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"GOSPEL MUSIC NEWS FROM THE 'HART' OF KENTUCKY"

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## Bill Gaither forms Quartet

It's called "The New Gaither Vocal Band... and it really is something new from Bill Gaither.

It all started when Bill talked to about half million people in the Gaither Trio concerts last year.

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He talked about the quartets he had heard on the radio and in concerts as a boy. And, he told about the quartets he sang in when he was young.

It was then he introduced Gary McSpadden, Lee Young and Steve Green to join him in singing the old quartet standard--"Your First Day in Heaven."

As they did this quartet standard across the land, people stood to their feet and shouted their excited approval of the quartet.

And, it was then that "The New Gaither Vocal Band" was born.

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## Old Camp Meeting Days

Hill Top General Baptist Church, located on Highway 44 (Shepherdsville exit) six miles west of I-65 will have its annual Old Camp Meeting Days on May 22, 23, and 24. Services will start at 7:00 on Friday night, and at 10:00, 2:00 and 6:00 on Saturday and Sunday. All singers and ministers are welcome to come and take part in these services. Bring your campers, tents, buses, or whatever and stay on the church grounds. For more information contact Bro. James Johnson, pastor at 502-957-5929 or Bro. Randy Pace, Assistant Pastor at 502-922-4069.

## Ninth Annual May Singing May 15-16

Don't forget the Ninth Annual May Singing at the Bale Tobacco Warehouse on May 15 & 16. Be sure to bring lawn chairs.

There will be a number of good groups singing and FREE Prizes will be given away - last year a very large crowd attended and we are expecting a large crowd this year.

You are invited to make your plans to attend this big event.

Groups who are scheduled to appear are the Singing Jollys, The Believers Four, Cavelanders, McCubbins Quartet, Bobby Bertram Family, Seminary Quartet, Chordsmen, Cornerstone, Cook Family, Dorsey Family, Ken Johnson Trio, Gospel Travelers, Canaanland Qt., the Byrd Sisters, Sacred Heart, Cook Family, Gloryland Qt., The Waddle Twins, The Joymakers, Lincolnairs, Stewards of the King, and more. Remember bring lawn chairs.

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## Faith Singers Join Gospel Reaching Out

We are glad to have the Faith Singers of Edmonton, Ky. to join us here at Gospel Reaching Out. Welcome to our organization.

## Coming Events for Bethlehem Baptist

On May 3-10 there will be a Revival at the Bethlehem Baptist Church with Rev. Fred Davis, Evangelist. On August the 2nd at 6:30 the well known Rex. Nelon Singers will be there for a Concert.

The Sensational Statesmen will be there the 12th of July.

Rev. Gary Ervin Pastor invites everyone to attend.

## Hart County Singing

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Cedar Cliff Baptist Church on May 2, 1981. The Gospel Travelers of Glasgow, Ky. will be The Guest Singers. Courtney Spradlin is the President. Everyone is invited to attend.

## HELP! HELP!

Did you ever write in your appointment book and couldn't read your own writing? This happened to The Lincolnairs. If anyone has any information about May 17 appointment at 7:30. The Lincolnairs need help. CALL 358-4572.

## Barren County Singing

The Barren Co. Singing Convention will be held at The Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse on May 8th at 7:30 - Featured Groups will be The Believers Four, Canaanland Quartet, Temple Trio, and The Joymakers - Rex Akers is the President. He invites everyone to attend.



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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

My mother has been giving me her old copy's of Reaching Out. I enjoy looking at them even though there aren't many that sing in this area. I do know a few of the singers..I thought by subscribing I might see when some are singing in the Louisville or Bowling Green area then I could plan my visit to friends and relatives around the time some are singing there. Kill two birds with one stone, so to speak.

You (The McCubbins) sang at my uncles church last week-end, and also at my mothers church before. They both enjoyed your singing very much. Hopefully I can hear you in the near future.

Also I have been trying to find a piece of sheet music by the Hinson's. By any chance do you have their address.

Mrs. Staten

Dear Editor:

We really enjoy reading the Go Reaching Out. So it won't run out so soc am renewing it for two years.

Love and Praye

Mr. and Mi  
Finis Hard.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for running the Lighthouse article in the January edition.

