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Because...*

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From the **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Floyd Scott

DID YOU KNOW THAT GOD SINGS?

As we close out another year and begin a new year with South Texas Gospel Music Association I want to say a few words as to why we do what we do: or at least I hope we are doing what we do for all the right reasons.

Now to address the question: Did you know that God sings? In the Bible the book of Zephaniah Chapter 3:14-17 reads: "Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; Be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: Thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: And to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

How can we not minister in song with everything that is within us? God Almighty is in the midst of us! He will save and rejoice over us with joy! God is happy if nobody else is and He will rest in His love. "He will joy over thee with singing"... the eternal God is singing! That's why I want our members to sing. I don't require that they sing on pitch- just that they sing with joy and enthusiasm.

We have so much to be thankful for even in the midst of our trials, tribulations, heartache or pain. Our Lord has delivered us from our enemy; our sins have been forgiven and we are heaven bound. We have the liberty to proclaim this wonderful news every time we grace the stage.

As a minister of the gospel either in music or word, we have an obligation to God and ourselves to always do the best that we can do. Are you thankful for what God has done for you in your life, the life of your family loved ones and friends? If so, why would we not want to share that with all those we encounter?

Freely we have received it. Freely we should share with others.

This is but one verse among thousands which serve to form our rational picture of what God is like and they tell us plainly that God feels something like our love, like our joy, and what He feels makes Him act very much as we would in a similar situation; He rejoices over His loved ones with joy and singing.

What an awesome, kind and compassionate God we serve. In the coming new STGMA year, let's show Him how much we love Him and His children. In all that we do, give God the glory.

Until next time...

Floyd

Carolyn Gillette said that “When we come before God in worship, why do we sing rather than merely think or talk with one another? Singing is a language that God has given us to express our deepest longings, greatest joys and most profound trust in the One who created us and loves us unconditionally”. Isn’t that beautiful? Like all gifts from God, singing is one that God calls us to use with gratitude. So if you are blessed with the ability to sing then you possess one of the most precious gifts God distributed to mankind. Let’s be careful not take it for granted nor expect praise when we use it. All the glory goes to Him! Even in the midst of disaster, folks gather to sing songs of faith and trust in the only One who can be counted on to help them.

All the music sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you.
 For as long as we have prayed here, we’ve been blessed by music, too.
 By your Spirit, each musician finds new depths of faith to share.
 Music is a gift you’ve given and becomes our thankful prayer.
 All creation sings your glory; in the Psalms are pain and praise.
 Mary sang your saving story in her long, expectant days.
 Through the years, with great emotion, some have reached to you in song.
 May we sing with such devotion; music helps your Church grow strong!
 You give hymns and songs for singing, toes for tapping your good news,
 Organ sounding, hand bells ringing, faithful hearers in the pews.
 With the trumpet and the cymbal, with guitar and violin,
 Faith is found here and rekindled; hearts are lifted, once again.
 Bless the talents we are bringing, for we offer you our best.
 If our gifts are not in singing, may our joyful noise be blest.
 If our world is ever silent, may we sign to you above.
 Touched by grace, may each one present offer back your song of love.

The South Texas Gospel Music Association is dedicated to the ministry of sharing the Gospel to a lost and dying world but also encouraging believers along the way... ***We don’t do it for the income; We do it for the outcome!*** You, as a member of STGMA, represent the organization each time you step on a platform and everywhere else you go. Please honor Him, give glory to Him and serve Him! Blessings to you all...

By: Christine Scott



STGMA Board and Officers would like to thank **Pastor Jeff Roman** and the members of Cibolo Valley Baptist Church in Schertz for allowing us to have our Convention in their beautiful facilities this year. We are forever grateful!

We would also like to thank **Gary Marrs** for going above and beyond to prepare for and accommodate us during the months of preparation prior to the event and during the event! May God richly bless all those who participated, attended and prayed.

To God be the Glory!



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Lord, we need to move beyond
This place that we are in,
To touch your very heart, O God,
To have your love within.

We need to move beyond the limits
We've placed upon our lives,
To move into more of you,
Revealed through Jesus Christ.

Help us, Lord, to overcome,
To be focused more on you
No matter how hard it gets for us,
We need to press on through.

For greater are you within us
Than the enemy of our souls,
For you have power and might, O God
And your Spirit is in control.

We know the victory shall be ours,
Though for now the heat is on
Help us, Lord, to not give up,
For by this, you make us strong.

You will sustain us in your love
Through what we're going through
And deliver us the other side
Victorious in you!

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July 28 - Oak Ridge Baptist
Church | Birthright and Billy
Miller

August 25 - University Baptist
Church | Harmony Quartet

September 22 - First Baptist
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October 27 - Lytle First
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Southern Plainsmen

November 17 - Cibolo Valley
Baptist Church | Megan and
Logan Pettis

December 8 - Kirby Baptist
Church | Hearts of Grace and
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*I will praise thee,
O Lord,
among the people:
I will sing
unto thee
among the nations.*

Psalm 57:7



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