The Strode Family began singing as young children. Three of them, Frank, Wayne and Eva, are children of Rev. Emit Strode. Rev. Strode has been a minister for thirty-three years. His children began singing at home and at church. Frank's wife, Nelda, also is the daughter of a Baptist minister, the late Floyd Eaton. Nelda's family is very musical. She is the pianist and Frank sings baritone. Wayne is the lead singer. Eva sings alto. Eva's husband, Joe Spear sings bass. They began singing as a group in March, 1981. They enjoy trying to serve God through singing his praises, and would appreciate being remembered in prayer by all Christians.

The Singing Strode Family are from Lamb, Ky.

Hart Co. Singing

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Uno, Kentucky on March 6, 1982 beginning at 7:00 p.m. CST. The Singing Strode Family from Lamb, Kentucky will be the guest singers. There will also be some local groups there. Courtney Spradlin is the President and he invites everyone to attend.

Grace Union Singing

The regular monthly singing of the Grace Union Baptist Church will be held there on March 6th at 7:00 C.S.T. The McCubbins Family will be the guest singers. Everyone is invited to attend. Sherman Hurt is the president of the singing.

Annual Subscription Rates Will Go Up April 1st

The Annual Subscription rate to Gospel Reaching Out will raise from $3.00 to $5.00 a year beginning the first of April. We urge all of our members to check your labels to see if your paper has EXPIRED. If your paper has EXPIRED written on the March issue, then that issue will be your last one unless renewed. Due to the high cost of printing and mailing, we must raise our rates.

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Let us hear from you today.

Tenth Annual Sing May 14th and 15th

The Hart County Gospel Music Association will be celebrating its tenth year with a big Gospel Sing on Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th. This big event will be held at the Balle Tobacco Warehouse in Horse Cave, Kentucky.

This is an invitation for all groups to attend and participate in this annual event. There will be no formal invitations sent. If you plan to attend, please notify us here at Gospel Reaching Out.

Last year a very large crowd attended and there were a lot of fine gospel groups that took part in gospel singing. Door prizes will be given away. Make your plans now to attend this tenth annual singing on May 14th and 15th.

Please remember to bring lawn chairs.
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If we can "come down" from our cloud, we'd like to report on our first anniversary singing.

The word success has taken on a whole new meaning to the members of "New Delegation". We actually saw with our own eyes a great success. If you weren't there, you missed one of the greatest gospel times of your life. It has literally set us on a spiritual high. And if you were there, Feb. 6th at Christ Assembly Church, you were one of the 1,100 people plus. What a time we had with fine groups, all of different style. Such a variety. Every person was blessed by the Joymakers from Greensburg, Ky., the Lincolnaires from Hodgenville, Ky., the Sounds of Joy from Crestwood, Ky., the Cornerstones of Louisville, Ky., and the New Delegation celebrating one year of singing and what a celebration. Mr. Jody Wheeler emceed the sing and professionally so. He even played piano here and there for the Joymakers!
The Pastor, Bro. Goety is to be thanked for freely opening his doors to us all for the greatest singing we've experienced in a long time.

Francis Goety ran our great sound system and greatly so. The groups performing, the songs chosen, the congregation all pulling together for one cause to lift up the name of Jesus was so great.

We are already looking forward to our 2nd annual anniversary sing, February, '83!! Thank you for advertising in your paper and thanks to all reading this article who attended the singing. Knowing our efforts would be in vain if it weren't for you, the audience, for us to sing to. The Lord has indeed blessed us and we give him all the glory. Because of him, we are. He is good.

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- March 20 - Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Junction City, Ky., c/o Leroy Relford, 6:00 p.m.
- March 21 - Cedar Springs Baptist Church, Russell Springs, Ky., c/o Doyle Rexroat, 6:00 p.m.
- March 28 - New Hope Separate Baptist Church, Hwy. 206, Columbia, Ky., Rev. Willard Wilson, Pastor, 1:30 p.m.
- April 3 - Big Spring Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy. 234, Scottsville, Ky., 7:00 p.m.

**THE FAITH SINGERS**  
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- February 28 - Old Brick Baptist Church, Fountain Run, Ky., 6:00 p.m.
- March 6 - Old Fashion General Baptist Church, Knob Lick, Ky., 7:30 p.m.
- March 14 - Bethney Baptist Church, Green County, morning service, 11:00 a.m.
- March 27 - Antioch Baptist Church, Barren Co. out on Roseville Road, 6:00 p.m.

