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## Fund Raising at South Summersville Baptist Church

Folks began gathering early. The Conquerors from Greensburg began singing about 4:30.

Meanwhile in the basement food was being prepared for the large crowd already filling up the new auditorium, not yet completely finished.

And what a meal it was. Turkey and ham in abundance complete with all the trimmings. Desserts, pies, cakes, need I say more.

After the meal, the singing continued. Other groups performing were the Durrett Family and the McCubbins Family.

The Spirit of the Lord blessed in a mighty way throughout the entire service.

Total amount raised was \$1602.00.

South Summersville Baptist Church began their ministry in early January in a shoe store building.

From the small beginning the church has grown into an active full time work.

### God Gave the Increase

So many people were involved it would be impossible to mention everyone's name.

Loving God and each other, working together for a common goal.

That goal is to build a place of worship where people can worship in Spirit and in truth, a ministry of reaching the lost world.

Several people have been saved bringing the membership to some over 75.

The Lord is doing a great work at South Summersville Baptist Church.

A large auditorium with full basement is built adjacent to the shoe store.

All of this is being bricked making one unit complete with Sunday School rooms, fellowship hall, carpet, new pews, and a baptistry.

Look for great things to keep happening at South Summersville Baptist Church.

Almost all the labor was performed by the members and interested people in the community at no cost.

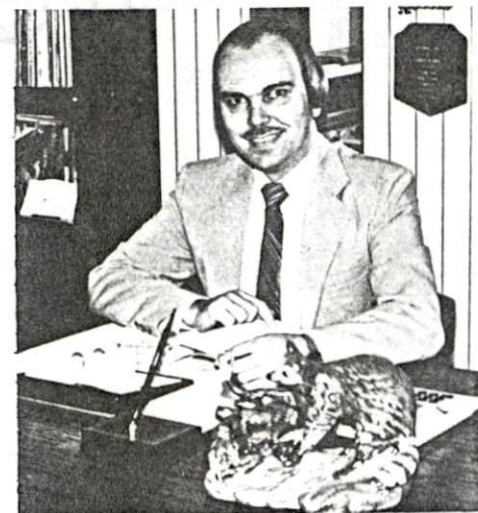
At today's prices, materials can amount to a large amount of money.

For those wishing to contribute, make checks payable to South Summersville Baptist Church. Send cash, check or money order in any amount to: Gordon Price, Church Treasurer, Route 3, Box 142, Greensburg, KY 42743.

The pastor, Bro. Jerry Noe, and the members extend to you a warm welcome to come worship with them.

## Larry Cooksey's house burns

On Thursday, December 1st, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cooksey burned to the ground leaving only the clothes on their backs. Last year about this same time the home of Larry's mom and dad burned. Larry sings with the Edmonton Quartet. At the time of the fire everyone was gone. Larry was loading tobacco at his dad's and Betty, Larry's wife, was working at a local grocery. When they arrived at the house, the roof was falling in. On the way to the fire, Larry had a car accident. Fortunately no one was hurt.



### Jay-Cross Records adds new label

Gordon Meador of Jay-Cross Records has announced the addition of a new label. It will be EGM Records, which is Exciting Gospel Music, and he feels that is what this is. The Jay-Cross label will remain very much alive and groups will still be recording on this label, too. Gordon explains, our business has expanded and we feel the need for this new label. The first 2 groups to record on the EGM Label are NEW DELEGATION and WORSHIP. Both groups are from Louisville, Kentucky.

### Hovie is O.K.

Last month we reported to you that Hovie Lister had suffered a heart attack but apparently he has not according to another source of information. We are glad to make this correction. And we are also glad that Rev. Hovie Lister is doing fine. Be watching for the Masters V in your area.

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## New Releases for EGM Records

New Delegation from Louisville, Kentucky, was the 1st group to record on the new EGM Label. This is their 2nd album and both were produced by Gordon Meador at Hilltop Studeio in Nashville, Tennessee. The new album is entitled IN FLIGHT and was recorded while the group was in Nashville for The National Quartet Convention. John Nicholson and Kevin McManus did their usual fine job of engineering and top Nashville Musicians, along with Anthony Burger of The Kingsmen, were chosen for the session.

