on our hearts door. We all say "NO...we're gonna set up our own set of rules and regulations and we're gonna keep them and that's how we'll be right with you God." The scripture says, "All we like sheep have gone astray...we've turned everyone to his own way!" We have all sinned and come short of God's glory. There is none righteous, no not one. So that is pretty much the way we all responded when God first came calling. We just said like the first son here... "NO!" Then the scripture goes on to say that after a while he/we regretted that decision and did go and do the work! That also is what we do. The Father keeps calling, the Holy Spirit keeps wooing us and eventually we realize the truth of the gospel message and realize the futility of trying to do it ourselves and we get saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

Jesus continues and says "He came to a second son and said the same thing." That being- "Son, go work today in my vineyard." This son said immediately "sure I'll go sir...I'll do it." But-he did not go! No work was done. This son is a picture of religion. This is the crowd that says "I'll do it... just put me in charge. Make me the head of the committee; make me the boss, the chief over the whole thing. You do that and I'm ready to go." The problem is that when people have that mentality they spend their whole life not working but rather protecting their new position of authority. They can't turn loose of it and they work the rest

of their life to protect the position they now have and the work goes undone. Do you wonder why attendance in churches is down? Why is giving down? Why is the overall level of excitement and enthusiasm down? Quite frankly it's because the second son has taken over and everybody has a title, a position, and their name on the sign, but nobody is doing the work. Religion has taken over the church and religion won't ever save you...only Jesus will. Religion is not the answer it is the problem! So Jesus asked the religious bean counters: "Which of the two sons did the will of his father?" And the religious crowd said "Why, the one who first refused and then later went and did the work." Jesus said "You're right and I tell you that tax collectors, prostitutes, robbers, crooks and thieves will enter the kingdom of God before you religious bean counters." Isn't that amazing? Religion will give you an upset stomach, send your blood pressure sky high, make you stew at home over what "others" are doing down at the church... ultimately it will kill you! Then at the end of the way it will *not* deliver you into God's Heaven. Religion won't save you...only Jesus will!

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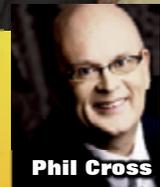
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# *Golden State Quartet*



# THE ERWINS

By Marcie Gray



It was a blessing to get to know the Erwins at “Singing In The Sun”. The Erwins are a dynamic group of young people who have been on the road singing all of their lives. Three of the four siblings, Keith (21 years old, sings lead), Kody (20 years old, sings bass) and Kris (18 years old, sings baritone) performed as a trio until 2013, when the group announced that their little

sister, Katie (13 years old, sings alto), would be joining the group full time, officially making them a Southern Gospel Mixed Group.

The Erwins were nominated in the Top 10 for “Favorite New Trio” for the Singing News Fan Awards in 2011. They were the first group ever to win “Best Of The Week” at NQC that same year. In 2013, they were

nominated for “Mixed Group of the Year” for the NQC Music Awards. They have had four Singing News top 80 songs and two of those songs, “It Was His Love” and “I Just Want to Please the Lord” made the top 40.

*Marcie: Tell me, Dennis, {father} how you got started in Southern Gospel music.*

Dennis: I’ve been in ministry 40 years now. I am a Southern Baptist evangelist, so ministry is what I have done all my life.

*Marcie: Your family has always traveled with you in ministry, then?*

Dennis: Well, I was single for the first 17 years of my ministry, until I met Tiffany at age 36. We were married when I was 38. Since I was older, we didn’t waste time starting our family. God blessed us with three boys in a row and then little Katie came along. Keith and Kody have graduated from high school. Kris graduates next month. Katie is way ahead academically. She is smarter than the boys!

*Marcie: So all of the kids have been home educated while you’ve been on the road?*

Dennis: Yes, and it’s been so wonderful. I majored in Theology and English and Tiffany majored in Math. God prepared us to educate them well while on the road. They get to experience the history that some kids only get to read about. The boys have played sports with a homeschool organization and somehow they only missed two or three games, even with our busy travel schedule. What a blessing for Christian parents, when you witness your child turning down what could be a lucrative offer for a career in basketball or baseball because they are called to the ministry and want to continue serving the Lord with everything God has blessed them with!

*Marcie: What is the hardest thing about being on the road?*

Dennis: I would have to say travel issues, mechanical issues or when someone gets sick. We really enjoy being on the road as a family, but when there are mechanical issues or someone isn’t feeling well, that’s always challenging. I had a brain tumor that took me off the road for three months. I could hardly wait for the doctor to release me to get back on the road.

*Marcie: It sounds like there is no doubt you plan to continue in ministry as long as the Lord allows you to!*

Dennis: After 40 years, I honestly feel like I’m just getting started!

*Marcie: So, Keith, you’re the eldest of the Erwin children. Does that mean you’re in charge when Dad’s not around?*



Keith: I guess you could say that. It’s really a great team effort. We love working together and make decisions together. We are very good about talking to each other and helping each other out. I’m not sure if I’m the leader when Dad’s not around. I just don’t think so. I’m sure Mom would be second in command. As far as the siblings – I’d like to say I’m the leader. I’m the eldest and I know my brothers and sister are watching me. I try to set a good example for them to follow.

*Marcie: Who is the dominant personality in the group?*

Keith: Katie stands out a lot, just because she’s the only girl. She’s the youngest, and probably the most dominant personality. She is a great singer and is very talented. People love her and she loves people. She pretty much takes over, at least on our bus.

*Marcie: Tell me about your latest album.*

Keith: Our latest album, *BACK TO THE BASICS* has 10 songs on it. Nine of the 10 songs are with Katie. The boys started out as a trio until 2013, so Katie “let us” record one song as a trio on our latest album. God has really blessed Katie with a beautiful voice, so we decided we needed to add her as soon as we thought she was ready. We also quickly learned that Kody could sing bass. It’s amazing how God just put this all together.

*Marcie: What was one of your first big successes as The Erwins?*

Keith: In 2011, at the National Quartet Convention, we were the first group out of nearly 300 groups to win best of the week out of all the regional artist showcases. We won that as a trio. This was such an honor and surprise for us. We had entered the Talent Search several times at the NQC, but never placed. 2011 was just “our” year.

*Marcie: Tell me what it is like singing with your siblings?*

Keith: It is an honor to sing with all three of my siblings. What a great feeling to be on stage with them. We can just look at each other and know what needs to be said or done. We work hard and practice every day to be our best for the Lord. There are so many exciting things happening, and I’m thrilled to be able to share this with my siblings. We are currently looking for original songs for a new album we are working on. We just filmed a live DVD a couple of weeks ago. It is being edited now and will be released in about a month. This is our first DVD, filmed in North Dallas at Fellowship Bible Church. Eight hundred of our closest friends were there that night supporting us as we filmed. It was a great and exciting night.

*Marcie: Out of all of your songs, which one speaks to your heart the most?*

Keith: The song that speaks to my heart the most is, “*He didn’t Have the Heart.*” Joel Lindsey wrote this song and you just have to listen to every word to hear what it is really saying. You can’t just listen to the melody and the music – you wouldn’t understand it. It is just that deep.

*Marcie: How old were you when you first went into the recording studio?*

Keith: My Dad was making an album when I was 18 months old, and I sang “*The B--I--B--L--E*” and “*Jesus Loves Me*” on his album right at the beginning of one of his songs about the family. I have it on my iPod. I can’t even remember recording it! Then, when I was five years old, I recorded a solo CD called

*SONGS FOR MY BEST FRIENDS*. It was a compilation of kids’ music and Bible songs that I grew up listening to, like “*Do Lord,*” “*At the Cross,*” “*Jesus Loves me*” and little songs like that. Every church I went to, I called all the kids there my “best friends”, so that’s why we chose to use that as the title. I remember this being a highlight of my 5<sup>th</sup> year of life. I thought I was “big stuff.”

*Marcie: What is something about you that might surprise your audience?*

Keith: I am completely OCD... a perfectionist. It’s very obvious, almost to the point where it is my weakness, my Achilles’ heel. If I had to say something, it would probably be that. My brothers and sisters will tell you more about it if you ask them.

*Marcie: Do you think the younger generations are leaning more toward contemporary Christian music over Southern Gospel music?*

Keith: Maybe contemporary music has stronger vibe with young people right now, but I am praying that they will give Southern Gospel a chance. Right now, it seems that primarily, it’s the older generations that love this music... but I believe we are at a pivotal point for this genre. We are honored to carry on the history and tradition of this great music that we love so much and learn more about it every day and we are up to the challenge of getting our message in music out to our generation. I think there is a place for both genres. One doesn’t replace the other. We are all on the “same team” and both genres have the same goal... to glorify God and lift up His name. We are honored to bring Southern Gospel music to young people today! When our generation hears it, they love it. It is in our hearts, in our blood, we will never walk away from Southern Gospel music.

*Marcie: Kody, how did you get the nickname “twister?”*

Kody: The day before I was born, there was a tornado that hit the town we were living in. My mother went into labor with me while sitting in the bathtub during the tornado. It tore up about every street but ours and killed 13 people that day. A few hours later, I was born... so I was given the name “Twister.” They say I’ve lived up to the name, but I don’t understand that!

*Marcie: Tell me about your dad driving you off the road and waking you up!*

Kody: Oh, it happens frequently... it even happened this morning. He gets off on those speed bumps on the side of the highway and he just rides them. We were riding somewhere this winter and we were asleep

when all of the sudden, I felt the vibration and heard those little speed bumps hitting the tires. I got up to see if he was okay and he said he was riding them to keep himself awake. I'm the only one it bothers. Everyone else sleeps through it. He's never run off the road yet, but I always know when he's close.

*Marcie: What is the one thing you would never want to have happen while onstage?*

Kody: There was one time we were singing and Katie had looked at me and she said something and I didn't hear her. I think she was saying somebody we knew had come in. I said something to her back and she just looked back at me with a dead stare. The track was playing, it was real loud and after the concert, she came up and asked what I said. . . . And I told her again. I thought she said Papaw did something. It was like time stopped. That moment of confusion when we both knew we didn't know what the other person was trying to say. I have dropped the microphone, hit the wrong track, things like that, but that dead stare that she was giving me stuck with me – confusion. That is never a good thing on stage.

*Marcie: What is something your fans should know about you?*

Kody: I've got the sock sickness – crazy socks, suspenders to match my socks. My new set consists of red reindeer suspenders and matching socks.

*Marcie: Which one of you is the clown?*

Kody: I think my siblings would all say it is me, Kody! I'm quiet, but when I speak, I usually say something funny. However, Katie is funny too. That blonde goes all the way to the roots!

*Marcie: Do you have any crazy stories to tell me about your siblings?*

Kody: Well, Keith being the OCD one – here is one on him! We were on the bus and we have a dirty clothes hamper and he had left something in his jeans pockets. It was money or something. He told us, "I gotta get this out." Under our sink were some cleaning supplies and some gloves. He fished those gloves out from under the sink and put them on before going through the dirty clothes to find the missing item. He wasn't about to touch those dirty clothes with his bare hands!

