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There is Something About that Name...

Several folks who attended the Bay Area Gospel Music Association (BAGMA) Christmas party this year were assigned a piece of the nativity scene and asked to talk about it. I was selected to speak about Jesus. What can you say? There's so much... I am sharing what I said as I choose to speak from his point of view:

My Name is Jesus

I talked to my Father this morning and he told me that I was going to earth for a very special reason. It was so special that I am the only one who can go. The Holy Spirit placed me within a virgin girl named Mary. My Father picked her because she is special, too. My Father had an angel speak to her soon-to-be husband and let him know that I was coming and everything would be okay. He was a little bit nervous and confused at first but he chose to trust God. He agreed to take care of Mary even though he knew others around them would not understand their "situation". My earthly parents tried to find a nice place when they arrived in Bethlehem but there were too many people there. All that was made available to us was a place for the animals to retreat out of the cold night air. But my parents were grateful for somewhere to rest. I was born right there that very night. My mom swaddled me with one of the beautiful pieces of cloth she usually wore on her head. Joseph talked to me and said there were lots of animals around us. He told me there was a very bright star outside and he believed that it was God's way of letting the world know that a great and wondrous event had taken place. He said he loved me and that I was special, too. Not long after I was born, some shepherds came to visit me. They had seen angels in the sky and then saw the bright star. They decided to follow it and it led them to the stable. There were three men that Joseph said were kings who had come to visit me and bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were very expensive gifts. The kings were supposed to find me and report back to a man, a King named Herod because he said he wanted to come worship me, too. My Father in Heaven warned the three kings that it was a lie and so they didn't tell Herod where I was. Instead God instructed Joseph to take me to Egypt where I could grow up safely until there was no more threat from the evil king.

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From the ***President's Desk***

Greetings,

Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year to each of you and your families. Another year has come and gone. It seems like just yesterday we were working on new and exciting things for S.T.G.M.A. for 2016. It's already time to plan our 2017 calendar year. We would love to have twelve (12) concerts this coming year, but we need your help. I am looking for at least four individuals who are willing to join me in making this happen. I would like to have four representatives from the San Antonio and the surrounding areas that I could appoint to be STGMA District Concert Managers. They would then cover the North, South, East and West areas of Texas in order to provide concerts for those areas. Each Manager would contact, invite, enlist the churches and make recommendations for the groups that you would love to hear in your locations.

After we get those individuals working together, we would have at least one mid-year concert that we all would work together to have in order to fellowship with each other. It has become apparent that I cannot cover these areas by myself. I need your help. You know who you are and you know that you have the ability to get this done in your area. So, I am asking you to submit to me in writing your thoughts as to how you can work with us to make this happen!

2017 is going to be an exciting year for each of us and working together we can reach more folks for the Lord. We're getting calls every month from Gospel groups throughout the country wanting to come to our area and sing. If we work together we can invite some of the finest singers in the land to come and be a blessing to us and those we invite to worship with us. It will be just like homecoming every month. Do you realize that the Lord has entrusted us with the responsibility AND ability to reach hundreds if not thousands of folks in our areas through good ole gospel music? Isn't it time we showed Him we can make this happen. Just a few phone calls, personal invitations, emails, Facebook contacts and hallelujah we're all having a wonderful time of fellowship together. I get excited just thinking about it.

Philippians 1:27 **"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..."**

I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next time...

Floyd

Ministry Moments... by: Eugene & The Boys

One lady came and asked Paul for prayer for her daughter and another asked for prayer for her son. Both were in jail doing time for drugs. They prayed together right there. Today they're both on the road to recovery. You never know what people are dealing with and to get to see these mothers and fathers later on and see joy back in there lives is awesome! What a blessing when the young man got out of jail and was married this year. He had us to come play and sing at the wedding reception. It was a blessing for sure.

