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SON—RAYS AT GMA SING

The Son-Rays, from Lexington, will be the featured group at the September Hart County GMA singing. Sponsored by the Singing Stantons, the singing will be held at the Lonoke Baptist Church on Saturday night, September 22, beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Although there have been some changes since the last time they were in this area, the Son-Rays are still a top-notch group. The present members include Bob and Bettie Ockerman and Joe McKenny. The Son-Rays are one of the most spiritual groups in gospel music.

Also on the program will be the Son-Beams, Sherri, Terri, and Carla, daughters of Bob and Bettie.

Make plans to attend and bring someone with you. You'll receive a real blessing.

STATE CONVENTION
AT CAMPBELLSVILLE
SEPT. 29 & 30

The Twenty-Seventh annual Kentucky State Singing Convention will be held September 29 & 30 at Campbellsville in the Hamilton Auditorium. Approximately fifty groups from all over the state are expected to be singing at the two-day affair.

Saturday night's session will start at 7:00 o'clock and on Sunday morning the singing will resume at 10:00 A.M. Many of the groups from this area have made plans to attend.

Hart County is well represented this year in the State Convention's organization committee. The president of the Kentucky Convention is Lanny Harlow, Harlieville, Route 2, Jerry Adams, Horse Cave Route 3, is a member of the organization committee; Jimmy McCubbins, Munfordville, has been chosen as next year's Vice-President. Gospel music lovers of Hart, should be proud to have these representatives from all over the county.

Some of the groups from this area who are planning to attend the two day convention are The Voices of Faith; The Cook Family; the Singing Stantons; and The Gospel Voices. Hamilton Auditorium is located on the campus of Campbellsville College.
From The Hart Co. GMA President

By Johnny Melloan

One of the biggest questions concerning gospel music is a very simple one. What is gospel music, entertainment or worship? To say that gospel singing is strictly entertainment is to take away its most distinguishing feature. That is, the message of the songs. But to say that it is only worship is to be something less than totally honest. Because when a group walks on stage in their matching suits, sings their own special arrangement of a song, claps their hands, and really put themselves into a performance, they are entertaining the audience. The audience confirms this fact when they applaud the groups.

I feel an appropriate reply to the question, “what is gospel music”, would be to say it is a combination of worship and entertainment. It is this very feature that makes gospel music great.

Everyone, Christians included, have a need to be entertained. What medium could possibly be better for this than gospel music? It incorporates a musical style which the entire family can enjoy, with the spreading of the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ.

Gospel music is truly “music with a message.” Music — the timeless, universal form of entertainment; The message — the eternal story of Christ.

By Rev. Gary Ervin

Gospel Music has become to the Christian world a spiritual foundation in which to cling. In recent years we have seen a great awakening among God’s people in regard to music. New songs, new styles, and new people involved has caused Gospel Music to move toward a central place in the people’s lives. I have seen this touch not only the Christian, but the sinner as well.

Gospel Music has become an “evangelistic arm” of the church. This idea is not new, but indeed God’s people have always been known as a “people with a song.” Gospel Music is much different than any other kind of melody. The word Gospel implies —GOOD NEWS!!! Christians sing about the good news of salvation and the love of God! Along with good news come — POWER not Man’s, but God’s.

Gospel Music without power is as dead and useless as a flat tire. If entertainment has become the central theme in Gospel Music, then we have missed the whole point. Worship should be our central purpose. And according to the Bible we must worship in the spirit. If, indeed, we have worshipped in the spirit; God’s power will follow and we have attained our goal.

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Don Cottrell To Enter The Ministry

By Jacque Cottrell

The second day of July, Donnie came home from Bowling Green and told me that he had accepted the call into the ministry. During the last year, Donnie had told me that he felt God had a definite Task for him to do, but he couldn’t see the Lord’s will clearly. Complete surrender on that Monday afternoon made him realize his place was in preaching the Gospel. Since this time, plans have been made to further Donnie’s education at Campbellsville College. Although with these added responsibilities Donnie and I are still going to be singing until the Lord leads elsewhere.

Don Cottrell, Jacque Cottrell, and Wilma Spradlin still make up The Voices of Faith. Donnie, fortunately gave up playing the guitar as Jim Cottrell began playing the piano. Jim not only plays but he sings too.

September the second, The Voices of Faith will present a special song program at Cedar Cliff Baptist Church near Horse Cave. At this service, Donnie will deliver God’s message.

August 12, Donnie first preached at Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow. I know Donnie requests the prayers of all Christian people, just as The Voices of Faith requests your prayers.

A TIME OF REVIVAL

By Annette McCubbins

If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14.

There have been good revivals reported all around the community this year. It seems that people have been praying and that the Lord is dealing with lost people. Who Knows! This may be the last opportunity for a lot of lost people to get saved.

So far in every revival we have worked in there have been professions of faith. At Mount Olivet (Our home church), we had two professions. At Leitchfield Crossing we had two professions.