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- March 13 and 14 - Pentecostal Holiness Church, Hustonville, Ky., 7:30 p.m.
- Pastor: Bro. Arthur Selch, Evangelist: Sister Anna Byrd
- March 21, 22 and 23 - Miracle Temple In Jesus Name, Waynesburg, Ky., 7:30 p.m.
- Pastor: Bro. A.F. Atwood, Evangelist: Sister Anna Byrd
- March 26 - Fellowship Holiness Church, Nicholasville, Ky., 7:30 p.m.
- Pastor: Bro. Russell Puckett
- March 27 - Old Fashion Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia and Todd Road, Somerset, Ky., 7:00 p.m.
- Pastor: Bro. Lonzo Mitchell

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- March 6th - Grace Union Baptist Church.
- Regular monthly singing. Herman S. Mullins, pastor.
- March 7 - New Salem Baptist Church, Donansburg, Ky. Morning Worship, 10:30 C.S.T.
- March 19-21 - Revival (Tentative) Liberty Baptist Church, Green Co., Jerry Judd, pastor.
- March 27-29 - Pee Wee Valley Baptist Church (in Pee Wee Valley near Louisville, Ky.), 7:00 P.M. E.S.T.
- March 28 - Upton Baptist Church, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. E.S.T., Upton, Ky.

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News From The Faith Singers

We are looking forward to this new year 1982. Praying that God will continue to anoint us with his great love and spirit, that we might be more able to serve him and be a better witness to those that are lost and those in need. With all our faith in our Lord, we believe that he will open doors to a much fuller and deeper direction in our singing ministry. And, oh yes, we’re so thankful that already we’ve had a little part in his wonderful and rewarding work. Our hearts desire is to keep on working for Jesus, for time and opportunity is swiftly passing. We would like to take this means of introducing our newest member. He’s Michael “Big Mike” Perkins. He, and his wife, Judy and daughter, Jennifer, live in Metcalfe Co. “Big Mike” is a member and deacon of Pink Ridge Baptist Church, and takes much pride in the Lord’s work. He will be playing steel guitar for the groups. But his talents just don’t stop there. He also plays bass guitar and is a fine singer, too. We feel honored to have such a fine and sincere Christian man to join our group. So from Kenny, Carol, Arnold, Louella, and Ronnie, we love and welcome you “Big Mike”.

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If it is possible, we would like to express our Thank You's to the folks who receive the magazine. Some of the singing groups published were probably at the benefit sing given for Billy. Several groups attended. It was held at Hisive School.

We have tried to say Thank You to so many people and if you would print a little something several surrounding counties could read it and know we are truly grateful for all the prayers and concern for Billy.

We left from St. Jude Childrens Hospital Tuesday 26. Our family has to return on Tuesday 2-82. “Thank You.”

Sincerely,
Jerry Lee Ballard and family
Rt. 1, Cave City, Ky.

We really enjoy “The Gospel Reaching Out”, but you know last year, we didn’t receive them early enough to go to some of the singings. I don’t know why. Of course, you can’t help it. This mail is something else, isn’t it? Anyway, we want the G.R.O.

Thanks,
The Shelleys

Dear Gospel Reaching Out,

I had the very good fortune of meeting and hearing the Bobby Bertram family of Windy, Kentucky, while visiting relatives in that area over the holidays. Bobby took me to their Singing Barn, now nearing completion by him and his brother, Billy. I applaud these young men for their efforts in furthering gospel music and wish them every success. These boys have devoted unselfishly of their time and money to create something the entire community can be proud of. They deserve the support of gospel music lovers everywhere.

I am enclosing my check for a subscription of your magazine so I can better follow the exploits of the Bertram family as I’m sure some big things are in store for them in the years to come.

Sincerely,

James Stroud
928 Imperial
Denton, Texas 76201

On March 7, 1982 the Green County Singing Convention will meet at Liberty Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. For all those who live near that church area, call Walter Wright, Greensburg, Ky. for more information.

Further information on singers for that gathering is incomplete at this time, but as soon as we’re contacted by Mr. Walter Wright, Greensburg, Ky., we’ll inform you. So many people are calling me and asking about whereabouts of these events. I have enjoyed your paper.

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