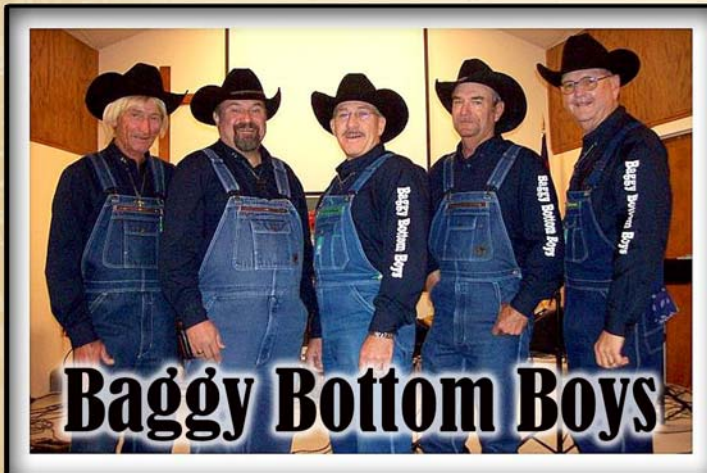


Hello STGMA friends,
We want to share a few testimonies from our fans with you...

A lady came to us in Bosque County a year ago and said she was so glad we were there. She said her husband will only go to church when we come to sing. She was tearful as she thanked us for being there. This year, we went to the same church and she came with tears of joy in her eyes to say her husband has been coming to church with her every Sunday since we were there the last time. Now that blesses us so much to know that God can use old country boys like us to spread His good news about the love of Jesus.

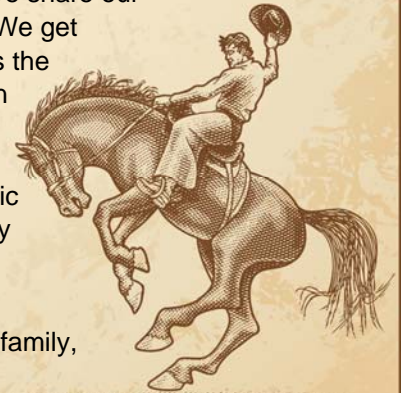
God has blessed us in so many ways that it's hard to determine one thing. We know that many families are going through hard times and we're thankful the words to our songs give them hope and encourage them to make it through, and to trust in Jesus.

We've been so blessed to minister with four men that love Jesus as we do and reach out to others with God's love. A man from Triple Cross Cowboy Church does a jail ministry and came to us to share that he met a young man in jail that told him he had listened to us on a station in the jail. Our songs had touched his heart and he had trusted Jesus as his Savior.



Well , we love all the wonderful people we meet . We share our love for The Lord . We get blessed as much as the congregation. When we hear how someone feels blessed by the music God gives us to play and sing, well it blesses us too!

Blessings to all our family, friends and fans...



Let us hear from you...email your brief "Ministry Moment" to Christine.

Hi, friends!

Don't forget... I'm in the process of adding an STGMA Artist Jukebox to the website. This is a great way for folks to hear your music and be excited to join us for events held throughout the year! So if you want your music on the STGMA Jukebox, send an MP3 of your best "showcase" song to webmaster@stgma.org as soon as possible. I will do two uploads...one at the end of December and one at the end of January. The Board and Officers work hard to make sure all the resources we have are being used to promote gospel music! Tell everyone you know about STGMA!!

Blessings...

Christine Scott




**Web-
master's
Corner**

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I loved to laugh. I loved for my mom to tell me stories of the land where she was born. She explained to me about my Father in Heaven but I really already knew. I climbed trees. I played on the rocks by the river. I helped my father and learned to work with wood like he loved to do. By the time I was 12 years old, we were able to leave Egypt and go back home. We went into town and as we walked down the narrow street together I heard men talking in the temple. I slipped inside the door and became fascinated to hear them say things that I already knew and yet I was just a boy. One would ask a question and then another one would answer and then another. They would talk in circles. At last, I couldn't help it but I answered one of the questions. They stopped and looked at me not understanding how a child of my age could provide such an educated answer. Yet they encouraged me to continue and I shared what God had put in my heart. They were so amazed. But before long, my parents realized I wasn't with them and they could not find me anywhere in the streets. Someone told them I was in the temple and they rushed in to find me. They too were amazed by the things I was saying. I continued meeting with these scholars for several years and realized by the age of 30 exactly what I was sent to earth to do. The sins of the people had to be forgiven. I saw the animals that were sacrificed at the temple to atone their sins but it only put those sins off for a while. My Father was preparing me...the little boy born in a manger...to be the ultimate sacrifice for all of mankind. My name is Jesus.

JESUS. There is something about that name. We stand in awe of you, Jesus. We praise you, Jesus. We love you, Jesus. We worship you, Jesus. Happy birthday, Jesus.

By: Christine Scott 

DOES YOUR "FOMO" DISTRACT YOU FROM CHRIST?