The power of the Lord is present at these revivals, and it is wonderful to see old-saints shout the praises of God. How wonderful it is to see the lost find their way to an altar of prayer.

At the Brush Creek Baptist Church, in Green County, we had at least fourteen get right with the Lord. We were at the Hardyville Union Church’s revival which started August 6. Then on August 14, we began services at the Gamaliel Baptist Church. We are pleased to report good revivals at both churches.

We ask for each of you to remember us when you pray.
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

THE CHRISTIAN SOUND
P.O. BOX 423
HORSE CAVE, KY. 42749
PHONE 786-2495
16. . . Horse Cave Christian Church.
Homecoming. 1:30 P.M.

THE COOK FAMILY
BONNIEVILLE, KY. 42713
PHONE 531-1701
OR
110 BUTTERCUP RD.
LOUISVILLE, KY.
PHONE 239-9161
1. . . Green Hill Methodist Church.
Bowling Green, Kentucky.
2. . . New Bethel Missionary.
Scottsville, Ky.
11. . . Coves Baptist.
23. . . Glen Lily Church of God.
Magnolia, Ky.
Campbellsville, Ky.

THE GOSPEL VOICES
HORSE CAVE, KY. 42749
PHONE 786-2777 OR 786-2465
1. . . Red Lick United Brethren.
Edmonton, Ky. 7:30 P.M.
2. . . Columbia Baptist.
Afternoon – Homecoming.
9. . . Upton Baptist Church.
7:30 P.M.
15. . . Bethel Baptist Church.
Elizabethtown, Ky. 7:00 EDT
16. . . Horse Cave Christian Church.
Homecoming. 1:30 P.M.
22. . . Clarkson Methodist. Revival. 7:00
23. . . Cosby Methodist Church.
Homecoming – Afternoon.
7:00 EDT.
29 &
Campbellsville, Ky.

THE McCUBBINS FAMILY
MUNFORDVILLE, ROUTE 3
KENTUCKY 42765
PHONE 524-9702
2. . . Grayson County Fair.
Leitchfield. 2:00 P.M.
8. . . Glen Lily Church of God.
16. . . Brush Creek Baptist. All Day.

THE SINGING STANTONS
BONNIEVILLE, KY. 42713
PHONE 531-2205
1. . . Hart County Singing Convention.
Monroe Baptist Church.
22. . . GMA Sing.
Lonoke Baptist Church. 7:30 P.M.
29 &
Campbellsville, Ky.

THE VOICES OF FAITH
BOX 49
GLASGOW, KENTUCKY
PHONE 678-2467 OR 524-2191
2. . . Cedar Cliff Baptist. Horse Cave,
Ky. 7:00 P.M.
Barren County Courthouse.
Glasgow, Ky. 2:00 P.M.
29 &
Campbellsville College.
Campbellsville, Ky.
30. . . Sulphur Wells Methodist.
7:00 P.M.

THE LAMP LIGHTERS
107 GOODEN STREET
GLASGOW, KY. 42141
PHONE 651-2553
2. . . Green County Singing Convention.
Pleasant Ridge Church.
1:30 P.M.
9. . . Dover Baptist Church.
Mt. Herman, Ky. 7:30 P.M.
23. . . Dover Baptist Church.
Mt. Herman, Ky. All Day Singing.
30. . . Old Zion Methodist. 7:30 P.M.

THE GOSPEL SERVANTS
BOX 52
MUNFORDVILLE, KY. 42765
PHONE 524-9974

GMA MEETING AT LONOKE

The Hart County Gospel Music Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Lonoke Baptist Church, September 13, at 7:30. In addition to the regular business meeting, a new feature has been added to the meetings. Each month there will be a special guest speaker.

This month’s speaker will be Rev. Owen Logsdon. Brother Logsdon will give a short talk and then lead a discussion among those in attendance. Such an interchange of ideas should be of special importance to the members of the singing groups. It will give them an opportunity to hear a minister’s view of gospel singing.

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Two of the highlights of the Gospel Voices' summer were appearances at the Western Kentucky Fair and at the local Southern States Cooperative's 50th Anniversary Meeting.

The Gospel Voices were featured on July 31st at the Western Kentucky Fair in Hopkinsville, Ky. They were the only talent performing that night in the Merchants Building. This building was set up by the local merchants to display their respective goods. An estimated 1000 people heard The Gospel Voices there. This was a fine opportunity for them to sing to people who would otherwise never hear the gospel sung.

On August 14th, they provided the entertainment for the 50th Annual Meeting of the local Southern States Cooperation. They sang before the business meeting and also during the balloting to a capacity crowd of approximately 500 guests in the Hart County High School Cafeteria.

The Gospel Voices feel very privileged to have appeared at both places sharing the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ to many different types of people.