Worship, also from Louisville, Kentucky, and headed by Pat Church recorded their 2nd album in November. This was their first time to record in Nashville and Hilltop Studio which is one of the leading studios in Nashville, was chosen for the session. Gordon Meador, producer, John Nicholson, engineer, and a staff of excellent Nashville Musicians worked hard to create a top-quality album for this group. The album was released in December on the EGM Label and is destined to be a favorite of many.

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# What's Happening

The Friendship Baptist Church No. 2 in Larue County will be having monthly singings featuring different groups. The McCubbins Family and The Gospel Carriers were the guest singers at the November 27 singing. Be watching Gospel Reaching Out for more information about these singings. The Rex Nelon Singers will be the Special Guests on February 5, 1984, Sunday afternoon. Dick Milby is the promoter. Rev. Ron Lewis is the pastor.

Recently the Rex Nelon Singers and Wendy Bagwell and the Sunliters appeared on the show "Nashville Now" with Ralph Emery. The Rex Nelon Singers sang "Jesus is Your Ticket" and "Gonna Walk Right of This Valley".

Sonny Simmons has set the date for the Charleston, W.V., sing on December 31st at the Civic Center Colosseum, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and last until 1:00 a.m. Featured groups will be The Kingsmen, Kingsboys, Rex Nelon Singers, Inspirations, and the Hinsons.

Top songs are: No. 1 - "It's Out of This World" by the Paynes; No. 2 - "Two Winning Hands" by the Hinsons; No. 3 - "I'm Not Perfect" by the Hemphills.

The Dixie Melody Boys are in the process of recording a new album. Be

watching for it soon.

The fifteenth annual Dove Awards and the nightly spectaculars associated with Gospel Music Week will be held March 4-7. The awards will be televised this year. An announcement on this will be issued later.

The Masters V have filled 250 dates this year and traveled 100,000 miles and sung in 37 states. Hovie says they will take off some time for the holidays.

The Blackwood Brothers of Memphis, TN, have a female singer. Ken Turner's daughter, Kenna Turner, will be singing with them as their soprano and will also be featured.

Bill Dykes is vice president of Artist Records and has been in gospel music for more than sixteen years. He has been with groups like the Cathedrals, The Goffs, and more. He is responsible for marketing and business development of Artist's Discovery labels.

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January 28 - Hill Top General Baptist church, Shepherdsville, KY, 7:00 EST.

January 29 - Hopewell Baptist Church, near Harrodsburg, KY.

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January 14, 1984 - Benefit singing for Larry Cooksey and Family at Grace Union Baptist Church, Metcalfe County, 7:00 CST.

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January 15 - Oak Grove Church of God, Columbia, KY. 6:30 p.m.

January 21 - Life Gate Baptist Church, Campbellsville, KY. 7:00 p.m. Rev. Otis Skaggs, pastor.

January 22 - Royville Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY. 6:30 p.m.

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February 5 - Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Liberty, KY. 6:00 p.m.

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7th: Recording Session at Alpha Studio's in E-town, KY.

8th: Assembly of God, Danville, KY, at 6:00 p.m.

10th: Briarwood Building, (private concert), 6:00 p.m.

15th: 1st Church of Nazarene, Winchester, KY, at 6 p.m.

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## From the President

Happy New Year!!

Out with the old, in with the new. How about those New Year's resolutions you made? Have you broken any yet? 1984 will bring as many opportunities. Hopefully, when it is over we can look back without regrets.

"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

These words of Paul found in Philipians 3:13-14 remind us that we must go forward.

There is no turning back.

Through righteousness is God's gift, Christians are not relieved of serious effort. The ending of 1983 and the beginning of 1984 is a time to begin fresh.

It is a chance to renew our vows to the Lord and become more dedicated to His work.

We must spend time in prayer, reading His letter to us in the Bible and sharing Him with others.

As singers, preachers, deacons, Sunday school teachers, yes! Every saved person has that same responsibility to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

"...Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

These are the words of Jesus - Acts 1:8.

The time is now.

Jesus is coming soon.

May God bless, as we work together for Him.

Yours in His Service,  
Haskell McCubbins, President

## Dickson - Page wedding planned

Cheryl Dickson of The Canaanland Singers of Glasgow, KY, alto and pianist for the group will be married February 4th, 1984, to Mr. Ricky Page of Bowling Green, KY. Ricky sings with the Melody Aires of Columbia, KY. Congratulations Cheryl and Ricky.