Enclosed is a check for \$3.00 for my good 16 year old Christian friend, who loves gospel music.

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Sincerely,  
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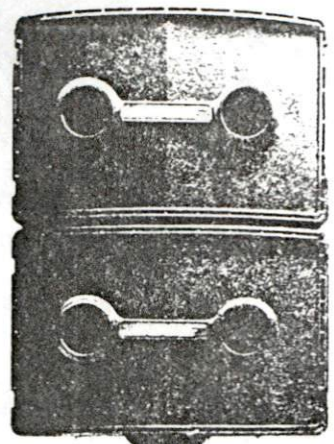
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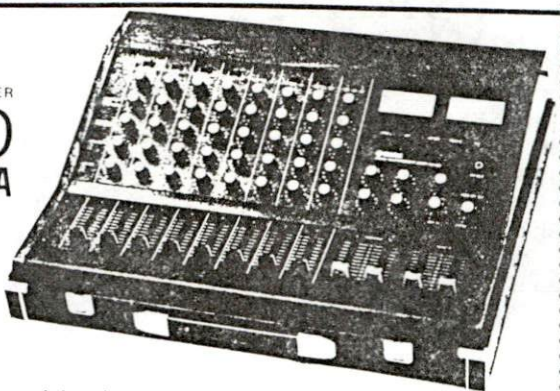


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May 3 - Shawn Baptist - Burton, Mich., 11 a.m.

May 3 - Fruitland Baptist, Flint, Mich., 2 p.m.

May 9 - Wood Rd. Pentecostal - Franklin, Ohio - 7 p.m.

May 10 - Dodd's Pentecostal - Waynesville, Ohio - 10 a.m.

May 10 - Holiness Church - Lebanon, Ohio - 7 p.m.

May 16 - Honeywell Memorial Hall - Wabash, Ind., 7 p.m.

May 23 - Payne Gap Freewill Baptist - Jenkins, Ky. 7 p.m.

May 24 - Missionary Baptist - Millstone, KY 10 a.m.

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May 3 - 1:30 p.m., Muhlenberg Central High School gym, Greenville, Kentucky

May 15 - 8:00 p.m., Russellville High School, Russellville, Ky.

May 16 - 6:00 p.m., Horse Cave Tobacco Warehouse singing, Horse Cave, Ky.

May 17 - 6:00 p.m., Hollis Chapel Church, Portland, Tennessee

May 23 - 7:30 p.m., Barth Vernon Church, Nashville, Tennessee;

May 24 - 12:00, Flat Lick Presbyterian Church Homecoming, Hopkinsville, Kentucky

May 29, 7:00 p.m., Hartford Community Center singing, Hartford, Kentucky

May 31 - 12:00, Crofton Methodist Homecoming, Crofton, Kentucky

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May 2 - Muhlenburg Central High School, Greenville, Ky. (Gospel Music Fest.), 6:00 p.m.

May 3 - Sikeston Baptist Temple, Sikeston, Missouri, 10:00 a.m.

May 9 - Parrish Ave. Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, 7:00 p.m.

May 15 - Roseville Baptist Church, Roseville, Ky. (w/ Cletus Bowman), 7:00 p.m.

May 16 - Indianapolis, Indiana (pending)

May 17 - Lakeview Baptist Church, Dixon, Kentucky, 1:30 p.m.

May 30 - Bardhill Baptist Church, Greenville, Ky. (w/ Cletus Bowman), 7:00 p.m.

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April 24-May 2 - Revival Sparksville Baptist Church near Columbia, Ky. Rev. Mark Moran, Pastor.

May 3 - Scottsville, Ky. Allen Co. Singing Convention. Roberts, Tabernacle. Church of God - Ronnie Williams; President - Allen Co. Singing Convention. 1:30 C.S.T.

May 4-? - Revival Brush Creek Baptist Church Green County. Rev. Ancil Durrett Pastor - Evangelist Rev. Gary Talley.

May 15-16 - 9th Annual May singing, Bale Tobacco Warehouse, Horse Cave, Ky.

May 17 - Joel Ray's Lincoln Jamboree Auditorium, Hodgenville, Ky., 2:30 CST.

