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Cavelandersons to Sing at Southern States Meeting

Cafeteria, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. All area members of Southern States Cooperative are invited to attend.

Campaign For New Subscribers

How would you like to win a “Free” Gospel Record Album? All those who renew their subscriptions and new subscribers names will be placed in a special box for a drawing each month for a free album to be given away the 1st of each month. The names of the “Winners” will be placed in Gospel Reaching Out. We will mail the album to the “Winner.” Send in your names, address and zip code along with $2.00 to Gospel Reaching Out, P.O. Box 477, Munfordville, Ky. 42765. You may win.

Hart County Singing

The Hart Co. Singing Convention will be held at The Pleasant Valley Baptist Church at Uno, Ky. January 6, 7:00 p.m. Guest singers will be the Gloryroad Singers of Greensburg, Ky. Courtney Spradlin, President, Rev. David South, Pastor.
Haskell McCubbins of The McCubbins Family and President of Gospel Reaching Out underwent surgery for a hernia repair Tuesday, December 19. His condition is improving rapidly and should be back to regular routine within a short time. Meanwhile the McCubbins Family will continue to fill all of their existing dates. Haskell, along with all The McCubbins Family request your special prayers and support during this time. May God Bless You.

Haskell &
The McCubbins Family
B. J. Thomas — "Home Where I Belong"

Waco, TX—Home Where I Belong, the story of singer B.J. Thomas ("Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head"), will be released October 30. (Word Books publisher, Waco, TX, $6.95).

The autobiography covers his journey through million-seller songs: drug addiction, family and career collapse, and the dramatic turnaround he experienced through conversion to Christianity. B.J. gained national success in 1969 with "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" (written for "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid") and his popularity continued to rise with such hits as "Play Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song," "I Just Can't Help Believing," "Hooked On A Feeling," and "Mighty Clouds Of Joy." B.J.'s records have sold over 32 million records through the years.

On the surface, B.J. whose songs topped the music charts in the late 1960's appeared to be the picture of success. His book reveals that he was also a man tormented by this success and driven by self-destructive impulses.

In his book, B.J. tells how as a 15-year old kid from Houston he first got into drugs and singing almost simultaneously. As told to writer Jerry Jenkins, he related how he started with uppers in 1957 and advanced to a demanding cocaine habit. He went the gamut of making a tremendous amount of money only to lose it all because of his drug-confused mind.

"My left lung collapsed on me twice. I almost ‘bought it' both times. I was taken unconscious off a plane in Hawaii and almost died of an overdose." By the mid-70's, B.J. had turned on his friends, fought with his associates, and driven away his wife and daughter. His drugs were costing him $3000 a week and were regularly threatening his life through overdoses and withdrawal blackouts.

After almost losing his mind while on a tour, B.J. called his wife Gloria. "We'd been separated several times over the years," he says, "because I was acting so crazy." But Gloria asked him to come home (Ft. Worth, Texas) saying, "There's help here." Then through Gloria and some of her friends, B.J. became a Christian and his life took another tack.

Now recording his music on the Myrrh label with Word, Inc., his first album on Myrrh, "Home Where I Belong," brought him a Grammy Award, a Dove Award, and Record World's Top Cross Over Award for 1977.

The summer of '78 saw the release of B.J.'s second album, "Happy Man," also on the Myrrh label. "Happy Man" earned immediate berth in the charts, and already shows signs of equaling the success of B.J.'s first album. Jarrell McCracken, President of Word, Inc., says about Home Where I Belong: "Christians will read B.J.'s book to see how it glorifies God. Others, perhaps, will read it in search of the inevitable slips that are part of life. Most importantly, there will be a large segment of people who will find a spark of hope, joy and newness in what B.J. has to say."
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LEHTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Annette,

We are a gospel quartet that has been singing together for about four years. We sing as far north as Michigan - sing in Ohio and Kentucky - mostly on weekends. We have sung in Lexington and Manchester, Ohio with "His Witnesses" and Clara Gay told us about how we could send $2.00 for each of our five members and that you would send us copies of your paper and show listings for us also.

The Gloryland Quartet

Dear Editor:

Guest singers in recent concerts at the Roland Memorial Baptist Church in Greenville, Ky. were the "Free Spirits" from Scottsville and the "Silvertones" from Slaughters.

The "Free Spirits" came to our church on the fifth Sunday night of October, the 29th, and sang a number of current as well as some of the old standard songs. They did several of the songs which are included in their album and tape. The "Free Spirits" were assisted by "The Barry Clardy Trio," a Muhlenberg County group. Barry and Paulette Clardy, two of the members of the group, are members of Roland Memorial Church. It was an excellent fifth Sunday night singing.

The "Silvertones" is a group that has been singing together for nearly fifty years. They were guests of Roland Church on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. The members of the church had come dressed in old fashioned outfits, with a lamp or two providing light for part of the service. Pastor, James I^yel, and several of the men attended the service in their big overalls. The "Silvertones" sang many of the old songs and did a superb job. It was a real good old fashioned service with the spirit of the Lord all around.

Sincerely,

James Doyel,
Pastor, Roland Memorial Baptist Church

Earl and Lorene Norris wishes to thank everyone for being so nice to us the past year. We want to thank all the people everywhere for having us in your midst. We look forward to another year of Gospel Singing. We will be home most of January and February of 1979 but will get started back in early spring.

Earl & Lorene Norris

Dear Friends in Christ,

We enjoy receiving Gospel Reaching Out and we’re enclosing a check for this year and next year. I just noticed our label and our subscription ran out.