*Marcie: Kristopher, If you were to choose a career path outside of SG music, what would that be?*

Kristopher: I love music – in all shapes and forms. If a career in Southern Gospel music didn't work out, I'd definitely pursue another avenue in music. I play guitar, piano, bass. . . so I would stick with a career in music in one way or another.

*Marcie: Do you have a funny story to share with us about an experience you've had on the road?*

Kristopher: Oh, yes! One time, we were singing at a nursing home and this elderly lady walked up to

Kody and said, "You look like my 3<sup>rd</sup> husband." I was standing there next to Kody and we just looked at each other. Kody bashfully replied, "Really?" The lady answered, "Guess how many times I've been married?" "How many," Kody asked. She replied, "Twice!" She was flirting with him and he didn't know what to do. He just laughed, but it totally threw him off! I walked away... quickly!

*Marcie: How do you think graduation affects you differently than other kids who are graduating, and are not in full time ministry?*

Kristopher: I feel like I have a bigger responsibility than most kids. We should all be focused on our testimony and our walk with Christ, but I guess what separates me from them is I feel like I have a lot of different people watching me. It motivates me to stay right and walk right.

*Marcie: What is one song you would love to record?*

Kristopher: Oh, man, one song. . . it would probably be "In Christ Alone."

*Marcie: What is something about you that might surprise your audience?*

Kristopher: I don't really have any "hobbies." I really just love what I'm doing and I really hope it shows. It's not just what I do on stage, it's behind the scenes. I get the privilege to do a lot of arranging and finding our songs. Everything you hear on stage, it's something that I get the honor to have a lot to do with. I love working with the music! I hope to make music that blesses people for a long time.

*Marcie: Katie, your bio mentions that you miss your pets when you're on the road. What kind of pets do you have?*

Katie: We actually have three inside dogs that I get to take care of. We have a Yorkie, and two long-haired Dachshunds. The Yorkie sleeps with me.

*Marcie: Is it tough being the only girl, and the youngest? Are your brothers protective of you?*

Katie: It's crazy and it has its moments! They always say I'm never gonna have a date and I'll be single all my life. Being the only girl on the bus is CRAZY when we are all trying to get ready. We only have one mirror on the bus. Between my make up and hair, I obviously need more time in front of that mirror. Whenever we get finished with sound check, we make a "mad" rush to see who gets the mirror first. It's a good day if I get to the mirror before my brothers!

*Marcie: Which Southern Gospel musician would you most like to emulate?*

Katie: Definitely TaRanda Greene. She is my role model! We had the privilege to sing with her. She surprised us at our CD release concert! She showed up right in the middle of the concert and I just froze. I didn't know what to do! I was thinking, "That's TaRanda that just walked in the door!" At the end of the concert, she joined us on stage and sang "Stand by the River" with us. It was awesome!

*Marcie: What Southern Gospel song would you love to sing?*

Katie: "Hold On" by the Greenes.

*Marcie: What is your favorite memory on stage or after a concert?*

Katie: This was after a concert one night. They call me the blonde one, probably because I'm not the brightest crayon in the box. We were looking for a Subway after a concert and we didn't know how to get there, so I looked up Subway on my phone and it led us there. We arrived, but my directions on my phone were still saying to turn right. We were inside the Subway, but it was still saying we were not there. I went over to Kris and my phone said turn right, so I start turning right. I'm inside Subway, turning right. They all just stood there and looked at me. Moments like that, we call them "Katie" moments.

*Marcie: How has your Mom impacted your life in ministry?*

Katie: She has done so much for us! Even though we mess up on stage, she will tell us keep your head up. You're doing it for God, not the applause of people. She does all our website upkeep, advertising, press releases, thank you notes and so much more. She has so much to take on and it's amazing how she can do it all.

*Marcie: Will you share something not obvious about yourself that might surprise your audience?*

Katie: I'm singing constantly... walking around the bus, getting ready, outside, always singing. I sing constantly. When I like a song, I don't want to stop singing. No matter where I am or what I'm doing, I'm singing. I guess people think of me more as the quiet type. It takes a little for me to warm up to talk to people but I am constantly singing.

*Marcie: Tiffany {mother}, you must be incredibly proud of your children!*

Tiffany: I was talking to Susan Whisnant the other day about this. There are no words to describe the

joy and the awe of seeing your children serve the Lord. I sometimes watch my kids and just sit back and cry. There is nothing like it! I know it is nothing I have done. I know how proud I am as a parent and know our Heavenly Father is even more proud to watch His children serve Him. These kids could be out playing basketball for colleges, but instead, chose to do what God has called them to do serving and working for him. He says, 'Follow me and I will show you great and mighty things'. Only God can open the doors that have been opened. The kids have grown up singing in little tiny churches, so to go from tiny churches to singing on the main stage at NQC, it's just the favor of God on our lives. It's exciting to see what the future holds.

We're willing to walk through any door God chooses to open. I'm just the parent. My job is to keep them looking good, smelling good, organized, but it's them that are getting out there doing most of the work. They love getting hugged by all the grandmas and strive to ushering their generation to love this music.

*Marcie: Do you agree that your children are playing a crucial role in bringing young people back to Southern Gospel music?*

Tiffany: I believe a lot of churches have thrown out Southern Gospel music and replaced it with contemporary music. So now we have a generation that has never even been exposed to Southern Gospel. A lot of what young people have heard about Southern Gospel music is negative... but we are finding, that when they are given a chance to hear it, they love it. Especially when we're at a church for more than one day and we get to spend time with the kids. Many times we see the crowd grow significantly. We've seen the youth start out with just a hand full, but then by the end of a four-day meeting, we've had over 200 youth come with tears saying 'We love your music, we're fans now!' We're seeing this generation come around! It's inspiring music with a great message. Our family is praying for REVIVAL and we believe it could start with my kids' generation leading the way.

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# *God Is All We Need*

By Kelly Nelson Clark

I woke up this morning (a little later than normal) to the sweetest sound of birds singing. It sounded so happy and so carefree. It took me back to a simpler time. A time when life was carefree for me. I didn't have to worry about anything, it was all on my parents. They did the worrying. My greatest worry was which friend will I play with today? It could be Susie next door, we would read books, or sing songs out of the little country and western hymnal I had or we might just play Mouse Trap! I loved that game. Or I could be off to the Chadwick's across the street. They were so lucky! They had a creek behind their house and we would spend hours back in the woods playing in the water and going on trails. One thing I remember distinctly was that their mom, Wanda always sang Gospel songs as she worked. She always made me feel good. Yes life was much easier then. No responsibilities and no one looked to me for anything. There are times I admit that I would love to go back, but how could I know the mercy and grace of God without growth? It's in the growing, living and learning that we also grow in God. If we never go through anything we never learn how great God really is. It's in the struggling that we see the miracles God can perform in our life. In some of the darkest times of my life is when I seem to be the closest to God. Why? Probably it's because that's when

I feel I need him the most. Really, we need Him all the time to survive in the crazy mixed up world. I don't know about you but there have been times when I felt so discouraged and down that it seemed that God was the only one there for me. He was the only one who truly understood me. The only one who could give the comfort that I needed.

Our bus almost got the best of us this past year. It seemed like every week was another catastrophe. It was one repair bill after another, draining all if the ministry money. One day we would freeze because the heat wouldn't work and the next we would burn up with the air not working. A few times we had no running water. It makes you want to throw your hands up in the air and give up. I prayed Lord please help us, we just want to sing for you. Can you make a way for us? You know what He did and He always does. He always provides.

One day listening to Pastor Tom Messer from Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville Florida he made a statement that we made into a song, When God is All You Have, God is All You Need! He truly is all we need!

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# Catching Up With The Dixie Echoes

By Sandi Duncan Clark

A photograph of four men in dark suits and yellow ties standing in front of a brick building with a large wooden door. From left to right: a young man (Randy Shelnut Jr.), a man with glasses (George Shelton Jr.), a man with grey hair (Randy Shelnut), and an older man (Alex Utech).

It all began in 1960 and is still going strong today! The Dixie Echoes Quartet was born from a man's love for Southern Gospel music and his desire to tell others about the Lord. Today Randy Shelnut, his son, Randy Jr. (Scoot,) George Shelton Jr. (Junior,) and Alex Utech sing that same Southern Gospel music with the same passion and love for the music as those early Dixie Echoes. And to quote a line from a song popular in the 1970s, "Nobody does it better!"

To put that in better perspective, Randy Shelnut is carrying on the tradition of J. G. Whitfield, who organized this quartet, and the celebrated Dale Shelnut, his father. Dale remains one of Southern Gospel music's well-known and best loved lead singers. During his career with the Dixie Echoes from 1963 till 1983 he received a number of awards and recognitions. He passed away from a massive heart attack in 1983 much to the shock and dismay of Gospel music fans and the industry.

In 1972 Dale Shelnut became owner of the Dixie Echoes, and then at Dale's passing, Randy knew his father would want him to continue with the music and ministry of the

quartet. Transitioning after his father's passing was difficult for Randy; however, he knew he must continue the job.

Randy had joined the group at age 13 playing bass for the quartet, and when Dale took over management, he moved to baritone. When his father passed away, Randy moved to the lead position and took over management of the quartet. He currently sings lead and plays piano, and in May, celebrates 45 years with the Dixie Echoes.

His son, Randy Jr., better known as Scoot, sings baritone and plays bass guitar. He joined the quartet when he was 11 years of age and has been with the group almost 25 years. Scoot is a third-generation Shelnut in the Dixie Echoes.

George Shelton Jr. joined the quartet in 2012, and Alex Utech joined in the summer of 2013. With George's wonderful, experienced tenor voice covering the highs, and Alex's fresh bass vocals covering the lows, the quartet has that traditional sound one expects from quartets of bygone eras.



Speaking of bygone years, a song any Gospel music fan will remember is the song we're hearing from the Dixie Echoes at our local Gospel radio station. "We released a wonderful old song 'So Many Reasons (why I love the Lord,)' a couple of months ago," Scoot shares with SGNSCOOPS. "It's a great song with a good message and people seem to love it."

Scoot tells us the quartet has been busy working on a new recording. "We've been preparing for the new CD, and have been in the studio for several weeks working on music tracks, then on vocals. This is the first recording with both Junior (George,) and Alex and while it was in the planning stages, we were all learning the songs and looking forward to being in the studio. Then when we were able to get in the studio we have all worked very hard to make this an album our fans will enjoy," Scoot explained.

The tentative title of the new recording is "Wonderful Days," and according to Scoot, "We have a good song that says, 'What A Wonderful Day.' We sometimes forget that everyday can be a wonderful day for us as a Christian," he stated.