May 30 - Custer Methodist Church, Rev. James Jarboe, pastor, 7:00CST.

May 31 - Mt. Washington Bapt. Church, morning worship, near Campbellsville, Ky., Rev. Otis Skaggs, pastor.

May 31 - Life Gate 2:30 EST in Campbellsville, Ky., Rev. Otis Skaggs, pastor.

May 31 - Sulphur Well Methodist Church, 7:00 CST.

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May 2 - Cedar Cliff Hart Co. Singing Convention, 7:30 p.m.

May 3 - Green Co. Singing Convention with Glory Road, 1:30 p.m.

May 8 - Union No. 5 Anniversary singing, 7:30 p.m.

May 9 - River View Free Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. 9 miles out on Barren River Rd. 7:00 p.m.

May 10 - Hutchinson Community Church with preparation 1:30 p.m. near Columbia, Ky.

May 15 - Ninth annual May Gospel Singing at Bale Tobacco Warehouse in Horse Cave, Ky.

May 16 - Tracy Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

May 24 - Hanging Fork 7:00 p.m. South of Glasgow.

May 30 - Pleasant Hill - Allen Cross Rd., Barren Co. 7:00 p.m.

May 31 - Faith Miss Baptist, East 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. with Believers Four, 2:00 p.m.

**GOD'S CHILDREN**

Route 1 - Box 105A - West Point, Ky. 40177  
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April 25 - Old Fashioned General Baptist Church, Hiseville, Ky., 7:30 slow time.

May 3 - Hill Creek Manor Nursing Home, Louisville, Ky., 2:00.

May 8 - Pewee Valley Baptist Tabernacle, Pewee Valley, Ky. 7:00.

May 23 - Old Camp Meeting Days - Hilltop General Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Ky., 6:00.

**THE REDEMPTIONS**

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May 1 - Salisbury, KY Methodist 7:00

May 2 - Logan W. Va. - Monhill F.W.B. 7:00

May 3 - Hemphill, KY F.W.B. 6:00 P.M.

May 9 - Huntington, W. Va. Jefferson St. Church of God - 7:00 P.M.

May 10 - Pikeville, KY 11:00 A.M.

May 16 - Estill, KY, Martin Branch F.W.B. 7:00

May 17 - Grundy Va. Ratliff Chapel 10:00 A.M.

May 23 - Tolsie Highway Singing Fort Gay, W.Va.

May 24 - Tolsie Highway Singing

May 30 - Logan W. Va. - Stalling F.W.B. 7:00 P.M.

May 31 - Warfield, KY First Baptist 10:00 A.M.

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May 3 - Sunday, 2:00 p.m. at Madison Tenn. at the Missionary Baptist Church.

Sunday night, May 3 - East Side Bapt. Ch. at Franklin, Ky.

May 10 - Sunday night 6:00 at 10th St. Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

May 24 - 1:30 p.m. at Roland Memorial near Greenville.

May 30 - Saturday night at the Brownsville Saddle Club.

**THE GOSPEL LIGHT**

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May 9 - First General Baptist, Cave City on Hwy. 31W between Cave City and Park City, 7:30 p.m.

May 17 - MARC Park near Edmonton, 2 p.m.



**THE CANAANLAND QUARTET**

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April 25 - Cave City Gen. Baptist 7:00 P.M. Benefit Singing

May 2 - Barren Co. Singing Assoc. Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse, Glasgow 7:00 P.M. Benefit Singing.

May 3 - Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Hart Co. 11:00 A.M. All Day Service. Owen Logsdon, pastor.

May 8 - Western Warehouse, Glasgow 7:00 P.M. Revival Bro. Richard Staples preaching.

May 15 & 16 - 9th Annual May Singing, Bale Tobacco Warehouse, Horse Cave.

May 24 - Highland Chapel Methodist Church, 7:00 P.M. Burkesville.

May 30 - Old Fashion General Baptist, 7:30 P.M. Metcalfe Co. between Hiseville and Knob Lick.

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May 2 - Bethlehem United Methodist Church, near Tompkinsville, KY 7:00 P.M. Rev. Garry Embry, pastor.