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Thank God for the  
OPPORTUNITY to read the Bible!

When you receive a letter from a dear friend or family member, do you debate whether or not to read it? If you are like me and don't receive letters very often, you probably can't wait to open the envelope and read the letter word for word, usually, more than once. The Bible is God's letter to us. We have the opportunity to read His words to us through prayer and asking God to reveal it to us and we can understand it if we try. Let's make 1984 a year to read God's letter to us, more than ever before.

Lucindy McCubbins



### Rumor has it!

Kirk Talley has left the Cathedral Quartet to form a trio with his brother and his brother's wife. Danny Thunderburk, with the Singing Americans, will be the new tenor for the Cathedrals and rumor has it that Johnny Parrack, formerly with the Kingsmen, will fill the tenor slot with the Singing Americans. This will all take place around the first of 1984.

## New Resolutions for 1984

by Annette McCubbins

How many resolutions have you made for the New Year? We all have made some no doubt and the important thing is whether we carry them out or not. We do have the promise of a dynamic life - Deuteronomy 30:19, 20 - "I have set before you life and death...therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live...love the Lord thy God...obey his voice, and...cleave unto him: for he is thy life and the length of thy days." - And there is hope for 1984. In II Chronicles 7:14, it says "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 sin, and will heal their land." If we obey these verses we won't have to be concerned about anything else.



It is better to be faithful than famous.

## Anchormen record with Jay-Cross

The Anchormen have finally recorded that long awaited album that has been planned for almost a year. The album was originally scheduled for the 1st part of 1983 and had to be postponed due to one member of the group having back surgery, then it was rescheduled for later date and another member had a heart attack, but we've got it all together now and it was recorded at Hilltop Studio, produced by Gordon Meador in November and released on the Jay-Cross label in December. Good luck to the Anchormen with your new album.

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# The Story about Darwin Hawkins and his record collection

(continued from December issue)

At this point you may be wondering what kind of equipment I use for playing my albums. For years I used a Magnavox console stereo set. After I wore that set out, I purchased a Panasonic stereo system a few years ago, which is giving me good service, and many hundreds of hours of pleasurable listening.

Many people question me as to where I get all my good albums, and they tell me they can't seem to find the albums I own. I tell them it takes a lot of effort, and they will not find good gospel albums in the department stores. I buy a large number of my albums from the gospel groups at concerts. And then too, I have gospel groups from Canada to Florida, and from New York to California mail me their albums whenever they release a new album. Occasionally I buy albums at Christian book stores. I also deal with other album collectors and record dealers in the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, and Texas, and get many hundreds of albums through the mail from them. So you see, record collectors, there are a number of different ways of collecting albums, if you are really serious about building up a fine record collection.

I have met some of the gospel DJ's of christian radio stations here in eastern Pennsylvania, and they tell me I own a better and bigger collection of albums, than they have at the radio stations. Several people have told me that I should be a gospel DJ. I tell them I sure would like to be one, and would have plenty of good gospel music to play for the folks to listen to.

People ask me if my wife is just as enthusiastic about gospel music as I am. I have to honestly answer, not really. She enjoys gospel music, but is much more critical about the groups than I am. I guess we both feel that gospel music was more enjoyable to listen to 10 years ago, than it is today.

One thing that really bothers us, is to attend a gospel concert, and then have our ears nearly blown shut by the loud sound. I complain to the promoters, and these loud sounding groups, and they both tell me that is the way the people like it. I know better, and I do not buy this, but if we want to see these groups, we have to put up with this. We can enjoy some groups twice as much on records, than we can in concerts, due to their loud sound. I personally feel that this uncalled for blaring sound is doing more to hurt gospel concerts than anything else. I can see why the attendance at many gospel concerts is dropping, because of this fact. I know many people in our area, that have quit attending gospel concerts because of the loud sound, and this is unfortunate. So please, gospel groups, give our ears a break, and we will enjoy you so much more at concerts. Also some of the songs that some groups sing these days, sure do not have much, if any, gospel in them. I for one, am unable to understand how they expect people to be blessed by some of the songs they are singing. Don't misunderstand me, there are many good gospel song writers today, and they are writing some beautiful songs. God bless them. However, on the other side of the coin, some of the "so called" gospel songs being written and sung today, must be an abomination to the Lord. So please, gospel groups, let's clean up our act, and get back to singing songs that will bless people instead of turning them off on gospel music.