In talking with Randy concerning the quartet he stated, "I'm very grateful for each man who is a part of our group family. It's important to have the perfect personality fit when you travel in the close quarters of a bus. It's crucial that no matter what the philosophy of each man is, their goals must be the same and they can get along easily. I'm thankful that Junior and Alex both are fine Christian men and feel the call to do what we do."

In discussing how he depends on Scoot, Randy disclosed, "He is an amazing young man, and I'm proud to be his father. Being involved in the quartet as long as he has, Scoot knows as much as I do about how things need to work."

He talks of Scoot's experience with cancer as a very young man. "He was diagnosed in the early '90s with lung cancer and had chemo and other treatment. Through it all, his attitude was phenomenal; he was strong and never gave up. He has been a blessing to his mom and me, and sometimes when my faith isn't as strong as it should be, I look at Scoot and I'm encouraged."

Scoot is totally dedicated to the success of the quartet, and to the Gospel message. He and his wife, Penny have been married three years, and anticipate their first baby in September of this year. Penny Greene Shelnut is also a talented vocalist, having sung with The Chuck Wagon Gang, and most recently with Sacred Calling.

Randy shared his testimony of faith, "I was a teenager when I accepted Christ. I was about 13, and was actively involved in the youth group at church. Most members of the quartet attended Church Of The Open Bible, and the pastor preached that there was nothing we could do within ourselves to earn salvation; each of us had to accept Christ. I remember the scripture that reads, 'our righteousness is as filthy rags.' I told my friends that I wanted God in my life." Continuing, Randy said, "I realized that I needed to make Him Lord of my life."

"Sometimes people think that because you're a good person that you're okay, but that's not what it's all about. There's nothing we could ever do to save ourselves, it's all about Him and His saving grace. You can't just work your way in," Randy concluded.

Another contribution to the Dixie Echoes Quartet and a special encouragement to Randy is his wife, Paula. Randy shared, "Paula and I have been married 40 years, and she is definitely the kind of Christian wife a quartet man needs. She has supported me all the years we've been together, and

never once has she asked me to stay home.” During the time Scoot was being treated for cancer, Paula was strong through it all.

Randy Shelnut is not only a talented singer and musician, his has also written a number of the Dixie Echoes hit songs. A few of his better known songs are “I’ll Take Jesus,” “My Sins Weighed More,” “Singing News Blues” and “We Need A Revival.”

Junior Shelton has an extensive history in Southern Gospel music. He was part of his family group, The George Shelton Family, who made their home in Pickens, S.C. The popularity of this family’s signature song, “Jesus Is Coming Soon” paved the way for an exciting career for the family. The George Shelton Family toured the United States and Canada and appeared with the Blue Ridge Quartet on national television. Junior’s father, George Senior was a wonderful songwriter and the family debuted many of his songs.



Alex Utech hails from Scottsboro, Alabama, and has an identical twin brother, Andrew. He comes from a great Christian family, and began singing when he was only eight. Alex has loved singing Gospel music all his life.

Alex is only 20 years old and has been compared to the likes of J.D. Sumner, Herman Harper and Big Chief Wetherington. Whenever you visit the Dixie Echoes pay close attention to this young man...you’ll be hearing much more from him in the future.

The Dixie Echoes perform an average of 200 dates each year. They sing on every major concert in Southern Gospel music across the country. They have been a part of the National Quartet Convention for a number of years, and travel throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Along with major concert dates, Rivergate Talent Agency books the quartet in churches, for TV dates, as well as county fairs and Electric Co-Ops allowing the quartet to share the story of Jesus through Gospel

music. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Blue Ridge Electric Co-Op in Pickens, S.C. will host the Dixie Echoes along with the Shelton Family for the Co-Op’s monthly meeting. The Sheltons will be singing at 6:00 PM and the Dixie Echoes are singing at 7:30 PM and 9:00 PM.

One of the Dixie Echoes’ major promotions each year is the Memphis Quartet Show. Scoot is a board member along with Duane Garren, Danny Jones, Jimmy Blackwood and Greg Inman. The show will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> this year and tickets are on sale now. Every major quartet in Southern Gospel music will be performing during this event.

Another great event the quartet promotes is the Gospel Jubilee Cruise in February 2015. Among the groups appearing on the cruise will be The Chuck Wagon Gang, New Ground, Old Paths, Dixie Melody Boys and others. The ship makes port in San Juan, St Thomas, Grand Turk and Nassau Bahamas.

The Dixie Echoes Quartet has a great legacy with more than 50+ years of singing Gospel music. They have over 70 recorded albums with a new one scheduled for release in early fall. The current personnel have a dedication to the call of singing Gospel music and a goal to fill their concert dates with as much of the music their fans love as possible. We certainly can look forward to more exciting years from Pensacola, Florida’s own Dixie Echoes Quartet.

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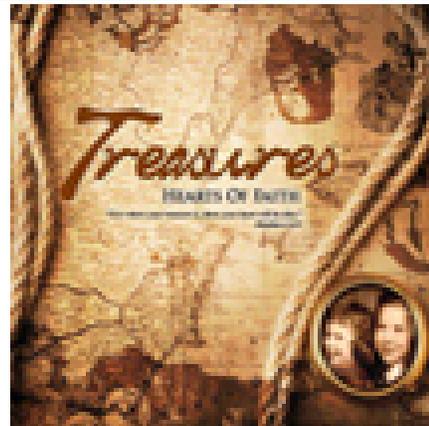
# Music Reviews for May

by Sandi Duncan Clark

On a beautiful morning in South Carolina, the birds are singing, flowers are bursting out everywhere, and the sun is peeking over the treetops in the east. I'm thankful for so many things, and this morning, I'm especially thankful for a secluded deck, a great mug of coffee, a laptop with Wi-Fi and some wonderful Gospel music! I am blessed beyond measure.

The music this month is some of the best you will hear by some very talented people. I do hope you will take time to get a copy of each of these recordings for your pleasure and blessings. Just follow the suggestions at the end of each CD, for some wonderful music.

I remember the precious words of a two-year old after a sweet Sunday school teacher taught him a memory verse. That verse is Psalm 103:1; "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Now, mind you, at that age, he couldn't say it perfectly, but that precious memory still touches his mother and I add the latter part of the verse, "Bless His holy name!"



TREASURES  
Hearts Of Faith  
Independent  
Producer: Danny Burton

Donna Brock Strong and Brenda Brock Messaros captured my attention and my heart as friends, at the National Quartet Convention, years ago. During those early years, these sisters sang with their mom and dad as The Gospel Foundation. Upon their parents' retirement, these ladies answered God's call to continue the music ministry. TREASURES is their fourth duet recording since launching their duet ministry.

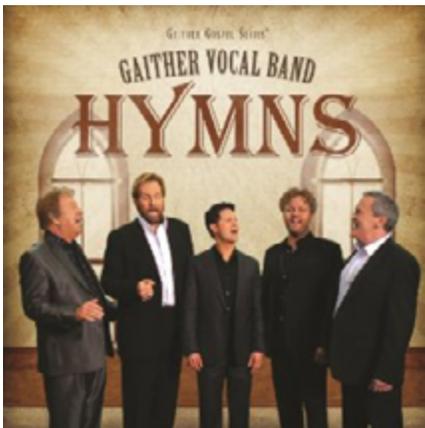
Donna and Brenda selected three songs from the catalog of Evangelist Tom Burrell, their long-time friend and fellow performer. The ladies do one of his songs, "Just A Little While" in an old convention style. Hearts of Faith recorded two songs from another of their friends, Kenny Webb. So often when we lose a loved one it's difficult to say goodbye, but Kenny's "It's Good To Go Home" is the conscious effort saying it's okay, I'll be there

later.

The arrangements and tempo on the songs offer a good variety, and these sisters offer something for everyone. They have a Southern/Country Gospel sound on some songs and a more contemporary sound on others. I love the missionary message and the melody in "Love Like That."

They have nine songs, one of them being an acapella medley of "The Old Rugged Cross/ Because He Lives/What A Day That Will Be." The album ends with "Stand Up & Praise The Lord," another Tom Burrell song with a happy tempo and great message.

Please contact Donna and Brenda, Hearts Of Faith at [www.heartsoffaitb.biz](http://www.heartsoffaitb.biz) for your copy of TREASURES



## HYMNS

Gaither Vocal Band  
Gaither Music

Producers: Bill Gaither, Ben Isaacs, David Phelps

This recording is the last effort of the Gaither Vocal Band with Michael English and Mark Lowry as members. Twelve hymns encourage you, take you back to precious times in your life, lift your spirit and calm your soul. What a great blessing!

"Amazing Grace" has music tracks with an accordion, sounding much like bagpipes and sung in minor chords. What an awesome blessing! At the end of this magnificent song, the Vocal band breaks into full vocal volume!

Bill Gaither's resonant vocals are featured on "God Leads Us Along," and the spectacular

harmony of the other quartet members provides a blessing for the listener. It takes me back to our Sunday morning church services when we were growing up.

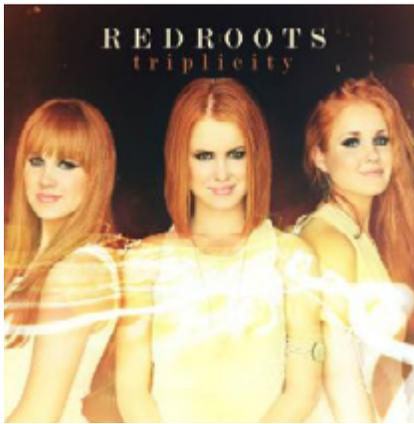
Michael English and Bill both sing verses on "Lord, I'm Coming Home" leading to a full Vocal Band on the chorus. The ending is superb! The organ intro on "Love Lifted Me," another of Michael's features, is delightful. Both songs have amazing vocals and great music tracks!

Mark is an excellent vocalist and does a superb job on "Til The Storm Passes By." Wes Hampton sings the second verse of this song, which has always been a favorite of Southern Gospel fans. This version is a winner.

One special song on the CD is "More of You," and Mark is featured on this one as well. What a great message!

While all 12 songs are a blessing with an arrangement created specifically for each one, I mention "Redeemed" and "At The Cross" as particularly strong songs. The former features the acclaimed voice of David Phelps on a fantastic Celtic arrangement with a very clear Easter message. The same goes for "At The Cross" which depicts Christ's death on Calvary. What a wonderful expression of God's great love for each of us! AMEN!

I urge you to secure a copy of Hymns. It is a must have for any Gospel music fan's record collection. The album is available through [www.gaithermusic.com](http://www.gaithermusic.com), or your local Christian book store.



