

# STGMA GOSPEL NOTES

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## CONGRATULATIONS

to the recipients of  
**2016 STGMA GOSPEL  
MUSIC AWARDS**

**GERALD LYDA**

*STGMA President's Award*

**SOUTHERN PLAINSMEN**

*STGMA Group of the Year*

**LAURA MCELROY**

*The Jubil-Heirs*

*STGMA Female Group Vocalist*

**HEARTS OF GRACE**

*STGMA Duo of the Year*

**AARON ALLEN**

*STGMA Male Group Vocalist*

**LOGAN PETTIS**

*STGMA Male Soloist of the Year*

**EVE MILLER**

*STGMA Female Soloist of the Year*

**JAXON EDWARDS**

*STGMA Horizon Award*

**JOHN GRAVES**

*STGMA Isaiah Award*

**BLUE CREEK**

*STGMA Psalmist Award*

**JOYCE EMILY**

*STGMA Esther Award*

**JERRY AND LAURA MCELROY**

*Jubil-Heirs*

*STGMA Henry B. Talbott Sr.  
Lifetime Achievement Award*

## MY OH MY, WHAT A TIME WE HAD

The Lord showered blessing after blessing on us at our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Awards Ceremony. HE started out with allowing us to hold this event in Denny and Sue Fisher's brand new gorgeous home church, University Baptist Church. Precious memories were made right from the start with children of the "Van Martins" opening the festivities, followed soon after with children from "The McNeill's". What a joy to see the introduction and inclusion of children in our Artists ministries. Wow, what a breath of fresh air. Our very own Megan Cox served and excelled as Mistress of Ceremony. We were so blessed to have so many of our artists able to attend and fellowship with us. Our surprise participants were the Sanctuary Quartet, who on their way from Louisiana to another engagement, were able to stop by late in the afternoon. Can't express how good it was to meet some of our Artists for the first time along with renewing old acquaintances with others. We weren't fooled by Denny Fisher's busy look running sound, because we knew for a fact that he was in hog heaven playing with the church's brand new umpteen channel sound system. Thanks Denny and Sue, we'd be lost without you. We can't thank the Lord enough, he is and has been, so so good to us. Following are some pictures we'd like to share with you.



*More Convention Pictures on page 2 - page 4.*

# Convention Pictures











# 2015 STGMA GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

- Sat May 23 - **STGMA presents An Evening of Southern Gospel Music** - *Live Oak First Baptist Church*  
- 11560 Toepperwein Rd. - Live Oak, TX 78233 - 6 P.M. - Featuring **THE SOUTHERN PLAINSMEN** of Hornbeck, LA  
- **HEARTS OF GRACE** of Brazoria - **JENNA OAKLEY** of Floresville  
- Free Admission - Love Offering. For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.
- Sat Jun 27 - **STGMA presents An Evening of Texas Gospel Music** - *First Baptist Church of Schertz* - 600 Aero Ave.  
- Schertz, TX 78154 - 6 P.M. Featuring **PATHFINDERS QUARTET** of Midlothian - **LILLY HUTTON** of Comfort  
- **THE ARNHARTS** of League City - **JOHN GRAVES** of Dallas - Free Admission - Love Offering.  
For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.
- Sat Jul 18 - **STGMA Gaither-Style Summer Jamboree** - *Kirby Baptist Church* - 5114 Old Seguin Rd. - Kirby, TX 78219  
- 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. - Featuring these STGMA artists & groups: **APPOINTED BY GRACE** of Brazoria  
- **FAY GASSNER** of Stockdale - **GENE & LAVADA** of Blanco - **JENNA OAKLEY** of Floresville  
- **THE ARNHARTS** of League City - **MEGAN COX** of Luling - **JOHN GRAVES** of Dallas  
- **CAREY HEADRICK** of **TOP HAND MINISTRIES** of Bertram - **JOYCE EMILY** of La Vernia  
- **LILLY HUTTON** of Comfort - **BILLY MILLER** of San Antonio - **SHARI RAYE** of Morgan Hill  
- Free Admission - Love Offering. For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.
- Sat Aug 22 - **STGMA presents An Evening of Texas Gospel Music** - *Venue to Be Announced* - San Antonio, TX - 6 P.M.  
- Featuring **THE BAGGY BOTTOM BOYS** of Burleson - **APPOINTED BY GRACE** of Brazoria  
- **SHARI RAYE** of Morgan Hill - Free Admission - Love Offering.  
For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.
- Sat Sep 26 - **STGMA presents An Evening of Texas Gospel Music** - *First Baptist Church of Schertz* - 600 Aero Ave.  
- Schertz, TX 78154 - 6 P.M. - Featuring **HARMONY QUARTET** of Dallas - **BLUE CREEK** of La Vernia  
- **WESTERN SONRISE** of Blanco - Free Admission - Love Offering.  
For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.
- Sat Oct 24 - **STGMA Gaither-Style Fall Jamboree** - *First Baptist Church of Lytle* - 921 N. Prairie St. - Lytle, TX 78052.  
- 6 P.M. - Featuring these STGMA artists & groups: - **APPOINTED BY GRACE** of Brazoria  
- **GENE & LAVADA** of Blanco - **MEGAN COX** of Luling - **FAY GASSNER** of Stockdale  
- **THE ARNHARTS** of League City - **CAREY HEADRICK** of **TOP HAND MINISTRIES** of Bertram  
- **BILLY MILLER** of San Antonio - **JENNA OAKLEY** of Floresville - **THE VAN MARTINS** of Terrell  
- Free Admission - Love Offering. For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.
- Sat Nov 28 - **STGMA presents An Evening of Texas Gospel Music** - *Live Oak First Baptist Church* - 11560 Toepperwein Rd.  
- Live Oak, TX 78233 - 6 P.M. - Featuring **CLIFTON JANSKY** of San Antonio  
- **CAREY HEADRICK** of **TOP HAND MINISTRIES** of Bertram - **BILLY MILLER** of San Antonio  
- Free Admission - Love Offering. For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.
- Sat Dec 5 - **STGMA presents An Evening of Texas Gospel Music** - *Kirby Baptist Church* - 5114 Old Seguin Rd. - Kirby, TX 78219  
- 6 P.M. - Featuring **JACOB AUSTIN BAND** of Anderson - **JOYCE EMILY** of La Vernia - **MEGAN COX** of Luling  
- Free Admission - Love Offering. For more information, contact Fay Gassner at 830.217.4290.