I am often asked what my favorite gospel song is, and which is my favorite album. There are several hundred gospel songs that I really like, and it would be impossible for me to pick a favorite. I like the old hymns of the church, and many of the new gospel songs. How could I possibly pick a favorite album out of 9000 of them? I

possibly have 200 or more live albums in my collection, and most of my live albums are my favorites. I think my best live album is the one of the Gold City Quartet, which was one of this group's recent releases. I also have some albums that were produced in red, blue, green and marble wax. These albums are unusual, and also are some of my favorites. Many people have never seen this kind of an album.

Another question asked me that can really boggle your mind is "How many songs are on all your albums?" If you figure 12 songs per album, that would amount to 10,800 songs. I have some albums that have 24 or more songs per album, and others have as few as 7 or less. So I am certain I could listen to at least 11,000 or more songs to hear them all.

People tell me I must have spent a small fortune in building up my album collection. I suppose I have. At \$5.00 per album my collection would cost \$45,000. The past few years I have been buying old collectors albums, and paying \$25.00 to \$45.00 each for them. Then also I do frequently receive albums as gifts. So I honestly have no idea how much I have spent on this collection. I feel that by buying gospel albums I am helping to support the many gospel groups in their ministry of song, and in return my wife and I get blessed from listening to all this good gospel music. We own a parakeet as a pet, and he must get blessed also, the way he chirps when I play gospel albums.

I have had a number of gospel groups tell me that they wish everyone would buy albums from them, the way I do. I reckon so.

I do have quite a few 45 RPM records, and a small amount of 78 RPM records, but I am interested most in LP albums. I also have hundreds of cassette tapes, but have not got into buying 8 track tapes.

(to be continued in February)

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## News from The Blackwood Quartet

The Blackwood Quartet is a living legend with one continuous success after another. The Blackwood family possesses a name that stands for excellence in Gospel Music. The Blackwoods have won more Grammy Awards than any other recording ar-

tists in any field of music - Gospel, Pop, Country, or Jazz. They have been nominated each of the 26 years in the history of the Grammy Awards for that most prestigious honor. And they are repeatedly one of the most requested

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## 12th Annual May Singing

The 12th annual May Singing will be held at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City, Ky., on May 25 and 26.

For the past 11 years, the singing has been held in a warehouse in Horse Cave, Ky., but due to the uncertainty of the weather and the large amount of work that goes into cleaning and getting everything ready we decided it would be of the best interest to everyone to have the annual event at the Convention Center.

We are all looking forward to this singing and we will be expecting to see you. A good number of gospel groups will be singing and a large crowd is also expected. Make plans now to attend.

## Grace Union Singing

The regular monthly singing will be held at the Grace Union Baptist Church on February 4. The church is in Metcalfe County, Ky. Sherman Hurt, President, invites everyone to attend.

## Hart County Singing Convention

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Monroe Baptist Church on February 4, 1984, 7:30 p.m. The church is in Monroe, Ky.

God's Ambassadors of Cave City, Ky., will be the special guests. There will also be some local groups participating. Darris Waters, President, invites everyone to attend.

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Glen Payne, lead singer for the Cathedral Quartet and his wife, Van, have been married for 25 years. Recently they renewed their wedding vows at The Cathedral of Tomorrow in Akron, Ohio. Glen and Van have three children - Todd, Carla and Darla. Glen has been with the Cathedral Quartet for several years.

Tommy Fairchild, formerly with the Blackwood Bros., has now joined the Blackwood Quartet.

The Rex Nelon Singers will be at the Friendship No. 2 Baptist Church in Larue County on February 5, Sunday afternoon. The church is located near New Haven, KY.

You probably know about it, but

REX NELON SINGERS will be at Bethlehem at Greensburg on Sunday night, February 5th, along with THE JOYMAKERS. 6:30 C.S.T.

The number 1 song across the country in January was "It's Out of This World" by the Payne Family. The number 2 song is "Saints Will Rise" by the Kingsmen.

The Singing Speer Family have signed a recording contract with Riversong in Nashville, Tenn. Bill Traylor, President of Riversong, says that there is a new album planned for the first part of 1984. The Singing Speers have been in gospel music for 63 years, and have recorded 60 albums.

