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The Regals Are Coming!

The Regals, formerly the Thomas Quartet from Scottsville, Ky., will be the guest group at the October singing of the Hart County GMA. The singing will be held at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church at 7:30 P.M., October 27.

The Regals have appeared in this area several times and the gospel music fans love them dearly. This is a group of very dedicated and talented Christians who believe in spreading the gospel in song.

The Gospel Servants, the host group, invite everyone to make plans to attend and wish to thank the people at Boiling Springs for the use of their church for this singing. Let's SUPPORT GOSPEL MUSIC.

The Hart County Gospel Music Association and radio station WLOC 1070 FM in Munfordville, Kentucky will be presenting a radio-thon for the March of Dimes on October 13. Gospel singers and musicians from south-central Kentucky will be the talent for the program.

The program will originate at the Munfordville Elementary School Gymnasium and will run between 7:00 and 10:00 P.M. Gospel music fans are invited to attend and be part of the live audience. There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken for the March of Dimes.

Proceeds from the event will be turned over to the March of Dimes Telethon which will be held the following weekend over WBKO-TV in Bowling Green.

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By Johnny Melloan

As you are probably aware, the primary purpose of the Hart County Gospel Music Association is to promote gospel music. But maybe you have been wondering what the organization is doing to accomplish this.

The first and major activity is printing the paper that you are now reading. Through “Gospel Reaching Out” we are attempting to keep people informed about the gospel music news in our area. By reading “Gospel Reaching Out” you can keep up with where the different groups will be singing as well as features about members of the various gospel groups in this area.

Monthly singings are also being promoted by the Hart County GMA. The member groups are organizing these singings in an attempt to bring the singers into our region which the people want to hear. We are also helping churches and other organizations find groups for their singings. This service is a big help to people who have previously not known how to get in touch with gospel groups. Some of our upcoming plans involve working for such charitable causes as the March of Dimes.

We are trying to do what we can. But we need your help. First of all, if you are not a member, why not join today. Then become active in supporting the groups and what they are doing.

Share Your Witness!

By Kathy Cook of the Cook Family

Something wonderful happened to me!!! But just how wonderful would it be if I didn't share it with you?

God begged me for many months to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.

It was almost two years ago after my mother-in-law passed away, that I began to realize God was speaking to me. Someone I cared for very much had been called home to be with Jesus and I knew, if I didn't get right with God, that wonderful thing wouldn't happen to me someday.

When the Cook Family Singers were led to sing the Gospel, at the same time something happened to me. They tried to get my husband and I to attend the singings with them, but we didn’t, we were really feeling left out at that time.

Finally after just a few months we started going to the singings with them and Tony even joined the group. We were really devoting a lot of time to the Gospel Singing by this time.

I was working and couldn't attend one of the services the group was invited to. That night my husband was saved. When he got home, he woke me up to tell me about it. He was so happy and I really let him down. Even though I knew in my heart it was a wonderful thing, I began to feel pretty hostile about it and also toward the other members of the group. I couldn't understand why I wasn't there to share it with Tony when he was saved. For two or three weeks I didn't even want to go with them to a singing.

After a while I began to feel guilty and called my sister-in-law (a member of the group) and asked if I could come up for a visit. Well of course she said yes, because she knew something was wrong. I began to tell her how I felt about not being able to be there the night Tony was saved. She told me that there was a time and place for everything and that just happened to be his time and place whether I was there or not.

I understood a little better but I still hadn't gotten everything out into the open. Then the longer we talked the more I began to know

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LUCINDY’S TESTIMONY

Usually when you hear a person’s testimony it is different than every other one. Well mine is a little unusual too. When I was 9 I began thinking about being saved but I never felt like I ought to go to the altar, just then. My family had all been saved and I had sung in many churches. I saw what it was like to be a Christian. My family went to Gamaliel, Kentucky for a revival. During one of the nights, October 24, 1972, I told the pastor that I wanted to be saved, but that I didn’t feel the conviction. So first we prayed that I would get under conviction, and he answered our prayers. Then we prayed again, this time that I would be saved, and he answered that too.

God can save you and he’ll answer that too. If you have any problems ask God to help you. He’ll help you more than you believed he would!

You don’t believe me? Well try it. HE WILL!!!

Lucindy McCubbins of the McCubbins Family

1973 KENTUCKY STATE SINGING CONVENTION

THE MASTERS TRIO

The Masters Trio has recently reorganized and they are shown on stage at the Kentucky State Singing Convention. Lanny Harlow (left), Hardyville, was the president of this year’s convention.

