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News From Liberty Baptist Church

The Liberty Baptist Church in Green County, Kentucky will be having revival services on April 21, 22 and 23 nightly at 7:30 E.S.T. Rev. Jesse Buel from Middlesboro, Kentucky will be the evangelist.

The Talley family from Morristown, Tenn. will be singing at Liberty Baptist on April 12th at 7:30.

Rev. Jerry Goff, well-known evangelist and gospel singer from Nashville, Tennessee will be preaching a revival at the Liberty Baptist Church on May 7, 8, and 9. The McCubbins Family will be singing each evening. Rev. Jerry Judd is the pastor.

Grace Union Singing

The regular monthly singing of the Grace Union Baptist Church will be held there on April 7, 1984. Sherman Hurt invites everyone to attend.

Win $50.00

Dear Friends of Gospel Music

If you renew your subscription to Gospel Reaching Out or if you subscribe for the first time you will become eligible for a $50.00 drawing to be held May 26 at the Annual May Singing in Cave City, Ky. You do not have to be present to win.

Renew or join today. Send $5.00 to Gospel Reaching Out, P.O. Box 477, Munfordville, KY 42765. Include name and address.

Gordon Meador has just announced that Jay-Cross Records will be celebrating its 6th Anniversary and EGM Records will be celebrating its 1st Anniversary on September 29, 1984 with a big gospel singing at the Westmoreland High School in Westmoreland, Tennessee. The singing is set at this time for Saturday night only, but if enough Jay-Cross and EGM groups respond, a Friday night sing may also be added. Keep watching "Gospel Reaching Out" for more information on this singing.

12th Annual May Singing

This year’s 12th Annual May Singing promises to be one of the best conventions in recent years. A good line-up of talent is being scheduled and final plans are being made for this big event.

The singing extravaganza will take place on May 25th and 26th at 7:00 each evening and will be held at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City, KY.

Some of the groups already scheduled to sing are as follows: (alphabetical order) Canaanland Quartet, Cavelanders, Childress Family, Dorsey Family, Earl and Lorene Norris, Edmonton Quartet, Lincolnaires, McCubbins Family, Servants, Stewards of the King and Spirituals. This is a partial list and there will be other groups.

We want to invite all of you to attend this convention. Also there will be $50.00 given away on Saturday night, May 26.

We’ll look forward to seeing you there.

Hart County Singing Convention

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Bonnieville, Kentucky on April 7, 1984. The Lanny Harlow Family of Hardyville, Kentucky will be the guest singers. Darris Waters is president of the convention.
News From The National Scene

The President of the Southern Gospel Music Association, Bill Traylor, has announced plans for the Gem Awards to be given on April 2, 1984, at the Georgia Railroad Depot in Atlanta, Georgia. The emcee will be Wendy Bagwell.

Some of the groups to perform are the Rex Nelon Singers, Cathedrals, Singing Americans, Hopper Brothers & Connie, Masters V, Kingsmen.

The Singing Slaughters, Henry and Hazel, have signed a recording contract with River Song.

The first part of 1984 started out well for Gospel Music because it was featured in Washington, D.C. and sponsored by the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. There were many Christian broadcasters from the United States and Canada.

The talent lineup (to name a few) - Rex Nelon Singers, Lanny Wolfe, Pat Boone, Cynthia Clawson, and Larnelle Harris, Sue Dodge, and Joni Erickson. It’s wonderful to know that Gospel Music is alive and well.
Local News

The McCubbins Family have two revivals planned for the month of April. The first week in April will take them to the Gamaliel Baptist Church. The second week will take them to the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Faubush, Kentucky. Please pray for us as we enter these services. Rev. Jerry Anderson is the pastor of the Gamaliel Baptist Church. Rev. Gilbert Robinson is pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.

The McCubbins Family will be in revival with the well-known evangelist, Dr. Jerry Goff on May 7th, 8th and 9th, at the Liberty Baptist Church in Green County. The church is located between Mt. Sherman and Greensburg, Kentucky. Rev. Jerry Judd invites everyone to attend these meetings. Rev. Goff also has a very popular group called the Goffs. Also, he has written some very good songs. We look forward to this revival with expectance that many souls will be saved and Christians will be drawn closer to the Lord. Make your plans now to attend this revival meeting.

The McCubbins Family will be planning a benefit soon for the Arthritis Foundation in this area. Be watching this paper for more information.

Gordon Meador of Jay-Cross Records will be the special guest on WAIN Radio in Columbia, Kentucky on Sunday night, April 1st from 8:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. He invites everyone in that area to tune him in.

The Strode Family from Lamb, Kentucky has just finished recording their second album. The new album was recorded at Hilltop Studio in Nashville, Tennessee with John Nicholson as engineer, Gordon Meador was the producer and the album entitled “Sunrise In The Morning” will be released on the Jay-Cross record label sometime in April.