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# News from The Blackwood Quartet

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Christian artists on the PTL Club TV Show.

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The Blackwood Quartet has always been known for their world famous Bass singer, London Parris. Audiences thrill to the sounds of London's rich, pure Bass and understand why his peers refer to him as "Mr. Bass".

Ron Blackwood is the dynamic spokesman, Baritone and Business Manager for the Blackwood Quartet. Ron's testimony thrills audiences and touches their hearts as he relates his experiences as Personal Manager or business associate of such stars as Hank Williams, Jr., Dolly Parton, Elvis, Moe Bandy, Jerry Wallace, Jerry Lee Lewis, Tommy Overstreet, Vern Gosdin, Willie Nelson, and many other personalities. Ron Blackwood is a genuine spark plug for Christ.

Rick Fair, Lead singer possesses one of the finest lead voices in all of Christian Music. His talent and range are

awesome. God has richly blessed Rick with a Golden Voice.

Bob Oliver is the latest addition to the group and sings first Tenor. A wonderfully talented performer, Bob comes to the Blackwood Quartet from the world reknowned Gold City Quartet.

Tommy Fairchild lends his artistic keyboard arrangements to complete the superb sound that makes The Blackwood Quartet one of the most popular groups in their field today, also Tommy played for the Oak Ridge Boys and The Blackwood Bros.

And the legend goes on...

## New tenor for Cathedrals

Danny Funderbuck, formerly of the Singing Americans, will be replacing Kirk Talley with the Cathedrals. Danny began his new job on January 1. The Cathedrals' schedule is packed with concerts all across the country. Kirk Talley has formed his own group with his brother and sister-in-law. Their base is in Morristown, Tenn.

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## 5th Annual Music Song Festival

The 5th Annual Music City Song Festival Gospel Competition begins in January and runs through May 15, 1984.

"The highest form of music is praise to the God who gave the talent," says Charlotte Battles, this year's Grand Prize winner who is the mother of three and wife of an Arkansas minister. Charlotte won \$2,000 for her gospel lyric entry.

The festival which is open to professional and amateur songwriters and lyricists and to amateur vocalists and vocal groups, held its first competition in 1979. Since that time MCSF has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, prizes, publishing agreements and recording contracts.

The Music City Song Festival has grown from being strictly amateur into an all encompassing musical competition which has the endorsement of professional music industry groups such as The Country Music Association, SESAC, and The Federation of International Country Air Personalities.

The MCSF has the distinction of having a number of prize winning songs and lyrics which have been recorded and released nationally and worldwide.

David Meece, a well known gospel recording artist for Murrh Records, won the Grand Prize for his Gospel entry in the Professional Songwriting division in the Second Annual MCSF.

Entry fees range from \$16.00 up for multiple categories. Prospective winners will be able to submit a cassette tape of their performance or song of praise and be assured that their music will be judged at least three times by impartial and competent music professionals. For aspiring writers and choir directors, the MCSF even offers the opportunity to present your music for a constructive critique.

Here is a chance for local gospel groups and singers to have their music and their voices heard by a wide range of professionals. And you may find you've written a gospel song everyone will enjoy singing as praise to the Lord. In the MCSF, there are often contestants and songs which are recorded and published, but which never receive prizes. This is truly a festival for everyone everywhere.

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### Gospel Singing at Gallatin