May 3 - Whites Chapel United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, KY Homecoming, Rev. Garry Polston to preach 11:00 a.m. "LUNCH" Concert in the afternoon by the Brotherhood Quartet. Rev. Russell Janes, pastor.

May 3 - Sonora United Methodist Church, Sonora, KY 7:30 p.m. Beryl Fentress, pastor

May 4-9 - Revival, Bearwallow United Methodist, Hwy. 206, near Columbia, KY 7:30 p.m. Brotherhood to sing Sat. nite only. Evangelist Rev. Garry Polston, Rev. Phil Jean, pastor.

May 9 - St. Mark United Methodist, Campbellsville, KY 4:00 p.m. outside concert. Rev. Bill Davenport, pastor.

May 10 - Mt. Leabon United Meth., Green Co. 6:30 p.m. Rev. John Blakey, pastor.

May 11-15 - Revival, Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, near Sparksville, KY 7:00 P.M. Rev. Garry Polston, Evangelist. Rev. Wayne Vangundy, pastor.

May 16 - Mt. Moriah Cumberland Presby. Metcalfe Co., 7:00 P.M.

May 17 - Bethlehem Separate Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY 1:30 P.M.

May 17 - Mt. Washington Baptist, Marion Co., 7:30 P.M., Rev. Otis Skaggs, pastor.

May 23 - Greenwood United Methodist, Bowling Green, KY 6:30 P.M.

May 24 - Smith Grove United Methodist Smith Grove, KY 6:30 P.M.

May 25-31 - Revival, West Side Chapel, Campbellsville, KY 7:30 P.M.

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April 26 - Hanging Fork Baptist Church, Glasgow, Ky., 6:30 p.m.

May 4 to ? - Revival Pink Ridge Baptist Church about 7 miles out of Edmonton, Ky. on Hwy. 68. Faith Singers will be singing the first few nights. Rev. Terry Wilkerson, Evangelist, Rev. Bobby Estes, Pastor. 7:30 p.m.

May 10 - Dover Baptist - Glasgow, Ky. 7:30 p.m.

May 17 - Martinsville Baptist - Smiths Grove, Ky., 7:00 p.m.

May 24 - Macadonia Church, Franklin, Ky. 6:00 p.m.

May 31 - Sulphur Well Methodist Church, Sulphur Well, Ky. fifth Sunday night sing. 7:00 p.m.

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May 3 - Green County Singing Convention 1:30 p.m. CDST (place TBA)

May 10 - Pitman Valley Baptist Church Campbellsville, Ky. 6:00 p.m. CDST.

May 16 - 9th Annual Gospel Reaching Out Sing. Bale Tobacco Warehouse, Horse Cave, Ky.

May 24 - Mt. Union Christian Church albany, Ky. (Homecoming) Singing at 1:00 p.m. CDST.

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May 2 - Flemingsburg, Ky. - Gospel Church of God - Sing.

May 16 - Horse Cave, Ky.

May 24 - Renfro Valley - (Gospel Singing) Arthritis Foundation.

May 30 - Hope Hill Sing, Church of God.

May 31 - Church of God - Gospel Sing 11:00, Chillicothe, Ohio.

May 31 - Manifield Ohio, Gospel Baptist Church - Sing 7:30

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May 3 - Gilliams Park, 12 miles out of some rest, Hwy. 80 East, Stab, Ky. 1:00 p.m.

16th - 9th - Annual May Sing - Bale Tobacco Warehouse.

May 24 - Benefit Sing-a-thon Arthritis Foundation, Renfro Valley, Ky. 2:00 p.m.

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May 2 - Bald Hill, Ky. Community Ch. 7:00 EST.

May 3 - Globe, Ky. Christian Church, 9:30 a.m. EST.

May 3 - Flemingburg, Ky. Christian Ch. 7:00 p.m. EST.

May 9 - Jeffersonville Ohio Community Ch. 7:30 EST.

May 10 - London Ohio Gospel Tabernacle 9:30 EST.

May 10 - Hillsboro Ohio - Freewill Bap. Ch. 7:00 EST.

May 16 - Bale Tobacco Warehouse.

May 17 - Harrodsburg, Ky. 1st Baptist 10:00 a.m.

May 24 - Enon Ohio, Christian Church. 10:00 a.m.