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HAPPY EASTER

12TH ANNUAL MAY SINGING

To Be Held At
Cave City Convention Center
Cave City, Kentucky

Friday, May 25 & Saturday, May 26

Make Plans Now To Attend
Everyone Invited
THE CANAANLAND QUARTET  
107 Gooden St. Glasgow, Ky. 42141  
(502)651-2553

March 31, Casey Fork Cumberland Presbyterian, Marrow Bone, 7:00 P.M.  
April 7, Glen Lily Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY, 7:00 P.M.  
April 21, Flatwoods Separate Baptist, Columbia, 7:00 P.M.  
April 28, Canaanland Anniversary Singing, Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse, 7:00 P.M. Guests-Servants and Glory Bound.  
April 29, Calvary Baptist Church, 7:00 P.M.  
May 6, Lick Branch Cumberland Presbyterian, 6:00 P.M.

THE FAITH SINGERS  
Edmonton, Ky. 42129  
Phone 432-5119

April 7, Independent Community Church, located in Russell Springs, Kentucky. Starting at 6:30 P.M.  
April 8, Faith and Fellowship Baptist Church, located in Glasgow, Kentucky, 6:00 P.M.  
April 9 to ?, Revival! at Pink Ridge Baptist Church, Sulphur Well, Kentucky. Time: 7:00 P.M. Bro. Larry Vance from Elizabethtown, KY Evangelist. Bro. Bobby Estes, Pastor.  
April 28, Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, located in Glasgow, Kentucky, 7:00 P.M. Bro. Ricky Proffett, Pastor.

THE LINCOLNAIRES  
Jim Rogers  
Hodgenville, Ky. 42748  
(502)358-4572

April 1 - Boston Christian Church, Boston, KY - Night Service.  
April 6 - Lincoln Jamboree Auditorium, Miss Buffalonian Contest - 7:00 EST.  
April 29 - South Summersville Baptist Church, Summersville, KY - 7:00 EST.  
The Lincolnaires will be recording a new album on the 25th of March. More news on this later.

THE McCUBBINS FAMILY  
P. O. Box 477 - Munfordville, Ky.  
42765 Ph. (502)524-9702

April 28, Gamaliel Baptist Church, Gamaliel, Kentucky, 7:30 nightly, Rev. Terry Geren from Allons, Tenn. will be the evangelist. Rev. Jerry Anderson, pastor.  
April 22, Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY, 7:00 C.S.T. on Cemetery Road. Rev. Kenny Murphy, pastor.  
April 29, Okolona Baptist Church, Faubush, Kentucky, near Nancy. Rev. Eddie Hubbard, pastor. Night Services.

THE SERVANTS  
800 Rhodes Dr.  
Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701  
Phone (502)737-3863

March 31 and April 1, Orion Baptist Church, West Jefferson, North Carolina.  
April 8, Hadley's Community Church, 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. Bakerton, Kentucky.  
April 14, Rio Road Church of God, 7:00 P.M. E.D.T. Charlottesville, Virginia.  
April 15, Charlottesville, Virginia, A.M.  
April 15, Mt. Carmel United Methodist, 7:00 P.M. E.D.T. Covington, Virginia.  
April 20, Larkin Baptist Church, 7:00 P.M. E.D.T. Paytonville, Indiana.  
April 28, Canaanland Quartet Anniversary Singing, Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse, 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. Glasgow, Kentucky.  
April 29, Highland Park First Baptist, 6:30 P.M. E.D.T. Louisville, Kentucky.  
May 5 and 6, West Virginia.
Jack Hurt, Bass; Patty Hurt, Alto; Teresa Fields, Piano and Tenor; Marla Hurt, Lead; Ronda Lile, Bass Guitar.

The Spirituals

The Spirituals have been traveling and singing for the Lord seven years, and he has richly blessed our efforts. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce three new members.

Playing piano and singing tenor, Teresa Fields; playing bass guitar, and singing on several songs, Ronda Lile; singing lead, Marla Hurt.

The Lord is really working with this group, and blessing in many ways. We ask the prayers of the Christian people that the Lord may keep us busy, going and doing the things he wants done.

If your church or organization would like to have the Spirituals in your community, write or call Jack L. Hurt, P.O. Box 184, Edmonton, KY, 42129. Phone (502) 428-3023.

Paid Advertisement
The Cavelanders are all related in one sense or another. Either as a distant cousin, uncle-in-law, or something, and have been extremely close as a gospel group.

Many years before we even thought of forming a gospel group, our families have enjoyed fine music and good gospel singing.

I’m asked many times “How did we get started in gospel music?” Tom Ferren, Elmer Dean Short and I had talked about it for some time before ever making a decision. We got Brother Billy Compton to sing with us for a time or two, but the Lord had another job for Brother Billy. Of course, that was preaching the gospel. If we had to lose him, I can’t think of a better person to lose him to.