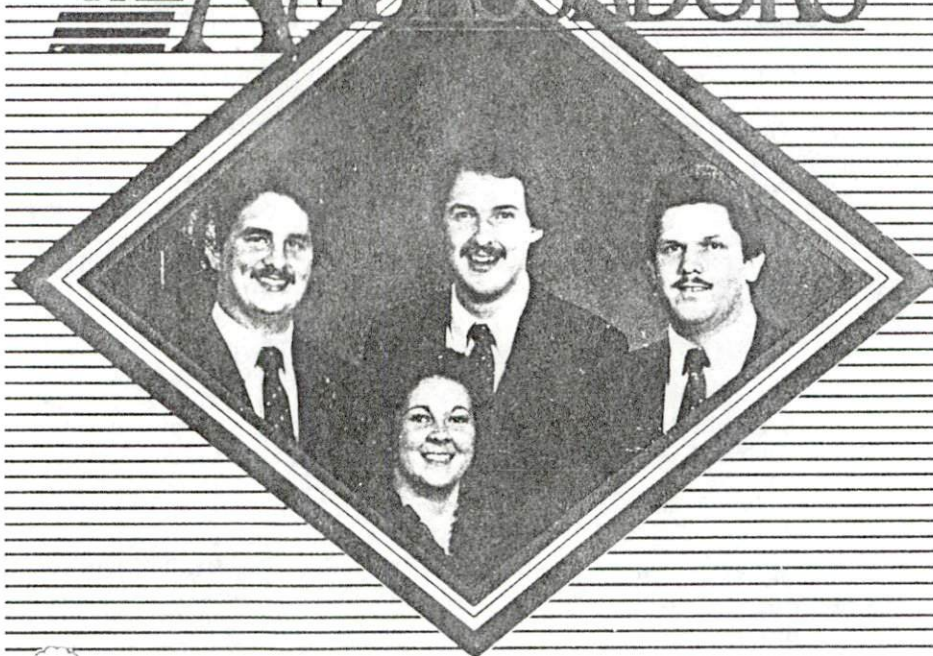
There will be a Gospel Singing at the old high school in Gallatin, Tennessee, on Sunday afternoon, February 19th, beginning at 1:30 p.m. There will not be any charge for admission, however, a free-will offering will be received to help with the expenses. The groups that will be singing include: THE BEACONS, THE NEW SUNSHINE BOYS, and many others. Everyone is invited to attend.

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# The Story about Darwin Hawkins and his record collection

(continued from January issue)

A few years back, I got the weird idea to type up all the songs from my gospel albums on file cards, so that I would know how many songs I have on albums, and who sings them. Up until this time I have hardly scratched the surface on this project, but plug away at it whenever I can find the time. The song that I have listed the most at this time is "How Great Thou Art." I have this song listed from 26 different albums. If I can complete this project, I will be able to tell on how many albums I have a certain song, and all the groups and soloists that sing this particular song. Weird, huh? I don't suppose anyone else would come up with such a crazy idea, would they? My wife says I should have a secretary. I sure could use one, to try to keep after this project.

I have been asked if I ever made the mistake of buying the same album the second time. As many albums as I have, it seems I can remember almost all of the record jackets. But sometimes the record companies change the record jackets, and this throws me off. I see a jacket that looks different to me, so I buy the album. After I get it home, I discover it is an album I already have, only in a different record jacket.

Some folks have wondered what will become of my album collections when I pass away. Some have even made some suggestions as to what I should do with my albums. I am giving this some serious consideration, as I am not getting any younger.

"What about the future?" you ask. If the Lord tarries yet that long, I am hoping to retire from work in the next decade. At this time I still have the desire to keep on collecting gospel albums just as long as I possibly can. I know I will continue to like gospel music as long as I live.

I could go on and on about my album collection. But the McCubbins Family asked me to write an article about my record collection, and not a book, so I had better finish this article real soon.

I would like to also say that I have several hundreds of duplicate albums in addition to my 9000 album collection. I would be interested in trading or selling these albums to other collectors reading this article. If you would be interested in these albums, please contact me at my home address listed at the end of this article.

Also all gospel groups reading this article, I would appreciate it very much if you would write to me, and tell me what albums you have recorded. I know there are many good gospel

groups in Kentucky, and I don't have a large number of albums of Kentucky groups. I buy all albums from gospel groups from their very first album up to their 100th album, if they have recorded that many. And some have, believe it or not. I have 105 different LP albums of the Blackwood Brothers, and nearly that many different albums of Jimmy Swaggart in my collection. So as you can see, I collect them all, including all the re-issues. So, please, especially all you Kentucky gospel groups, and groups from all other states that read this article, let me hear from you, so I can add your albums to my collection also.

I would like to conclude this article by thanking the McCubbins for their kindness in asking me to write this article for Gospel Reaching Out. This has been a new experience for me, as I have not before written an article for any publication. I have had some articles written about my wife and myself in other gospel publications, but this is my first attempt at writing an article by myself.

I hope I have said something that might have been helpful to someone, and that through my testimony of how good the Lord has been to me through the past five decades, that some soul may have been blessed by my feeble efforts at writing this article.

I will close by saying that I do love the Lord, and am looking for His soon return. God bless each of you, and keep looking up, for surely our redemption draweth nigh.

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