TRIPPLICITY  
Red Roots

Red Hen Records/Daywind Music  
Producers: Rick Schweinsberg, Micah  
Schweinsberg

Three beautiful young ladies, triplets no less, have made a mark in Gospel music over the past 18 months or so. TRIPPLICITY is the trio's third recording and the girls have matured professionally as they have progressed in their career. While my favorite is "Country Girl" from their second recording, they have 10 new songs on this CD.

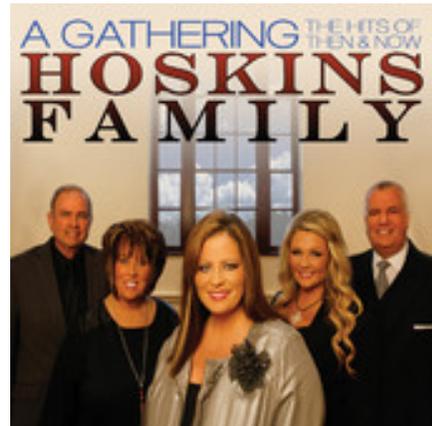
After listening with a lot of contemplation, I would have to say I have two favorite songs on TRIPPLICITY. "Ordinary Girl" says that 'it's not who I am but Who lives in me' and the girls sing this with conviction. They co-wrote "Beautiful" with Sara Peasall McGuffey and states that 'He makes everything beautiful.' Both songs would definitely speak to young ladies who are struggling with self-esteem, their own identity and various decisions in their lives.

Nika, Nicole and Natalie Taylor have close, unique harmony and a sweet blend as sisters. They have grown up in church with Godly parents who keep them focused on the reality of why they sing and how they use their talent.

The style of music these young ladies play and sing leans more to Country/Bluegrass; however, this album ...they all three are proficient on several instruments, as well as vocally versatile...is more progressive.

Along with the aforementioned songs, you

will also enjoy "Great Big Yes," "If I Could," and "Beautiful Storm." It's a blessing to watch young people dedicate their talent to God. You may have a copy of TRIPLICITY by contacting Red Roots at [www.theredroots.com](http://www.theredroots.com).



A GATHERING: THE HITS OF THEN AND NOW  
Hoskins Family  
Producer: Jason Webb

This recording is much anticipated and long overdue! Reva, Rick, Angie, Abby and Rick Smith bring back some of their hit songs from the past, and introduce some brand new songs. With this CD, we officially welcome the Hoskins Family back to Gospel radio and to stages across the country.

The first single shipped to Gospel radio is "God Is Big," and this song has been very well received. It features Angie, her daughter Abby, and the very talented Joyce Martin Sanders. Those three voices are amazing together, and the message on this up-tempo song is "when you've got a problem, just trust a big God!"

"When I Hear His Name" is a song that will do well on Gospel radio. It should be at your local Gospel station now. This is an astounding song and speaks of one's reaction to hearing the name of Jesus after being redeemed by His love and saving grace. Be sure to request this one from your local DJ!

One of my all-time favorite Hoskins Family songs is "Safe Thus Far," written by Kyla Rowland and is one of the group's mega hits from their time on the concert tour a few years back. Fans will also remember Angie's song, "God Gave You To Me," sung with her mother and daughter. It's a

wonderful song of being a mother and bringing up your children in a Godly manner.

Other Hoskins favorites are "When The Savior Wipes The Tears From Our Eyes" and "Heaven Awaits" which are both included on this new CD. There are songs from the past as well as new songs on A GATHERING bringing back memories of this talented, dedicated family and also showcasing the talent of a third generation family member, Abby Aldridge.

This new release from the Hoskins Family is available at the Hoskins Family website at [www.hoskinsworld.com](http://www.hoskinsworld.com). You may also phone them at 513-926-9210.



GLORIOUS DAY  
Ernie Haase and Signature Sound  
Stowntown Records  
Producer: Wayne Haun

Without a doubt, Ernie Haase and Signature Sound are one the most enjoyable, lovable and dedicated Gospel quartets touring today. This album has something for everyone, whether you prefer traditional Southern Gospel, contemporary Gospel or even a little bluegrass Gospel music.

Beginning with a jazz piano intro, big orchestration and lots of brass, "When The Saints Go Marching In," is a wonderful way to get in the mood for more dynamic music! This song allows each quartet member to shine on the verses, and has a busy, rousing chorus for our total enjoyment.

"When Jesus Breaks The Morning" is a convention style song with a toe tappin' swing arrangement everyone will love. This one features

the wonderful producer, Wayne Haun, on vocals. Wayne is the keyboard player on Signature Sound's concert dates.

"Noah Found Grace In The Eyes Of The Lord" is an older song, and this quartet does a wonderful job on it. One song that really touched my heart and life is "That's Why" written by Ernie, Wayne and Joel Lindsey. The chorus says:

'I'm living in the promise  
There is grace for every need  
He knew that we needed a Savior  
That's why His precious blood flowed  
And I do believe every drop was for me  
And that's why I love Him so.'

The Haase, Haun and Lindsey trio is a song-writing machine, having turned out four wonderful songs for this project. "Shh, Be Still" simply says 'Shh, Be Still, God is in this play". Beginning acapella, it breaks into piano, drum and acoustic guitar music tracks. It has such awesome simplicity and is of those songs that brings those glory goose bumps.

"Water Walking God" has a mean, rockin' B3 organ intro and music track which sets an exhilarating spirit on this song. You'll be singing this one long after its stopped playing!

GLORIOUS DAY is another must have; for its message, its excitement and entertainment. You may have your personal copy at [www.erniehaase.com](http://www.erniehaase.com)



UNASHAMED  
Brian Free & Assurance  
Daywind Records  
Producer: Ricky Free

UNASHAMED is an exciting recording filled with great new songs written by the likes of Lee Black, Kenna Turner West, Sue C. Smith, Marty Funderburk, Ricky Free and others. Ricky Free has become one very accomplished young man; producer, arranger, musician and songwriter. Seems that talent runs strong in the Free family.

I fell in love with "God Of Possibilities" just hearing the music. Then the words came and I was blessed again! This arrangement is more of the progressive sound we have grown to anticipate from Assurance, and it works for them.

I've never known Brian Free to choose frivolous lyrics when it comes to picking songs for a new project. Every song here has lyrics you can take to the bank...Biblically. "Unashamed" stands steadfast with Assurance's choice to adhere to those standards. I quote the chorus:

'I will share the Gospel and I will live the truth.

All I say and do will glorify His name.  
Even though it cost me everything,  
It's a price I gladly pay.

For the cause of Christ I will live my life Unashamed.'

Lauren Talley Alvey joins Brian on "Where There's A Will, He Has A Way," a very unique combination since their voices and vocal range is nearly the same. While each one could stand alone as a soloist on this song, having Lauren cameo on the recording was a good decision. It's a great song with a great delivery.

"Evidence of You" and "A Little Bit Of Me And You" are relevant to our lives and speak to our need for God and the strength we gain from being in His presence. What encouraging songs!

The message in "One" should be heard by every Christian and shared with the world. I do believe this song should be singled to Gospel radio.

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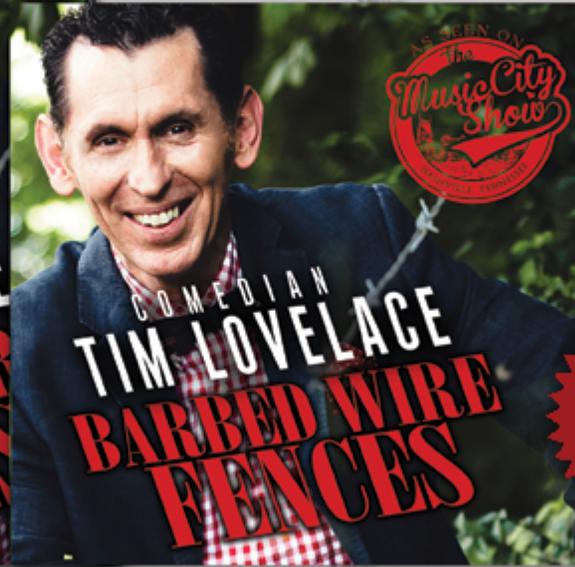
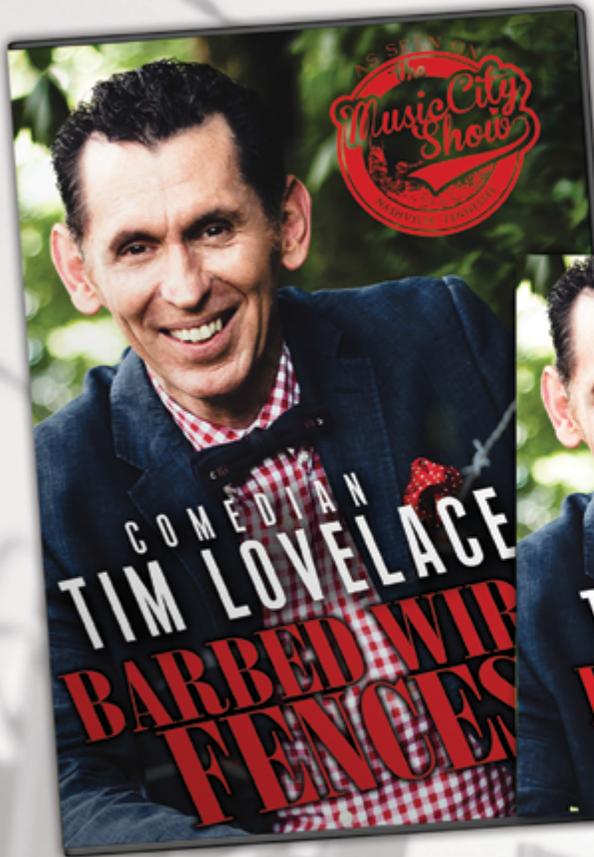
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# Taking The High Road

By Lorraine Walker



If there is anyone in this country that hasn't heard High Road III I suggest you run, not walk to your nearest digital media and play some of their music. A combination of Bluegrass, Country, Gospel and Appalachian mountain music, this female trio will speak to your heart and squeeze every drop of passion from your soul. The live instrumentation and honed vocals of Sarah Davison, Anna Grace Kimbrough and Kiley Phillips have allowed them to share the stage with The Martins and Jason Crabb, taken them to the main stage at the 2013 National Quartet Convention and brought them to the notice of Ben Isaacs who produced their latest album. Look for High Road III and their latest release, Angel At The Crossroads to start hitting charts and award nomi-

nation lists this year.

Sarah, Kiley and Anna Grace are all graduates of Belmont University's School of Music and reside in Nashville, Kentucky. They sing everything from Patsy Cline's "Crazy" to Kari Jobe's "Revelation Song" with ease, taking the melody from low and thoughtful to high and crying accompanied by violin, piano, guitar, drums and even stand-up bass.

High Road III has been gaining fans in the industry as well as in their listening audience. Jonathan Edwards of SGN Scoops Radio says, "They are sweethearts and very talented. In fact, they have the most musical talent



I have seen in any group in a long time.”