About this time, the Hart County Gospel Music Association was organized. Someone had asked Tommy to join, he in turn asked me and we both have been members ever since. This seemed to whet our appetite for singing more than ever.

Then Wilma Spradlin asked Tommy if he would be interested in getting a group together. Well Tommy Ferren, Wilma Spradlin, Elmer Short and myself (Elroy), started out trying to sing. You know, after that first practice, we had so much fun that we knew we were going to like it.

Then came the next big problem. “What were we going to call ourselves?” We had been called many things, by a lot of different people, but none was suitable to be called in church. So being from the cave country, we came up with the name “Cavelanders.” Some people used to even call us the Cave Men. Well, what’s

in a name anyway?

After a year or so of singing, Wilma decided it was time to quit the Cavelanders and finish up her family. That is when Neilia came along.

Mary Lou Compton started singing and playing the piano before Wilma left, so the Cavelanders never had to stop singing. Mary Lou stayed with the group for a year or so before she decided it was time to quit. Similar to Wilma, but not wanting children, Mary Lou had planned on getting married. When she left, we started looking for another girl to sing alto and play the piano.

Well, we have a little short person with us now, known as the Militant Midget. She has been with us for several years now and has been known to turn down a date, just to sing with these three old men! Of course, her real name is Faye Ralston and we all love her very much. Faye has done a tremendous job singing and playing the piano for the Cavelanders the past few years.

Elmer Dean Short, our lead singer, has a unique voice and continues to do an excellent job for the group. We all call him “Dad Short,” I think it is because of his long hair.

Tom Ferren sings second tenor and likes to pick out the majority of our songs. I think it’s mainly because he wants to make sure he won’t have to strain his voice. He stands between Dean and I, and says that’s enough strain on anybody.

That leaves all the singing parts but bass. They all picked out the parts they wanted and left the bass for me. They told me to try to sing, that straining my voice definitely couldn’t hurt it.

Singing gospel music has meant a great deal to me. I feel we, as Christians and gospel singers, have a tremendous responsibility to be the best witness possible for our Lord.

Singing with the Cavelanders has been an experience that I shall cherish always and never forget its many blessings. The Lord has truly blessed our group and we hope to continue praising his name through our songs.

We are now in the process of preparing for a new album. Please remember us in your prayers and may God Bless You All.

Bass Singer, Elroy Larimore

Happy Easter
From The Servants

Hello to readers of GRO from the Servants of Campbellsville, Kentucky. This winter has been exciting and busy for The Servants. We’ve seen a bunch of snow in Illinois and a bunch of sand in Florida this winter and we’ve enjoyed all of it tremendously. Actually, Florida is a pretty nice place to be in December or February and we were there one weekend in each of those months.

We’ve also covered a great deal of territory in our own Bluegrass State this winter. In places like Glasgow, Elizabethtown, Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Owensboro, Henderson, Liberty, Brandenburg and other towns as well. This winter has been one of the busiest winter seasons The Servants have had in a long time and we really appreciate the churches that have been able to use our group in their services throughout the winter.

Looking back on some of the highlights of the past few months, we remember having alternator trouble in central Illinois and spending all one Sunday afternoon in a run-down diesel repair shop, getting a rebuilt alternator installed. When we got back home we discovered that the only thing wrong with the old alternator was a loose wire! We also drove several miles out of our way on the Florida trip in February (thanks to Benny). So if you see our bus coming your way, you might want to flag us down to see if we know where we are going. Also we had the privilege of singing with the “Antioch Church House Choir” in Antioch Church House in Knob Lick, Kentucky.

These past winter months have been great but The Servants are looking forward to the future. More new and exciting things are happening for us all the time and we give God all the honor and glory for it all. In the next few months, we’ll have the opportunity to spread God’s Good News in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, and throughout Kentucky. (See the bookings section for details.)

As this article draws to a close, we want to leave this thought with you. Some years ago, oil was discovered on property owned by an old Indian. Overnight, the poverty stricken man became a millionaire. The first thing he did after he acquired all his wealth was buy a long, black, brand new Cadillac. Everyday he would ride into town and as he rode, he would turn around looking in all directions speaking to everyone he could see. Amazingly, he never ran into anyone or anything. For you see, in front of that beautiful car walked two horses pulling the car along the road. The old man never learned to drive his car. Inside the car were a hundred horses, yet the Indian used two horses outside the car to make it go. Many people make the mistake of looking outside themselves for “horsepower” when actually a tremendous amount of power comes from within. As Christians, let’s all strive to use the omnipotent Holy Spirit that resides inside our bodies and souls to reach lost people and to draw all men closer to Christ. ONLY YOU CAN USE YOUR ABILITY. IT’S A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY.

The Cathedrals will be singing at the Allen Co. Scottsville High School Auditorium on April 26, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be $3.00 in advance and $3.50 at the door. Sponsored by the Allen Co. Singing Convention. For tickets, write:

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