My husband and I sing with a gospel singing group “The Christianaires.” We have been singing about 5 years for our Lord Jesus Christ. We would like to ask Gospel Reaching Out to list our group in your paper:

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As the year ends, we tend to look back on our lives and examine them to see where we have been and what we have done. Have we done all we can do in the Lord's work? We cannot bring back the past to live over, but we can strive to do our best for the Lord in the future. As your Editor of Gospel Reaching Out I ask your continued prayers in my endeavor to serve the Lord through Gospel Music. I appreciate each Group and all subscribers and we would not forget our advertisers. We do need news from all groups and if you have albums or something to sell we will be glad to try to sell these articles for you.

Let us hear from you in the next few days. Without news there would be no Gospel Reaching Out. May God continue to bless each of you.

Annette McCubbins
Editor of G.R.O.

I never intended to turn the problem of my weight—my overweight—into a spiritual quest. But that's the way it turned out.

I knew, of course, that I was too heavy, and over the years I had tried a lot of different diets. Some of them had been successful—for a while. The one thing I had never done, however, was face the simple fact that for whatever reason, psychological or otherwise, I ate too much.

One evening I confided to a close friend something I assumed she'd keep secret. "I'm going on another diet," I said. "Pray for me."

A week went by, and I wasn't doing badly at all. In fact I was feeling rather proud of myself when I ran into another friend who said, "How's the diet going? I've been praying for you all week."

I was startled that she knew about my "secret." "You are praying for me?" "Yes," she said, nodding, "every morning and evening I pray that you'll take authority over the sin of gluttony."

Me, a glutton? I had never thought of myself that way. Yet even Webster describes a glutton clearly, unmistakably, as "one who eats to excess." Once I'd got over the shock of this realization, I began to think of "the sin of gluttony" and realized that this was one vice that Christians participate in openly (even at church suppers!).

From that time on I made my diet a serious spiritual adventure. I set up a formal prayer regimen, with a prayer partner backing me up. Gradually I found that I was experiencing a real freedom: I was not driven to eat large amounts, and yet my hunger seemed satisfied. From the first of July through the first of October I lost 30 pounds, and then I stayed on a plateau for a while before launching out for another 19. My prayer diet worked for me. Perhaps this formula will help you:

1) Admit you have a problem.
2) Admit you eat too much.
3) Ask the Lord to help you. You know that whatever your problem, He can help you with it, so why not your weight problem? Set up a prayer schedule and don't hesitate to ask the Lord something specific like: "Lord, You know the problem I have with overeating. I need Your help." Ask yourself if Jesus would approve of eating more than one grilled cheese-and-bacon sandwich. Remember, He was a person of moderation.
4) Ask a friend to pray for you. A compassionate friend who will lift you up to the Lord twice a day can be a big help, especially if you can call for extra prayer when you feel really tempted. My prayer friend has the curious knack of calling me on the phone just when I'm thinking about a milk shake.

Rebecca M. Clark
Hubbard, Ohio

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From The Editor

Gospel Music Association
Has Its Own Flag

NASHVILLE...Steve Manning of Portsmouth, Virginia, presented a flag he designed and made to John T. Benson, III, President of the Gospel Music Association and Don Butler, Executive Director of the GMA. The presentation was made during the recent Gospel Music Week held in Nashville.
Another Annual Singing Scheduled For 1979

A large crowd attended the annual Thanksgiving Sing at Hart Co. High School sponsored by The Edmonton Quartet. The Groups that participated were The Inspirational IV, The McCubbins Family and The Edmonton Quartet. A Singing is being scheduled for next year.

Hodgenville Pentecostal Church 3rd Saturday Night Singing

The 3rd Saturday night monthly singing will be held at The Hodgenville Pentecostal Church in Hodgenville, Ky. January 20 at 7:30 E.S.T. The Singing Barrett Family of Hamilton, Ohio and The McCubbins Family of Munfordville, Ky. will be the guest singers. Rev. Chester Trent, the Pastor, cordially invites everyone to attend and bring someone.

The monthly singings began in Oct. with good crowds being present for each Singing. Haskell McCubbins of The McCubbins Family along with the Pastor, Rev. Trent are planning on having The Church filled to capacity by spring. The church is located on Highway 210 near Hodgenville and will seat approximately 600. Make plans now to attend a monthly Sing at the Hodgenville Pentecostal Church. One of your favorite groups will be there soon.

Santa Day A Success

A large crowd attended the Annual Santa Day events which was held in Horse Cave, Ky. on November 25. A parade began at 10:00 a.m. The merchants gave away $1000 in Scrip Money. In the afternoon Three Gospel Groups performed at the Horse Cave Theatre. The Cavelanders of Horse Cave, Ky., The McCubbins Family of Munfordville, Ky. and The Joyway Singers of Glasgow, Ky.

Gospel Reaching Out would like to thank The Chamber of Commerce for supporting Gospel Music. The Waddle twins also sang two songs.

Annette McCubbins

Watch Night Service

There will be a watch service at Grace Union Baptist Church in Metcalfe Co. The featured groups will be the "Notesman" from Elizabethtown, "The Gospel Three", The Hoyk Family and the "Spirituals.” Everyone welcome.

Thank you
Elma Lair

Recipe

PARTY SALAD
1 pk. lemon jello
2 cups of pineapple chunks
1 8 oz. pk Philadelphia cheese
1 cup whipped cream
1 cup boiling water
1 cup pineapple juice

Desolve lemon jello in boiling water. While still hot, add the cheese beat with egg beater until desolved, then add pineapple marshmelows and whip cream, put in refrigerator until set.

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