Lottie Squires of WCKB 780 shares, “I’ve seen them on a couple of showcases at NQC, and met them briefly...they’re amazing musicians and singers!”



Over the past year, the trio has sung with another well-known trio, The Martins. Jonathan Martin says he and sisters Judy and Joyce thoroughly enjoy singing with these ladies. “The Martins love High Road III! We have shared the stage with these girls and their talent and musicianship is outstanding! Add that to their sweet spirits and love for Jesus and you can’t help but love them.”

The heart of High Road III is in sharing the gospel through their music, as Anna Grace explains. “My love is to be able to relate to the audience when I sing or speak; not for my sake, but for the sake of Christ. There were and are still so many times in my life when I need

someone to encourage me and lift my spirits. God has brought and continues to bring those people into my life, and through them He shows and reminds me just how precious I am to Him. My goal is to show His love and compassion to those who I come across just as I have been shown love and compassion.”



“Angel At The Crossroads,” the title song of High Road III’s latest album is all about how God intervenes in our lives in different ways through His love and compassion. “It is a beautifully written song that captures the thoughts of someone who is at a crossroads in their life and God provides someone to steer them in the right direction,” says Sarah. “I think we have all had angels at the crossroads at some point in our lives.”

One of the people God brought to the lives of this trio was Ben Isaacs, producer of Angel. “Working with Ben Isaacs for the first time was a dream come true,” says Sarah. “All of us have listened to the Isaacs sound



and absolutely love them. To have Bill (Gaither) sing on our project was a huge honor for us; what a wonderful and genuine man he is! This project is honestly exactly what we sound like. We played all of our own instruments and sang just like we do in a concert, and I love that aspect of this project. It just sounds real.”



direction as a producer.” As she looks into the future, Anna Grace adds, “This is a huge dream, but I would love to work with someone like Dolly Parton or Alison Krauss. I know that they both demand a lot of themselves musically, and I know that I could learn so much from them about how to be a better musician.”

High Road III is already full of talented musicians.

Kiley Phillips plays the acoustic guitar and sings the high harmony, though she says they all share the lead vocals from time to time. “My favorite song to sing live is ‘Redeemer’ because it’s such a powerful song and has an unfailing message; that our Redeemer lives. I love singing this song because it gets such an amazing response from people all over the States. People are familiar with the song and can really worship along with it.”

“Ben Isaacs and Mark Capps worked very hard on our latest project, and I feel above all else, we gained two new, great friends,” says Kiley. “They are so humble and down-to-earth; not to mention absolutely hilarious. We had a blast working with them. I think we all would like to work with the Gaither crew in the future. Bill Gaither was sweet enough to sing a bass part on a track called “When God Dips His Pen of Love” on our new album. What an amazing honor! We hope to work more with them in the future.”

Anna Grace has enjoyed working with a lot of artists during the past year. “I got the pleasure of being able to play fiddle behind Karen Peck and New River last year at a Bluegrass Showcase during the NQC week, and just loved every moment with the players, including Ben Isaacs, Sonya Isaacs and Ben Rochester, among others. All of those folks were really sweet, and I loved Karen as well. Ben Isaacs has been so great to work with on our last project, and I was so blown away by how much he cared about our sound and about us doing the very best that we could. I felt like I was a better player and singer having been under his

Sarah Davison is the trio’s pianist and sings both lead and harmony. “I love singing ‘Walk Beside Me’ the most for our live concerts because it has such a powerful message and musically it just speaks to me!”

Alto singer Anna Grace Kimbrough says, “The instrument I have been playing for 22 years is the fiddle. My favorite song to sing right now is “My Savior’s Love.” The words of that hymn are so powerful and remind me that my works don’t get me closer to Christ. I have the ability, through faith in Jesus Christ, to draw closer to Him because of what He did on the Cross for me.”

High Road III has been traveling more and more as their fan base grows, and they each have their own favorite place to sing. “My favorite place to sing would probably be at my home church, Scott Avenue Christian Church in Newton, IL,” says Kiley. “I grew up singing as much as I could in that church, and the people there are truly amazing. High Road has played there a couple times within the last few years, and I can truly say that the Holy Spirit showed up each time we played there. Along with an incredibly moving worship service, I have personally never felt so supported and loved as I do in that church. My parents and much of my family

are very involved in the church, and I can whole-heartedly say that the members of SACC support me like family.” Kiley adds, “My ultimate venue would probably have to be the Grand Ole Opry. There’s just something so special about that place, to have the honor of standing on that stage where so many greats have stood - that’s something special.”

Sarah shares, “My favorite place to sing would be in the park in my hometown of Braddyville, Iowa. I grew



up singing there on Saturday nights with my dad. My ultimate dream is to perform on the Opry stage though!”

“I would say my favorite place to play is the living room of my parents house in South-West Mississippi,” says Anna Grace. “It might sound crazy, but some of my favorite musical moments happened there. My earliest memories of sharing music with family and friends started in that living room. My most frustrating practice days on the violin happened in that living room as well. There is something pretty special and sacred about that space that I can’t describe, but I feel alive musically every time I step into that room.”

Each of the ladies has a special memory of sharing music with family and friends. Sarah says, “I was four when I started singing and playing one-finger melodies on the piano by ear with my dad. Long story short, I

wanted to make music my career and after graduating from Belmont University I had a couple of different jobs in the country music world. My first job was working in artist management for George Strait and Lee Ann Womack. It was awesome getting that experience and soon I worked at a publishing company on Music Row. Still, there was something that made me want to pursue Gospel music more and more and I now realize that it was God calling me to do it! Anna Grace and I met and became friends and started playing music at our home churches. Kiley came and joined the group two years ago and the rest is history!”

“I have been playing piano for as long as I can remember,” says Anna Grace, “and started the violin when I was five. I’m sure I’ve been singing just about as long. My love for hymns sparked the desire to sing and play Christian music. It has always been a love of mine from an early age. I have grown up playing lots of different genres of music and they all were for the same reason. Any time I played for a group of people, whether it was Christian or secular, I imagined that I was singing or playing to Jesus. So, whether I play and sing gospel, country, bluegrass, or folk, my goal is always to do it for the glory of God.”

Kiley shares, “My grandma swears that I started singing at the same time that I started speaking. She says that I would be with her shopping as a very little girl and she wouldn’t even notice there was music playing in the store until I started singing along with every word. My dad used to just put music on in our living room and my sister and I would dance and sing around the house for hours. That’s cheap entertainment, right there!”

From the past to the present, family has always been an integral part of High Road III.

Kiley agrees, “My family is a major part of my life. My parents are some of the best you’ll ever find. They are so helpful and so supportive in everything I do. They will drive or fly all over the country for my sister and me. My mom and dad have come on the road with us to help out with anything and everything a few times, and we have an absolute blast! They are our biggest fans!”

Sarah says, “For me, growing up playing music with my dad was a huge blessing. His family and my mom’s family are all musically inclined and really encouraged me to pursue whatever it was that God was calling me to do and I am really grateful that they are behind High Road III all the way!”

Anna Grace is the only married lady in the trio. She says, "Family is super important. My parents and siblings played a massive part in encouraging me to do music as a career. They were there when High Road first got its start and have continued to be my cheerleaders. Nathan, my husband, now plays a massive role in our ministry. He keeps me sane, all the while remaining an incredibly supportive and godly influence in my life. He continually points me to Christ. I am super grateful and incredibly blessed to be his wife."

This trio is almost like family themselves, as they love the time they spend together on the road. "We have all become so close, with way too many inside jokes, and sometimes way too much coffee or Mountain Dew," says Kiley. "We laugh our heads off and love every minute of it! We most often travel with the three of us girls; Stephen Wilder, our bass player, and then with either Betsy Cothron, a sweet high school student from Sarah's church who helps us mostly with merchandise sales, Amanda Combs, our friend and intern from Belmont University who helps us so much, or Nathan, Anna Grace's husband, who is such a huge help."

"We definitely love to have fun on the road," says Sarah. "We usually have throwback nights if we are driving late; it keeps everyone awake and laughing. We play songs from way back when and just have a good time singing along."

The group has stayed in a lot of different places. "Personally, my favorite place we've stayed was on the beach in Florida," says Kiley. "Fresh seafood on the beach? I mean, what's better than that?!" She adds, "We usually have no problem deciding where to eat, no fights about that. Mexican is definitely a frequent decision."

"Oh man, I love, love, love it when we go to the beach!" says Anna Grace. "We've been able to play several times down by the Gulf Shores in Alabama, and in Florida. The beach never gets old, and I love being able to soak up the sun and ride around on the water. We stayed one time in a condo right on the beach, and that was the best! I loved being able to walk out on the patio and just listen to the water, and smell the ocean." She adds, "My favorite place to eat out on the road would have to be in Lancaster County, PA. I ate the best Philly Cheese Steak sandwich I had ever put in my mouth at Stoltzfus Meats. I would not have any problems going back for another one. When it comes to food, we can

all pretty much agree on what we like to eat. When it comes to food, we all seem to dig the same kind of grub, which is pretty wonderful."

Other than food and the beach, the ladies' love of family is another unifying trait. "My parents would have to be my greatest inspiration," says Kiley. "They have sacrificed and worked so hard for both my sister and I. Their love is so strong and unconditional. I'm learning that parenting never ends, and for that, I'm so thankful."

Sarah adds, "My inspiration is my family for sure. Also, my musical inspirations include Patty Loveless and Pig Robbins."

"I have a number of people who have inspired me to play music, and one of the most important people who did that was my Mother," says Anna Grace. "She was the one who helped nurture and grow my love for all kinds of music and even helped me realize that I could write music. She always gave me the impression that there were no musical boundaries, and that I could play or write anything if I set my mind and dedication to it."

First and foremost, it seems that the main tie that binds the hearts of these ladies is their love for Jesus and their desire to see Him lifted high. Sarah says that is the main message they hope to leave their audience. "I think our group as a whole strives to make sure everyone who attends one of our concerts leaves with the message that Christ loves them so much that He gave His all." Kiley agrees, "I'd say my main goal would be for people in the audience to know that they are loved, no matter who they are, no matter where they are in life, no matter what they've done or will do in the future. They are loved by a God who loves unconditionally and they are loved by the three of us."

"I want the audience to remember Jesus," says Anna Grace. "They don't even have to remember our names or our faces, but as long as they had an encounter with the Creator of the Universe, my job is done."

The ladies of High Road III have a bright future ahead as they write, sing and play some of the loveliest music this side of Heaven. Look for this trio as they come to a stage near you and expect to have an 'encounter with the Creator of the Universe'.