Okay...so that's probably not a term you have heard of before. It's our "Fear of Missing Out". Do you have a bucket list? Are all of your life goals wrapped up in it? A lot of people have a sense of adventure and everyone's idea of places to go and things to do is different. But there is a sense in all of us, a longing for something else...and it can be easily mistaken as a longing for adventure. Don't get me wrong; adventure in and of itself is not a bad thing. It's when we place adventure, our bucket list, our goals and plans, desires to exceed or FOMO above our longing for Christ. That's when we get in trouble. He is our true home.

If there is one thing humans are really good at its comparing their life to someone else's. And culture does nothing to help it. The more you feel like you're missing out or have less than someone else, the more you will buy into things or ideas. But what if you don't need to buy anything or go anywhere to transcend your fear of missing out? What if there is something greater than all the possible adventures on earth?

There was one man who had only one thing on his bucket list, and he did not have a fear of missing out because the Lord had revealed to him that he would not die before it came to pass and before he saw it with his own eyes. I'm talking about Simeon in Luke's Christmas narrative. Not much is known about him historically except for scriptures found in Luke 2:25-27. There was one thing for Simeon to see before he died. Just one. Salvation. Jesus. What joy he must have felt to be chosen, to be allowed to hold the Savior and speak words revealed to him by the Holy Spirit who was with him. Christmas gives us the greatest gift of all—Salvation and life everlasting—through a baby. He is the Messiah, who shed His own innocent blood on the cross and took our sins.

This Christmas and every day remember that there's only one thing to miss out on in your time on earth and it's something with eternal consequences. You may want to visit places and do things but they are nothing compared to the life that is waiting. The only way you're missing out is if you have not accepted him as your Savior. Don't wait. Receive His gift.

- Based on devotion by Liz Kanoy, Crosswalk.com

Seen Around Town...

...it's almost Christmas!



ARE DUE JANUARY 31st...

As announced at the 2016 STGMA Convention, the Board has voted to have the Artist and Associate Membership fees due on January 31st of each year. All fees paid in 2016 will be pro-rated in January of 2017 at \$4.17 per month for Artists and \$1.25 per month for Associates.

So, if you paid your dues in May of 2016, your January 2017 dues will be \$29.00 for Artists and \$9.00 for Associates. These amounts are rounded up or down to the nearest dollar.

Any new Artists or Associates who join in 2017 will also be pro-rated accordingly. You will receive a letter in the mail providing you with your pro-rated amount for 2017.

**As of January 31, 2018 all fees will be due in the amount of
\$50.00 for Artists and \$15.00 for Associates.**

2017 STGMA CONVENTION



The Board and Officers of STGMA are
pleased to announce that our next
Convention will be held at
The Country Church
1005 FM 78 - Marion, TX 78124

Many thanks to Bro. Butch Ikels and David Guion
for allowing us to use this beautiful facility.

Trust
in the Lord 
with all thine heart;
and *lean* not
unto thine own understanding.
in all thy ways
acknowledge Him,
and He shall *direct* thy paths.
Proverbs 3: 5-6

There is great power
in these two verses!

- ⇒ God is inviting you
into a deeper,
closer and more
personal
relationship with
him.
- ⇒ God is providing
you with the
physical, mental,
emotional and
spiritual solution for
dealing with life's
toughest situations.
- ⇒ God is revealing to
you the wisdom of
trusting completely
in him... and the
foolishness of
trusting in yourself.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Grandparents as Role Models

Grandparents should be role models. The only time the word 'grandmother' occurs in the Bible, it describes Lois. Her sincere faith lived in her grandson Timothy - 2 Timothy 1:5.

The word "sincere" translated is a combination of two Greek words, 'not' and 'hypocritical'. Lois' deep genuine faith in God translated into a lifestyle honoring to Him. Sincere faith is contagious; Timothy caught it! Thanks in no small measure to his grandmother's example, he became a mighty man of God.

Grandparents can exert great influence by the power of Godly example. In centuries past, grandfathers used to be domineering and dictatorial family rules, using their wealth and estate to manipulate and control their families. Thank the Lord those days are gone. Today, Godly grandparents wield a different form of power - the power of example. They are living models of His love, gentleness and compassion, symbols of His faithfulness, examples of His goodness.

"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green." Psalm 92:12-14

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