DEADLINES FOR OCTOBER
"Reaching Out"

EDITORIAL — SEPTEMBER 20
ADVERTISING — SEPTEMBER 22
CONCERT DATES — SEPTEMBER 26

Now is a period when gospel music is expanding into new areas, to new people. This expansion has brought about a demand for gospel singers at fairs, various meetings of rural cooperatives, as well as various community programs. Never before has gospel music had greater opportunity to reach such a varied audience. The Gospel Voices have tried to take advantage of this opportunity by singing at such things as the Western Kentucky Fair, Southern States Annual Meeting, and outdoor singings at community parks. While maintaining close ties with church singings— the foundation of gospel music— they have expanded, along with gospel music, to take the message of Christ to a wider audience.

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Youth Becoming Involved In Gospel Music

By Brenda Hatcher

"Did you see their long hair and mod clothes?" "Did you see the awful red guitar and pink drums?" "Did you see them clap and step their feet?" "What are the youths of America coming to?"

Well, a lot are coming to the gospel singings and liking it.

More and more young people are getting involved with Christ and gospel singing and experiencing something they've never felt before. In Hart County, the biggest portion of the gospel groups are young adults. They are not trying to impress anyone with their hair, clothes, instruments, and clapping. It's FEELING!!! The more you put into it, the more you'll receive. At least, try putting your palms together to let the groups know you appreciate them trying to praise God in song. You won't be giving glory to the groups, just letting them know you like the words of God in song, as well as in sermon. Someone might hear and understand the words of a simple gospel song better than a 30 minute sermon, full of big fancy words.

So please go to the singings, and take a young American with you. You never know what may happen. You might like it.

McCUBBINS FAMILY TO SING AT GRAYSON FAIR

The McCubbins Family will be singing at the Grayson County Fair on Sunday, September 2. The Journeymen Quartet of Elizabethtown will also be on the program which begins at 2:00 P.M.

METCALFE CO. SINGING

The Metcalfe County Singing Convention will be held at the Sulfur Springs Baptist Church, September 15, at 7:30 P.M. CDT. For further information contact: Joe Rock, Center or Edmonton, Ky.

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By Donna Stanton

Some Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would come. His answer was: "The Kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen. No one will say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!'; because the Kingdom of God is within you."

I used to think a quiet church on Sunday morning was the only place to find the Lord. A Mighty King on a golden throne, So I went there sometimes and it felt good. But there were mountains to climb and valleys to walk and tears to cry and Sunday came only once a week. Then in one blessed moment I realized Jesus could be anywhere and everywhere. He always helps me thru the bad times and smiles with me in the good times. When people put me down and call me "Hippie" He reminds, "I was an outcast too." He gives me courage to step on stage and sing His songs before a sea of faces, and when I forget the next line He whispers the words in my ear.

Luke 17: 10–21

Sometimes sitting at my typewriter and the right story won't come but He knows how to put paragraphs together just so.

Someone to walk beside and rap with,
A Hand to hold
A Guide to the Narrow Way.
While searching for a Master,
Don't overlook a Friend.

Carey Botts Cook is a native of Hart County. He and his wife, Joyce and their four children are now residing in Louisville, Kentucky where he is employed as a truck driver for Boone Box Co.

He is a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Botts has a natural talent for music. He plays lead guitar for our group although he also has the ability to play many other musical instruments.

He is blessed with a wide voice range. He sings Baritone. Lead, or Tenor. This versatile ability is a real asset to our group.

Members of our group jokingly refer to Botts as the Mel Tillis of Gospel music. He takes his slight speech problem in stride and doesn't let it interfere in trying to serve the Lord.

Recently the group has listened in amazement to Botts give glowing testimony's seldom stammering as he tells of his experiences in Christian life.

Botts has an easy-going personality and a witty sense of humor. He loves to laugh even if the joke is on him. Best of all he is a dedicated Christian.

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AMBASSADORS AT CHRISTIAN HOMECOMING

The Horse Cave Christian Church will have its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 16. Regular services will be conducted in the morning with a pot-luck dinner afterwards. In the afternoon, around 1:30, the Ambassadors of Nashville, will be the featured guests. Their appearance in this area will precede an engagement the following weekend in Springfield, Missouri at the American Gospel Singing Contest. The Ambassadors won last year's contest to gain recognition as the nation's top semi-pro gospel group. This year they will be appearing on the professional portion of WSM radio's "Grand Old Gospel" program which showcases the nation's top gospel singers.

The Ambassadors were here last year and won the hearts of the crowd with their sincere message in song.

The Gospel Voices and The Christian Sounds will also be on the program. Make your plans now to attend for a day of worship and fellowship in the Lord.

By Jacque Cottrell

The Barren County Singing Convention will be held September 9, at 2:00 P.M. in the Barren County Court House. Special guests will be The Regals of Scottsville and The Good News Singers of Glasgow. The Regals were previously known as The Thomas Quartet until Laddie Thomas went into the ministry. Bobby Simpson, former lead singer of the Melody Makers is the newest singing member. You won't want to miss these fine groups. See you there!!!

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