THE SINGING STANTONS

The Singing Stantons of Bonnieville appeared at the convention at both sessions. They are shown here as they performed on Sunday afternoon.
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

THE COOK FAMILY
BONNIEVILLE, KY. 42713
PHONE 531-1701
OR
110 BUTTERCUP RD.
LOUISVILLE, KY.
PHONE 239-9161

20. . . Morgantown, Flener's Chapel.
27. . . Republican Potluck Supper.

THE MCCUBBINS FAMILY
MUNFORDVILLE, ROUTE 3
KENTUCKY 42765
PHONE 524-9702

2. . . White Mills Baptist Church.
   Revival. 7:30 P.M. EDT
6. . . Sparta, Tennessee. Bear Cove
   Baptist Church. Revival.
7. . . Sparta, Tennessee. Bear Cove
   Baptist Church. Revival.
14. . . Barren County Singing Conv.
   Siloam Baptist Church. 2:00 P.M.

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

1 thru
7. . . White Mills Baptist Church.
   Revival.
21. . . Cave Springs Baptist Church.
   Homecoming
27. . . Boiling Springs Baptist Church.
   Hart Co. GMA — Gospel Servants
   Co-Sponsored Singing.

THE SINGING STANTONS
BONNIEVILLE, KY. 42713
PHONE 531-2205

6. . . Hart County Singing Conv.
   Three Forks Bacon Creek.
   Baptist Church. 7:30 P.M.

THE VOICES OF FAITH
BOX 49
GLASGOW, KENTUCKY
PHONE 678-2467 OR 524-2191

5. . . White Mills Baptist Church.
   Revival. 7:30 P.M. EDT
6. . . Hart County Singing Conv.
   Three Forks Bacon Creek.
   Baptist Church.
14. . . Barren County Singing Conv.
   Siloam Baptist Church, 2:00 P.M.
19. . . Mt. Beulah. Revival. 7:00 P.M.

THE CHRISTIAN SOUND
P.O. BOX 423
HORSE CAVE, KY. 42749
PHONE 786-2495

THE JACK VINCENT TRIO
MUNFORDVILLE, KY.
42765

GMA MEETING AT COSBY METHODIST

The monthly meeting of the Hart County Gospel Music Association will be held at the Cosby Methodist Church near Legrande. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 11.
All persons interested in Gospel Music, as well as all members, are urged to attend and bring someone with you!
MARCH OF Dimes SINGING
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Kentucky.

The talent lineup is incomplete at this
time but groups now scheduled to appear
include the McCubbins Family, Singing
Stantons, Gospel Voices, Voices of Faith,
Christian Sound, Cook Family, and the
Gospel Servants. Other groups will be
added later.

Telephone lines will be hooked up so that
the radio listening audience will be able to
phone in their pledges. Members of the
singing groups will be answering the
phones to take pledges.

Make your plans now to be at the
Munfordville Elementary Gym or to listen
to WLOC-FM at 102.3 megacycles to the
March of Dimes Radiothon.

METCALFE CO.
CONVENTION

The Metcalfe County Singing Convention
will be held at the Pink Ridge Baptist
Church on October 20 at 7:00. The guest
group will be the Joyway Singers.
The church is located between
Edmonton and Sulfur Wells on highway 68.
For further information contact Joe Rock
in Center, Kentucky.

LARRY COOK — VERSATILE MUSICIAN

Larry E. Cook was born in Hart County
and has lived in Hart County most of his
life. He and his wife, Joyce, and their
three boys now live in Bonnieville,
Kentucky.

Larry is District Representative for
Modern Woodman of America and is a
candidate for the office of Hart County
Clerk in the November election. He is also
a member and chairman of the official
board of the Bonnieville Methodist Church.

All of Larry's family - father, mother,
brothers and sisters - have been involved
in music, either as entertainment for
others or for their own enjoyment. So it
was only natural that Larry would start
playing and singing at a very early age.
He has the ability to play several
instruments but has chosen to play the
steel guitar for our group. He is the
group's tenor singer but has a wide voice
range enabling him to sing baritone and
lead also.

Larry has an outgoing personality. He
loves to tease people but enjoys having a
good laugh even at his own expense. One
of his most outstanding traits is his
generosity.

He enjoys being with young people and
children and therefore is involved in many
aspects of community life. He has worked
with the Bonnieville Peanut League and is
now working with the Boy Scouts.

Larry is not a Christian 'in name only
but enjoys being able to serve God every
day and to share with others some of the
good things God is sharing with him.
SHARE YOUR WITNESS!

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what my feelings were, I admitted that at one time in my life, several years before, I was saved but didn't really have what I should have received at that time. It seemed to surprise Joyce, she thought everything was right with me and God. I could tell that by the awful feeling that had settled inside me. Before I left, Joyce offered to sit down and pray with me. After that I really felt good, but I was lying to myself. I tried to tell myself that all I needed was to talk to someone about it. But I found out that the 'someone' I talked to wasn't the one I had to get right with.