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## *“Can You Handle The Truth?”*

**Don't Just Do Something Stand There!**

By David Staton

Normally, I write about various topics related to the business side of gospel music. This month I want to share something that anyone and everyone can relate to because we have all experienced a time when we've had to wait. Anyone who knows me well knows that I can be impatient. I'm working on it. As a matter of fact, my prayer every day has been, "Lord, please grant me patience and please do it now." Have you ever prayed and God seemed to be silent? When God doesn't seem like He's answering, He really is. What He is saying is, "Don't just do something, stand there."

Remember in Exodus when God called Moses? He spoke to him and told him to go tell Pharaoh to let God's people go. Right out of the gate, Moses sticks the staff into the sea and the waters part! It doesn't get more miraculous than that! Can you imagine being there to see that? The impossible becomes possible right before your

eyes. When the children of Israel would get hungry, God would literally drop food from the sky! But it seemed like after every big miracle, there was a waiting game. Nobody failed the waiting game any worse than the children of Israel. After a while, they started complaining about how the manna tasted. What a bunch of whiners!

Then when Moses went up on Mt. Sinai to get the Ten Commandments, look at what happens.

Exodus 32:

1 – When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come make us gods" who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him".

The people made a conscious choice to ignore everything God had done for them. All through their pilgrimage through the wilderness, God would tell them, "Remember what I've done for you in the past so you'll know that I am faithful and that I will do it again." They spent 40 years in the wilderness because of their conscious choice to not reflect and remember that God was in control!

There's a reason that God said, "Be still and know that I am God!" Be still, stop doing stuff and know! Remember how God has moved in the past and it will build your faith so you'll know He will do it again. When it seems God is silent and He is making you wait, you can remember the faithfulness of God or you can choose to dwell in the silence of the moment and begin to doubt everything. Two choices, remember or rebel.

We know that after Jesus was arrested, the disciples scattered. We aren't sure if the disciples remained scattered or if they came together. But think about this: these 11 guys spent every day for the past three years with Jesus. They saw the miracles first hand. They were there when the blind received their sight, the woman was healed, Jairus' daughter was raised from the dead. Just days before Jesus died, they watched Him call Lazarus out of the tomb! Not only that, Jesus had told them Himself that the Son of God must die but that three days later, He would be raised from the dead.

But here is the problem. The disciples were men. Sometimes men only hear what we want to hear. Did you hear that? That was my wife shouting "Amen!" from Nashville, TN. I remember once, my wife told me, "Honey, the headlight on my car is out. Would you take it to the local mechanic and have him change it?" Now, what I heard was, "Honey, my headlight is out. Wouldn't it be embarrassing to let the mechanic know that you can't do something that simple?" So off to the garage I go, opened my tool box and went to work. Now if you know me, the sound of me opening up a tool box is a scary sound. The only thing more scary is me starting up a power tool. Four hours later my knuckles were bleeding and my neighbors were afraid to come ask me what was wrong. Finally I took the car to the mechanic and the problem was solved.

When Jesus told the disciples, "I'm going to be killed but three days later I'll be raised from the dead," evidently all they heard was, "I'm going to die." That was so hard to grasp that they couldn't get past that to hear the rest of the sentence. I know this must have been the case, otherwise when the women got to the tomb, they would have found those 11 guys watching and waiting to see Jesus do what He said He was going to do. Instead, here's what happened when the women were told by the angel at the tomb to go tell the disciples what had happened.

LUKE 24:

9 – When they came back from the tomb, they told all

these things to the 11 and to all the others.

11 – But they did not believe the women because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Even these 11 guys who walked with Jesus every day failed to remember and dwell on all the things that they'd seen and heard directly from Jesus. If they had, I really believed they would have been the first ones to the tomb to witness the resurrection. If they had, they surely would have believed when Mary told them that Jesus had risen.

So where are you today? What you dwell on during those moments when God seems silent and He forces you to be still and wait? Remembering or rebelling will determine where you'll be when He shows up.

So here we are some 2000 years later. Every sign that Jesus said would be given is going on all around us. But you've gone through some tough times. You've lost someone close to you, the doctor has made the odds seem impossible. What are you dwelling on? Are you building your faith by remembering how many times God has been faithful? Or have you forgotten how God has provided, healed and been faithful through the years? Remember all of the times He's been faithful so you will be in a place to see what He's about to do?

What you dwell on will determine where you are. Right now be still and know that He is God.



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## When Is the Best Time to Exercise?

By Laurette Willis, CHC

If you exercise regularly, you may have already determined what is the best and most productive time for you to exercise. Once you have a routine established, it's important to stick with it.

However, if you're not consistent with exercise and you find that it's wearing you down instead of building you up, you may be interested in the work scientists are doing in the area of "circadian rhythms," the internal clocks God put in place within our physical bodies.

### I've GOT RHYTHM...

Circadian rhythms, the daily cycles which govern certain physical

processes, originate in the hypothalamus just above the brain stem.

They regulate everything from body temperature and blood pressure

to metabolism.

The influence of circadian rhythms on body temperature seems to

have the greatest effect on the quality of the workout we have.

When your body temperature is at its highest, your workouts appear

to be more productive. They are likely to be less productive when

your body temperature is low.

Your body temperature is lowest one to three hours before you wake

up in the morning, and at its highest late in the afternoon.

Later in the day your muscles are warmer and more flexible,

reaction time is quicker, blood pressure and resting heart rate are

lower, and strength is at its peak.

Since studies have shown that exercise during these late

afternoon/early evening hours produces better results, it would be

good to determine what time that is for each of us.

## Finding Your Peak Body Temperature

This will take a bit of work, but worth it if you really want to

know your circadian peak body temperature.

1. Record your temperature every couple of hours for 5 or 6 days in

a row. Body temps usually fluctuate by 1.5 degrees plus or minus

throughout the day.

2. Try exercising during the period 3 hours after your highest body

temperature.

For most people, this will fall in the range between 4:00 p.m and

6:00 p.m. If you are an early bird or night owl, the times may

fluctuate 2-3 hours on either side of that, so adjust accordingly.

### The ABSOLUTE BEST Time to Exercise

If stress relief is your goal, exercise always works, all the time.

And if you're wondering when it's best to train for an upcoming

event, it all depends on what time you'll actually be competing. If

an upcoming marathon begins at 7:00 a.m., try training at that time

of day. The best time to exercise overall? Whenever you will DO it!

If you already have a schedule that works for you, "don't fix it if

it ain't broke!" For some first thing in the morning is best, for

others during lunchtime, for others as soon as they return home

from work and before dinner.

According to the American Council on Exercise (ACE), those who

exercise in the morning are most successful in making exercise a

habit.

ACE also recommends that if you prefer an early morning workout,

"emphasize stretching and a good warm-up to insure that your body

is ready for action."

We would add that combining stretching exercises with the Word and

prayer (as we do in PraiseMoves!) can help make a good habit even

better -- "Transforming your workouts into worship!"

And now I'd like to invite you to get my free "Fit Favorites Devotional" and PraiseMoves FitNews. To get yours, go to <http://praisemoves.com>.

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## Reflections with

Sherry Anne

### Jesus Took the Wheel...

In 2005, the crossover song, Jesus Take the Wheel, ranked high on both the country and gospel charts. It is a powerful ballad of a young, frantic mother whose life was spinning out of control, not only physically, but also emotionally. While driving with a baby onboard, she hits a patch of ice and loses control of her car. As she begins to panic, she cries out to Jesus and removes her hands from the steering wheel to find, in that moment, that the car had regained control and both she and the child were safe.

I can vividly remember the day that nearly this exact scenario played out for me. I was headed home from a church function and was at about the half-way point of the commute when, in the thick of winter, I came around a sharp bend. I was not going over the speed limit; however, I had too much speed for the condition of the roads at the time. I was young and did not anticipate things like breaking time and black ice! Needless to say, my back wheels spun out from underneath me

and I, too, lost control of my car.

My little black coupe began fiercely swerving: first to right, then to the left. It continued like a snake, slithering wildly down the road. Every attempt I made to steer and align the car resulted in a severe overcorrection—right into the oncoming traffic which was several cars deep. I knew there was positively nothing I could do to fix this problem. I was at a complete loss of control. Surrounded by ditches on both sides, I concluded my car was about to be broadsided by the onslaught of opposing traffic. Unable to calculate the best case scenario and fearing for the worse, I pulled both my hands off the wheel and braced my head and neck as I pressed back into my seat. With eyes closed and head down, I began to shout, “Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!”

All of a sudden, I heard a “WOOSH!” and my car was airborne for a few seconds before it plopped down and came to a complete halt. I waited a few minutes before

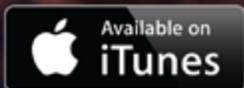
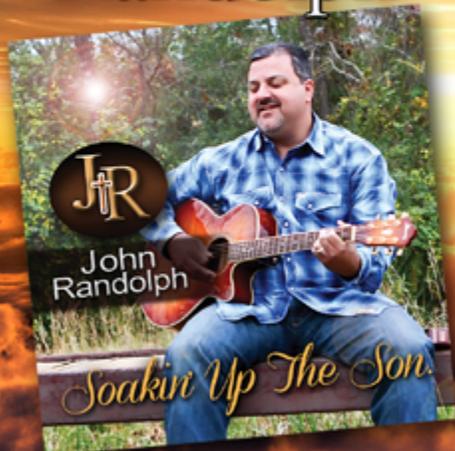
opening my eyes. When I did, I was entirely surprised to see that I had jumped the ditch and landed in the dead center of an open parking lot full of cars. A cop, who had been sitting nearby on patrol, immediately came over and asked me if I was alright. Shaking like a leaf, I nodded my head up and down. He explained to me that he saw the whole thing and said it was “like a miracle” how I avoided the traffic on both sides, jumped the ditch and landed perfectly—it sounded like a scene from the *Dukes of Hazzard* the way he described it! Though, I think it was probably more like a scene from *Touched by an Angel*—I can just imagine God commissioning His angels (Psalm 91:11) to pick up my car and carry it to safety upon fully releasing the situation to Him.

For the record, this was not the first time a situation has been completely out of my control. Good Heavens, no! I can remember the time I was stuck on top of a very large Ferris wheel, stuck on an incline at a steep angle of a log cabin ride, stuck in an elevator on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor and stuck on a plane that lost its steering ability and had

to be towed! It is amazing how many times I have not really been in the driver’s seat of my own life—more like a passenger, fully entrusting the One who is ultimately in control—the One who made me...who made you, too.