May 31 - Maysville, Ky. Stonelick Baptist - 9:30 a.m.

**HIS WITNESSES**

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May 9 - 1st Church of the Nazarene 7:00 p.m.

May 10 - Clearfield, Pa. 10:00 a.m. Rev. Brian Kerry 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

May 16 - Full Gospel Word of God 7:00 p.m. Hwy. 460 & 599, Jeffersonville, Ky. Bro. Richard Craig.

May 17 - 1st Church of the Nazarene, Harrodsburg, Ky. Bro. Richard Morgan 10:00 a.m.

May 23-24 - HOLIDAY.

May 31 - Winchester Church of the Nazarene, Winn Avenue - Hwy. 15, Winchester, Ky. 9:45 a.m.

**THE CROSSROADS FOUR**

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May 3 - Brushy Fork Bapt, Church, Homecoming 1:30 p.m. Owensboro, Ky.

May 16 - Dry Branch Bapt. Church 7:00 p.m. Danville, Ky.

May 24 - Square Oak Sep. Bapt. Church - Memorial Service 1:30 p.m. Russell Springs, Ky.

May 29 - Russell County Fairgrounds 7:00 p.m. Russell Springs, Ky., with the Chordsmen, Gospel Messengers, and Melodyairs.

May 31 - Evendale Church of God, Morning Worhsip Service and Concert at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Walter Strong, Pastor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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# What's Happening

The Spencer Family from Shiloh Ohio will be in the Mich. area the 1st part of May.

We are glad to have the Faith Singers to join us here at Gospel Reaching Out. Their dates will be in our paper from time to time.

The Faith Singers along with the McCubbins Family will sing at Sulphur Wells on May the 31st at 7:00. Everyone welcome.

The Byrd Sister's will be at Renfro Valley on May 24 for a Benefit Singing for Arthritis Foundation at 2:00 P.M.

God's Children of West Point will be at Hill Top Gen. Baptist on May 23 at 6:00.

The Childress Family of Madisonville, Ky. will be busy in the month of May with a singing in Sikeston Missouri at The Sikeston Baptist Temple at 10:00 A.M. on May 3rd.

The Joymakers have recently become members of the Canadian Gospel Music Association with headquarters in Gormley, Ontario. The Canadian Gospel Music Association will hold its 1981 convention May 1 and 2nd at Hamilton Place, Hamilton, Ontario.

The Joymakers have commitments from four cable television systems to air an acceptable gospel music format one or more hours weekly. The Joymakers feel that cable television is virtually untouched in this area and that this media would afford an excellent opportunity to promote and spread the ministry of gospel music. The Joymakers have the equipment available for production and taping, but in order to provide a variety the services of other gospel groups is needed. This would be at no expense to the groups other than their donated time. For further details contact the Joymakers at the May Singing in Horse Cave, May 15 or call Tony Twyman at 786-1248.

The Gospel Travelers will be at the Ninth Annual Singing Friday night, May 15.

Don't forget to mark your calander for the 9th Annual May Singing on May 15th & 16th at Bale Tobacco Warehouse, be sure to bring lawn chairs. A number of good groups will be singing.

The McCubbins Family will be in a Revival the last of April and the 1st of May at the Sparksville Baptist Church near Columbia with Rev. Mark Moran, Pastor. The McCubbin's will also began a Revival at Brush Creek beginning on May 4th with Rev. Ancil Durrett. the Evangelist will be Rev. Gary Talley.

The Ken Johnson Trio will be singing at Hollis Chapel Church on May 17 at 6:00, the Church is near Portland, Tenn.

The Redemptions from Harold, KY did not run their singing dates for Jan., Feb., Mar. and April because they had planned on being at home for winter vacation, and spending time with their families, but since they sang 20 times, you could hardly say they were on vacation. They are in full swing of things now, and their summer and fall months are all booked up. Thank God for another year and hope many people are saved.