So I started back going to the singings. Every altar call they had I could feel God calling me but I kept saying no, why look at me. I don't need to get on my knees to find the Lord. I'm a member of a Gospel group. But God said 'no one shall come unto me but by Jesus Christ.'

I went on like that for weeks. I kept rejecting Jesus. One week it occurred to me that God could still heal as in the days Jesus walked on this earth. So I started praying for my father to be healed, after being sick for years, and I asked the rest of the group to pray for him too. That weekend we attended a wonderful service. God was really putting His all into asking me to be saved and I thought to myself what I had just asked God to do for my father. What a little thing He was asking and what a big thing I was asking. By the time they sang the second invitation song I had said yes God!! Yes! I'll go with you all the way for the rest of my life.

I tell you the hardest thing I ever did was to go up to the altar and get down on my knees in front of all those people. But as I think about it -- SOMEONE did something a lot harder than that. Jesus was willing to be nailed to a tree for generations of people that He didn't even know. And because of His resurrection I was saved. Praise God!!!

While I was on my knees so many doors were opened to me. God let me realize why I was feeling so hostile to everyone when Tony was saved. I was feeling left out. Everyone was on their way to a better life, everyone but me. And now, by the grace of God, I'm going home too.

But things didn't end there. Now God is asking me to go and tell how wonderful being a Christian can be. He has blessed me and my family in so many, many ways, and I want to live for him.

And to everyone out there who knows God: Stand up and put in a good word for Him. Because, you know, He is going to give us eternal life, someday. And we want EVERYONE to be there!!

SO PRAISE GOD!

GOSPEL VOICES AT LINCOLN JAMBOREE

The Gospel Voices will be singing at the Lincoln Village Show Barn in Hodgenville on Saturday night, October 27. Gospel groups are being featured regularly on the programs at the Lincoln Jamboree.

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by Donna Stanton

"But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while I the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." I Corinthians 8:12-13

Everyone who is familiar with the above passage knows that Paul was talking about the custom in his day where meat that was offered to idols was later sold by temple officials to the public. Paul allowed that it didn't make any difference one way or the other to the person who ate it unless it shook the faith of a weaker Christian who saw him do it.

That may be a far-out example but gospel singers are faced with many similar situations. Gospel singers are constantly in the public eye. Everything about them -- hair, clothes, instruments, choice of material, speech -- is constantly being scrutinized. That places a terrible burden of the individuals who feel they have been called to witness through gospel music.

There are some people who have the idea that singers and ministers too somehow are supposed to be better than other Christians. They try to pattern their actions and beliefs after what they've seen gospel singers do. When they see a singer do something that is "Un-Christian," their faith is severely shaken. Gospel singers have to be on their toes at all times. If they stray from the straight and narrow, chances are they'll be taking other people with them.

There are other types of people who are hung up over petty things such as hair, clothes, instruments, etc. Some are just criticizing to be contrary but a lot are genuinely concerned about these things. Recently, there has been some controversy concerning girls in gospel groups wearing palazzo pants. Personally, I love to wear them and I don't see anything sinful about wearing them while singing. At least, someone wearing palazzo pants is well covered up!

Hair is perhaps the biggest issue. One town not too far from here booked the Oak Ridge Boys for a concert but wrote them a letter saying that they couldn't enter the city limits without getting their hair cut. And that was a few years ago before anyone was wearing really long hair!

All this places an awful strain on gospel singers because they are dedicated to leading the lost to Christ -- not placing a stumbling block in front of church members. Let me say, there are very few phonies in gospel music. It's such a hard life and very little of the fame and fortune most people associate with it, that the phonies lose interest very quickly.

To the public, I want to say that gospel singers aren't supernatural beings living above sin. They are sincere human beings striving each day to live closer to God and dedicated to teaching the lost about Christ through gospel music. They've been through the valleys and they know what they're singing about!
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2. Keep money and stubs until you turn them all in together to:
   Joan Melloan, Horse Cave, Kentucky. Phone 786-2777
3. Contest ends November 20 at midnight.
4. Be sure to get the persons full name and address plus ZIP CODE.
5. For further information or subscription blanks write:

Barren County
Singing Convention

The Barren County Singing Convention received such a good reception at the Barren County Courthouse in September, we would like to thank you all for coming out and letting us know that you still support the convention.

October’s convention will be held Sunday, October 14, at Siloam Baptist Church beginning at 2:00 P.M. The special guests will be the McCubbins Family and the Lamplighters. We’re expecting another good singing so be sure to come and be with us.

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