It is my prayer that we might all come to the realization that the dealings of our life are of little value, apart from testifying of the wondrous grace of God (Acts 20:24). May we be convinced that God has a definite plan for us: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11) So, move over, settle your mind and let Jesus take the wheel of your life and heart today— “casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you!” (1 Peter 5:7)

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|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 KAREN PECK AND NEW RIVER         | FINISH WELL                            | 33 DEBRA PERRY & JAIDYN'S CALL       | GONE, GONE, GONE                           |
| 2 MCKAMEYS                         | A HILL WORTH DYING ON                  | 34 TROY BURNS FAMILY                 | I'M PRAYING FOR YOU                        |
| 3 TIM LIVINGSTON                   | OVER THE NEXT HILL                     | 35 GREATER VISION                    | FOR ALL HE'S DONE                          |
| 4 BROWDERS                         | LIFT UP HIS NAME                       | 36 KINGSMEN                          | THE NEXT CLOUD                             |
| 5 HYSSONGS                         | THINKING ABOUT GOING HOME              | 37 PAYNES                            | HOLD ON TO HOPE                            |
| 6 OLD PATHS                        | LONG LIVE THE KING                     | 38 MARK BISHOP                       | IT WOULDN'T BOTHER ME                      |
| 7 FREEMANS                         | LEAD ME HOME                           | 39 HOPPERS                           | I'LL TAKE YOU HOME                         |
| 8 PERRYS                           | THE BLOOD AND ITS POWER                | 40 TALLEYS                           | UP ABOVE                                   |
| 9 GORDON MOTE                      | MEANWHILE BACK AT THE CROSS            | 41 COMMON BOND QUARTET               | I JUST STEAL AWAY AND PRAY                 |
| 10 WHISNANTS                       | HE CAN MOVE THAT STONE                 | 42 GEORGIA                           | WE HAVE A HOPE                             |
| 11 ZANE AND DONNA KING             | SHINE                                  | 43 MARK TRAMMELL QUARTET             | WONDERFUL TIME UP THERE                    |
| 12 DIXIE MELODY BOYS               | ROLL BACK                              | 44 BRIAN FREE AND ASSURANCE          | NOTHING BUT LOVE                           |
| 13 JEFF & SHERI EASTER             | I KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO SURVIVE         | 45 PRIMITIVE QUARTET/ ARCHIE WATKINS | WHEN I GET HOME AND SMOKY MOUNTAIN REUNION |
| 14 WILBURN & WILBURN               | FUNERAL PLANS                          | 46 BROWNS                            | THE CAPTAIN'S GOT IT UNDER CONTROL         |
| 15 COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY            | SHOW A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE AND KINDNESS | 47 SHARRON KAY KING                  | THIS STORY OF MY LIFE                      |
| 16 TALLEYS                         | WHEN HE CALLS I'LL FLY AWAY            | 48 MERCY'S WELL                      | MORE LIKE JESUS LESS LIKE ME               |
| 17 LORE FAMILY                     | HE STILL BEARS THE SCARS               | 49 BRIAN FREE AND ASSURANCE          | SAY AMEN                                   |
| 18 ISAACS                          | WALK TOGETHER CHILDREN                 | 50 JASON CRABB                       | LOVE IS STRONGER                           |
| 19 EAST RIDGE BOYS                 | SOME DAY                               | 51 LEGACY FIVE                       | HE IS TO ME                                |
| 20 TAMMY JONES ROBINETTE           | BEAUTIFUL DAY                          | 52 GREAT DAY                         | FOURTH MAN                                 |
| 21 MARK TRAMMELL QUARTET           | YOUR WALK TALKS                        | 53 WILBANKS                          | PSALM 23                                   |
| 22 BARRY ROWLAND AND DELIVERANCE   | GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME                | 54 BEELERS                           | BECAUSE OF YOU                             |
| 23 INSPIRATIONS                    | NO TWO WAYS                            | 55 CANTON JUNCTION                   | SWEETER AS THE DAYS GO BY                  |
| 24 TINA WAKEFIELD                  | IT'S NEVER TOO LATE                    | 56 WISECARVERS                       | JUST FINE                                  |
| 25 ERNIE HAASE AND SIGNATURE SOUND | THAT'S WHY                             | 57 ZACH AND RODNEY                   | THE COOKES AND THE HINSONS                 |
| 26 SISTERS                         | RISE AGAIN                             | 58 PROMISE                           | SHOUT BEFORE THE WALLS COME DOWN           |
| 27 MYLON HAYES FAMILY              | JESUS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE             | 59 LEFEVRE QUARTET                   | PUT IT RIGHT THERE                         |
| 28 BOOTH BROTHERS                  | I SEE GRACE                            | 60 RANDY AND WENDY PIERCE            | PICK UP YOUR CROSS                         |
| 29 GREATER VISION                  | PREACHER TELL ME LIKE IT IS            |                                      |  |
| 30 KINGDOM HEIRS                   | I'LL KNOW I'M HOME                     |                                      |  |
| 31 BARKLEYS                        | HEAVEN IN THE HOUSE                    |                                      |  |
| 32 RED ROOTS                       | SEVEN DAYS                             |                                      |  |

61 CATHEDRALS FAMILY REUNION	WE'LL WORK	HIGHER
62 SKYLINE BOYS	MAKES ME WANNA GO	HE'S STILL DOING MIRACLES TODAY
63 BIG MO	STILL THE CROSS	IF I'M GUILTY
64 SOUL VISION	I KNOW WHO THE LORD IS	HE NEVER CEASES
65 JAMES AND JEFF EASTER	LIKE FATHER LIKE SON	TIL THE STORM PASSES BY
66 ALLEN FAMILY	TALK ABOUT THE LORD	SO MANY REASONS
67 RICK WEBB FAMILY	LET THE ROCKS KEEP SILENT	ALL HE'S DONE FOR ME
68 BRIAN MACE	HOW MUCH LOVE	STRONGER
69 VOICES WON	I HAVE DECIDED TO FOL- LOW JESUS	GOD'S IN CONTROL
70 FAIR HAVEN QUARTET	IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS	WHITER THAN SNOW
70 SHELLEM CLINE	LOOK UP	I AM FROM ABOVE
72 STEELES	BUT GOD	I KNOW A PLACE
73 STEELES	WE'RE ALL HUMAN	EVERY- DAY
74 GIBSONS	ONE DROP AWAY	93 PAUL WILLIAMS AND VICTORY TRIO
75 ANDREW BAKER	HAPPY HALLELUJAH DAY	THE VISION
76 INSPIRATIONS	I'LL NEVER GET OVER	94 PORTER FAMILY
77 GLORY ROAD	WHEN I GOT SAVED	GREAT BIG GOD
78 DRUMMOND FAMILY	VICTORY IS MINE	95 CRICKET LEE AND GOLD CITY
79 LESTERS	MY LORD WILL LEAD ME HOME	BEHOLD I COME QUICKLY
80 PROVIDENCE QUARTET	STEP A LITTLE	JUST IN TIME
		EMPTY TOMB
		96 BARKLEYS
		97 INGING COOKES
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# Really

By Rhonda Frye



Mother's Day is definitely bittersweet this year. I am blessed to have my mother in my life. She's my friend, my advisor, my sounding board, my strength, my example and so much more. She is the most loyal, dependable and most humble person of anyone I know. I love her and I'm most grateful for her. That's the *really* sweet part.

The bitter- I recently lost two women that served as mother figures in my life just 13 days apart. My mother-in-law of 25 years met Jesus face to face on April 13, and my grandmother transitioned to Glory on April 26, 2014. I was extremely close to Grandmother for many reasons, but one is because I didn't have to share her very much. My mother is an only child, I'm the only granddaughter, and I have one brother. Grandmother's house was nestled behind ours growing up, and once my parents moved, Grandmother lived with them the past 20 years or so.

I can't express how I feel about the gaping hole in my heart as I'm sure many of you relate, but I would like to share a few things the Lord has shown me throughout this ordeal. The funny thing is, the Lord didn't show me anything that I didn't already know. Here are five things I knew, but I *really* know now.

## 1. You *Really* Never Know When

When we visited Mary around 7:00 in the evening, we *really* had no idea there was a heavenly entourage parked



above us. My husband said, "Mom, since you're sleeping, we're going to go for now and will come back to see you tomorrow." She replied, "You've been a good son." Eric said, "And you've been a good mom, I love you!" With a distant look in her eye she said, "And I love you," then whipped her head around to me and said, "And you too!" Eric kissed her and we left not knowing she would depart earth a few hours later. That was "good-bye" and we were *really* clueless at the time.

When we slipped on into church a few hours later, I stepped over my dad and mom just to snuggle up to my grandmother. Because Granny is a vibrant worshiper, I loved sitting next to her in church. What a blessing it was to be right by her side as she "got happy!" That Palm Sunday, I put my arm around her, rubbed her back and she patted me as I sat close to her. Knowing my mother-in-law had just passed, she comforted me and my husband just as soon as church was over. I had no idea that would be my last real conversation with her. The very next day, she fell and broke her hip. I did go to the ER, but by that point she was on medications to ease the pain and we didn't really have a conversation. We're not really sure what happened during surgery, perhaps a stroke, but she never communicated again. A couple of days following surgery she had a heart attack as I stayed with her. A little more than a week after, she was carried away. It is still so hard to believe. We celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday just on April 4<sup>th</sup>. She had been to my concert, heard me sing a song I co-wrote about her and I *really* had no idea that she would be gone a few weeks later.

Friends, loved ones *really* are here today and gone tomorrow.

## 2. You *Really* Don't Take Anything With You

Who doesn't know that—"You come into this world with nothing and leave with nothing." I knew that too, but it really sank in when I watched my mother-in-law's lifeless body being rolled away to be taken to the funeral home, while I held her belongings in my lap. I remember thinking, she doesn't even need her ID! And to think—we all accumulate *stuff* over the years, but all you *really* take with you when it's all said and done is, the love in your heart. That's it. I heard Matthew 6:20 ring in my ears early that day. "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Folks, *really* invest in people, not in things. Relationships *really* matter.

## 3. Having A Church Family Is *Really* Important

I cannot imagine how hard these last few weeks would have been without church family! Our family has been members of only a handful of churches since my grandmother made the decision to follow Christ in 1951. It amazed me at how many church people from our current church and churches we attended in the past came to the funeral home, sent cards, messages, flowers and more. Some of these folks have been friends to our family for years and years and years. There is a reason God tells us in His Word to go to church. We are to bear one another's burdens.

Friends, belonging to a church *really* is essential to your well-being and spiritual growth.

## 4. You *Really* Never Know What Others Are Going Through

On the way to the Hospice Care Center, I stopped to get gas and a soft drink. Before going into the convenience store, I wiped the tears away and touched up my make-up. I can't describe how sad my heart was that day. After all, my mother-in-law was buried just a week before and now I was on the way to be by my grandmother's side as she was expected to last only a few more hours. While in the store it dawned on me that life doesn't stop because of my personal crisis and no one around me knew or cared that I was in the middle of one. I looked at the common folks in the store and wondered, "What's their story?" "What are they going through?" "Where are they heading?" "Where have they been?" Since there was nothing about my appearance or my behavior signaling that my world was falling apart, how would I know if their world was?

There *really* are hurting people all around us, everywhere we go that are functioning as if everything is ok.