## Top Ten Songs

- 1 HE'S STILL WORKIN' ON ME  
The Hemphills - Heart Warming
- 2 WE SHALL WEAR A CROWN  
Rex Nelon Singers - Canaan
- 3 WE COME TO WORSHIP  
Blackwood Brothers - Voice Box
- 4 EXCUSES  
The Kingsmen - Heartwarming
- 5 COME MORNING  
Rex Nelon Singers - Canaan
- 6 BETTER HURRY UP  
Happy Goodman Family - Canaan
- 7 LEAVIN' ON MY MIND  
Rusty Goodman - Canaan
- 8 SWEET BEULAH LAND  
Rex Nelon Singers - Canaan
- 9 GONE  
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## Interview with Allen Wigginton



This month we are privileged to obtain an interview with their bass singer. ALLEN WIGGINTON is their 20 year old CHRISTIAN brother who lives in Franklin, Indiana. He joined the Milltown, Ky.-based group a few months ago, and is gaining in public popularity with each new concert performance.

ALLEN is single, and quite industrious, having majored in auto mechanics and mathematics in school. (This particular knowledge comes in handy for times when the van needs working on or when the rest of the fellows can't figure out the answer to the square root of 95 - (which ALLEN says is 9.7467943)!!)

He's dedicated, and very sincere about this ministry of spreading the gospel thru singing & preaching the WORD. He and KENNY ROBERTS, the baritone singer, make a demanding 380-mile round trip nearly every week without complaint -- and if you don't think that's dedication, you ought to try it for a while.

And, oh yes, how about his bass singing?? Let me tell you -- HE IS GOOD! His solid, clean tones put a unique bottom on the already unique BROTHERHOOD sound -- what a combination!! I know your little ears are just ticklin' to hear ALLEN, so keep a watch out for when the fellows come to your area. Thank you, ALLEN, for letting us interview you, and keep up the good work!

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Brotherhood Quartet

## The Speers Celebrate 60 Years

Through three generations and 60 years, The Speers have been singing gospel music. While Mom and Dad Speer are reaping their rewards in Heaven today, The Speers still are doing what Dad Speer hoped they would be doing when he began his family in 1920.

The Speers, known throughout the country as "The First Family of Gospel Music," are far from calling it quits as a traveling group. In fact, the four children of Mom and Dad Speer are back singing together after a separation of almost three decades.

"We have no plans of retiring," said Brock, the leader of the group. "As a matter of fact we're taking Rosa Nell and Mary Tom back on the road with us and on our latest album -- our 60th Anniversary Celebration -- they do a couple of the old singing convention-type songs."

"I guess I sang my first song with Mom and Dad Speer in about 1932 when I was four or five years old.

"Dad Speer formed the group in about 1921. The first Speers had Mom and Dad Speer and my aunt and uncle Logan. The last member of that group -- my uncle Logan Claborn -- died about two months ago down in Jasper, Ala.

"And, about 1925, me and Rosa Nell started singing a few songs on each program.

"Each of us kids, ever since we were born, have been a part of The Speers. As soon as each of us got big enough to sing, Dad Speer made sure we were incorporated somewhere in the group. There were the four of us. Of course, I was the oldest; then came Rosa Nell, Mary Tom and then Ben," Brock said.

As the children grew, Dad trained them himself. "Yes, Dad Speer made sure each of us could read notes and sing parts. The first time I sang with Mom and Dad Speer, I sang alto, and Rosa Nell sang Soprano, and literally, Daddy sang bass and Momma sang tenor.

"This was in the late 20's and early 30's around our home in Winston County, Alabama. Actually, we lived in Double Springs.

"We didn't do much church work back then. The churches wouldn't accept us. They said our style of gospel was too jazzy and was show music...the kind you pat your foot to...and they didn't want anything back then that you could pat your foot to. Can you realize someone not wanting Dad Speer singing in their church, as saintly as he was," Brock says with a smile.

### Grace Union Singing

The regular monthly singing will be held at the Grace Union Baptist Church Saturday night, May 2nd. Everyone is invited.

### Elmo Flagg Dies at 61

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Fagg, originator of the Blue Ridge Quartet, died Feb. 3, 1981 at the age of 61.

His professional career as a gospel singer began with a quartet he organized in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1937. He was a native of Alcoa, Tenn. He organized the Blue Ridge Quartet at Raleigh, N.C. in 1946 and moved its home base to Spartanburg S.C. in 1948.

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