## 5. God's Grace *Really* Is Enough

I've often said I couldn't work in the medical field for a million dollars a minute. I- the one who passes out at the sight of needles, the one who gags daily on my own toothbrush, and gets totally grossed out at the sound of people chewing their food- I am amazed at how I was able to care for Grandmother and Mary during their hospital stays.

While in the ER with Mary, I noticed her legs and feet were dry. The thought crossed my mind to apply lotion for her, but I just could not bring myself to do it. Later, with a heart filled with regret, I told the Lord I would do it if He gave me the opportunity again, but He would have to help me. Well- the opportunity did come and I have to say that was a very tender and sweet time I'll treasure. I knew the Lord helped me because I found joy in knowing I was making her feel more comfortable.

The Lord gave me supernatural strength to care for Grandmother as well. I know and God knows that nursing skills just don't come natural, yet I had the strength to feed her and stay with her until she drew her final breath. The Lord so steadied my nerves and gave me such peace, I was able to speak and sing at her funeral with clarity and composure.

God *really* has grace in store to help us accomplish things beyond ourselves.

I've been asking the Lord to help me sort through all of these things I've observed and been reminded of during this difficult time. This past week I've spent time in one of my all-time favorite Theology books and it seems the more I wrap my mind around who God is, the more at peace I feel. God is good. He doesn't just do good things. Goodness is His very bent, His nature. He is good to the core.

God is also sovereign. Chip Ingram says in his book, *GOD: AS HE LONGS FOR YOU TO SEE HIM*, "Do you realize that God could never stand behind the promise of Rom 8:28 unless He knew everything? Unless He had unlimited power? Unless He was all-wise, had created everyone, could dictate what happens down to every atom and molecule? You simply cannot work all things for good unless you are the sovereign King of the universe. But God makes that promise and millions throughout history have testified to its truth."

God is *really* good. God is *really* sovereign. I am trust-

ing Him to do what is right in my life. As I trust Him, my prayer is to be mindful of how short life *really* is. Also how we *really* never know when our loved ones will slip away. My heart's desire is to stop worrying so much about "work" and "stuff" and *really* invest my efforts into relationships. My prayer is to carry out a more active role in my church and *really* bear the burdens of my brothers and sisters. My desire is to *really* notice others around me and consider them as hurting people. I am also praising the Lord for His abundant grace that I've found to *really* be more than enough for any situation.

I've been reminded- Life *really* is hard at times for all of us. Death is *really* real. Most importantly, death *really* doesn't have the final say. I am *really* looking forward to the day of seeing my loved ones again. Because of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, it is *really* going to happen. Thank you, Jesus!



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My name is Tina Wakefield and I am currently Music Minister for Amazing Grace Worship Center in Alabaster, Al. I have led worship for over 18 years as well as teach adults how to live everyday life in Victory as a Christian. I enjoy playing and singing Gospel Music whenever

and wherever I am invited. I currently have three Cd s available on my website at [www.tinawakefield.com](http://www.tinawakefield.com) and just released my first music video with Godsey & Associates called, "The Choice" available on YouTube. I write a lot of the music we sing at church and also record my original songs. My family is very ministry oriented with Pastors, Teachers, Musicians, and Singers. My heart's desire is to spread the gospel of Christ through any and all open doors that I receive.



Dr. Jeff R. Steele is a pastor, conference speaker, singer, songwriter, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He is currently the Senior Pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama. Their services are webcast worldwide; they have a weekly television program and host an annual Jubilee each August that attracts hundreds from around the southeast. Dr. Steele is beginning his eighth year there. As a songwriter Jeff has been credited with 17 Number One songs in Christian music as well as four BMI Gold Medals for Great National Popularity as measured by Broadcast Performances. He has also been recognized by BMI as Christian Songwriter of the Year on several occasions. The group, The Steeles was featured across the nation and was seen on numerous magazine covers, feature articles, television and radio programs during their ministry on the road. Jeff is still writes songs and articles, sings on occasion and speaks in conferences and revivals. Jeff is married to Sherry, his wife of 31 years and they have three grown children. Visit Jeff on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and at [www.jeffrsteele.com](http://www.jeffrsteele.com).



Erin Stevens is a uniquely talented 18 year old shutterbug, singer, guitar player, writer, blogger, social networker and shooting coach. She is the owner/operator of Photos For Keeps By Erin. She also travels in full-time Gospel music ministry with The Stevens Family. Photography is her passion, and singing for Christ is her calling. Check out her photography website [www.photosforkeepsbyerin.com](http://www.photosforkeepsbyerin.com) and her ministry website [www.stevensfamilymusic.com](http://www.stevensfamilymusic.com).



Sherry Anne Lints, a Doctor of Chiropractic, singer, speaker, actress, writer and fitness trainer, was born with a bilateral hearing and speech impairment. She appeared in the films, Clancy and The Perfect Gift and was a special guest on 100 Huntley Street, in Ontario, Canada. She is a contributing author for the book, Modern-Day Miracles and released her second CD, Keep on Prayin', July 2012 and has opened for many of the Gaither Homecoming Artists. Additionally, Sherry Anne helps lead worship and drama at her church. For more information, visit: [www.](http://www.SherryAnne.com)

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After graduating from Middle Tennessee State University with a Mass Communication degree, Craig Harris has been in the journalism field for more than 15 years, working daily as both a photographer and writer at one of the largest non-daily publications in the state of Tennessee. He has experience in feature writing, news writing, action photography, portrait photography, web-site maintenance and layout. Craig has been a part of numerous awards, both collective and individual honors in the journalism field. He has had articles published in numerous newspapers and magazines on a variety of subjects, most notably in the world of sports.

Craig's Southern Gospel interest dates back for approximately the same time span, having closely followed the industry since the later portion of the 1990s. He also performed for seven years with a local trio prior to joining the SGN Scoops staff.



John Randolph is a Country Gospel singer, songwriter, speaker, business leader, husband and father who has a burning desire to see the hearts of men turn back and embrace the calling that God has given us to lead our homes. After serving for seven years as the lead singer for a regional East Texas Southern Gospel Quartet, and two years on church staffs as an Interim Worship Leader, John is now in his second full year of solo music ministry. More importantly, John is finally getting the answer to the question he's asked God for over 20 years... "why did you let me get this degree in Journalism?" With his first full-length solo-project CD under his belt, John has been recognized in the Christian Country music genre with numerous award nominations including winning the 2013 Male Horizon Award. His initial single release - Call Me Old Fashioned - was a Top 10 Country Gospel Music hit for over 13 months in 2012. You can learn a lot more about John and JR Ministries at [www.jrministries.com](http://www.jrministries.com) as well as connect directly with him on Facebook ([facebook.com/johnrandolphministries](https://www.facebook.com/johnrandolphministries)).



David's distinctive sound and his ability to blend perfectly with a variety of vocalists has made him a valuable commodity on live events as well as in the studio. His compassionate and gentle spirit makes him more than an artist, it makes him a great friend!

David began singing at age 6 with family. In 1990, he filled in for the Speer Family and later that year he became the lead vocalist for The Trailblazers. In 2002, Staton filled the lead position with Priority. While with Priority, the group was the resident gospel group at the Silver Dollar City theme park in Branson, MO and they performed for over one million people in one year. After the group disbanded in 1995, David continued to write for artists in many different genres of music while occasionally performing solo. It was during this time that his song, "Every Knee Shall Bow", recorded by Dottie Peoples, was nominated for a Grammy Award. His song, "Together We Can" was adopted as the national theme song to bring awareness to violence in schools. The music video (Together We Can) that featured many Atlanta based artists was shown at the 1999 Grammy Awards show, which helped launch the careers of artists like R&B's Jagged Edge, India Arie, and 4.0. In 2004, David partnered with Mike LeFevre to form The LeFevre Quartet. During the seven years that he was the lead vocalist, the group had many hit songs and won many awards. After leaving the LeFevre Quartet in 2011, Staton began working on a solo project and also began singing with Palmetto State Quartet. The group appeared on television and toured with country music superstar, Wynonna Judd while Staton was there.

Through the years, artists like Gold City, Jeff & Sheri Easter, Kingsmen, Singing Americans, Dixie Melody Boys, Imperials, Dottie Peoples, Ball Brothers, LeFevre Quartet, Palmetto State Quartet, Priority, Trailblazers, The Greens, Ivan Parker, Brian Free and many more have recorded David's music. From 2005 to 2013, Staton was the Executive Vice President for Song Garden Music Group in Nashville, TN. In recent years, the National Quartet Convention has asked David to be a part of an industry advisory panel to help artists who need assistance and training. Not only has David made a mark as an artist, he is passing on his talent and knowledge to new artists, influencing and shaping the future of Gospel music.

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Kelly Nelon Clark is the daughter of Gospel Music icon, the late Rex Nelon. As part of her father's group, The Nelons, she blazed a musical trail bringing a fresh new sound to the traditional Gospel quartet style. That sound and style influenced a generation of Gospel music performers and can be heard today in the styling of

groups like the Martins, Point of Grace, The Crabb Family and more.

As The Nelons broke new ground, the Gospel Music industry repeatedly recognized their excellence. The group won four GMA Dove awards as well as multiple awards from readers of Singing News Magazine. Kelly was named female vocalist of the year on four occasions and received favorite alto vocalist award 3 times. At one time, Kelly was the most awarded artists in the history of the Singing News Fan Awards. The music industry at large also recognized The Nelons with 3 Grammy nominations.

Today, Kelly currently performs throughout the United States, Canada and Europe with her husband and two daughters as The Nelons. The group is featured in hundreds of churches and concerts each year. The Nelons have been part of Gaither Homecoming concerts sharing their music with thousands of Gospel Music fans in sold-out arenas across the country. For more information, visit <http://www.kellynelon.com/>.



Marcie Gray was born and raised in sunny California, yet always dreamed of moving to Tennessee. She had planned to move to the south as a young adult and sing with a gospel group, after being inspired to do so by her Great Uncle, Alphus LeFevre. Though it took longer than she had expected, in 2011, her dream of moving east finally came true when her husband, Don, retired

from the CHP. They packed up their two youngest daughters, three dogs and two horses and headed east. What a blessing to finally be where the tea is sweet, the Southern Gospel music is plentiful and there's a Cracker Barrel on every corner!

Spend ten minutes with Marcie and you'll learn that she is rarely lacking for something to say. Her passion for Southern Gospel music, combined with her instinct to be behind the camera, makes journalism a very enjoyable outlet for that "Type A" personality she has been affectionately labeled with by her family and friends.

Marcie is a worship leader, vocalist and songwriter. She has directed choirs of all ages and given voice lessons for many years. Her solo CD, "Almost Home" is expected to be released in the Spring of 2014.

Having family in ministry has given Marcie a desire to support those who are on the road sharing the gospel through song. Visit her website at [www.graydoveministries.com](http://www.graydoveministries.com) to learn more!