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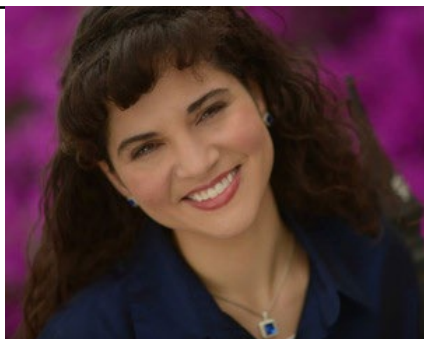


ALL **STGMA** ARTISTS – LISTEN UP! We need 30 second station break “liners”. Advertise your ministry and help **STGMA INTERNET RADIO** at the same time: Record a voice-over on mp3 at 128 kbps... Say something like this: “You’re listening to **STGMA INTERNET RADIO** in San Antonio, TX! Hi! This is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ministry in \_\_\_\_\_! Thanks for listening!” Or, you can invert it by saying, “Hi (or hello), I’m \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ministry in \_\_\_\_\_ and you’re listening to **STGMA INTERNET RADIO** of San Antonio, TX!

Thanks for listening!” Email your mp3 recordings to LaVada Triesch at :[lavada@menorahmusic.com](mailto:lavada@menorahmusic.com)

## From Director Fay Gassner: How The Biblical Awards Came to Be

In 2012, Due to organizational issues; we were unable to send out regular ballots; as in previous years. We were in a quandary. What were we going to do? Then LaVada, said “What about Biblical Awards”. We’ll base them on appropriate scriptures. The next question. How and to whom are they going to be presented? We questioned each other how about this or how about that? Well we finally decided, let’s allow the Lord to choose. He is always right. All our Artist Members names were to be placed in a hat. One name would be drawn By a Board member for each of the Categories listed. After returning to the Ballot voting By the Membership, We opted to keep three of the Biblical Awards. Several Artists are now nominated By the Board in the three categories. Those names; Are then placed in the hat and one chosen for each category. This has become a fun process for us these past four Years. It’s our hope to continue with the Biblical Awards for many Years to come. Psalmist Award: Ps.95:2 & Col.3:16, Esther Award: Esther: 4:14 & 5:2, Isaiah Award: Isa. 12:2 &



Eve Miller, **STGMA** artist from San Antonio, gave a presentation on Marketing Strategy and Promotion to the Board at their May 12, 2015, meeting. Eve was full of ideas and answers to questions from the board. Do YOU have any ideas or suggestions as to how to make YOUR organization run better or smoother? We need to hear from you!

The Board and Officers meet every second Tuesday of the month. If you would like to visit a meeting and present your thoughts and ideas, please email: [board@stgma.org](mailto:board@stgma.org) or call any member of the Leadership Team.

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION ON APRIL 25, 2015, MARKED MY FOURTH YEAR OF SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE STGMA. AS YOU MAY KNOW BY NOW, I ANNOUNCED THAT LAVADA AND I WOULD BE STEPPING DOWN FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM. AT LAST YEAR'S CONVENTION, LAVADA WAS RE-ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, A POSITION SHE HAD HELD SINCE OCTOBER OF 2011. HER REASON FOR VACATING HER POSITION WAS SO THAT A YOUNGER MEMBER OF THE STGMA WOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE INPUT ON HOW THE ORGANIZATION IS TO FUNCTION. ONE OF OUR PRIMARY GOALS IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS WAS TO HAND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE STGMA OVER TO YOUNGR ARTISTS AND MEMBERS.

THE ORGANIZATION HAS MADE REAL PROGRESS IN THE LAST FEW YERS IN THAT IT CONTINUES TO GROW. GRANTED, SOME MEMBERS LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION ON OCCASION FOR WHATEVER REASON. WE WISH THEM WELL IN THE SHARING OF THEIR MINISTRIES. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT NEW ARTISTS ARE JOINING REGULARLY AND THERE SEEMS TO BE AN ENERGETIC AND YOUNGER FACE ON YOUR ORGANIZATION!

OUR STEPPING DOWN OBVIOUSLY LEAVES SOME HOLES IN THE ORGANIZATION'S LEADERSHIP TEAM. OUR PRAYER IS THAT THESE VACANCIES WILL CAUSE YOUNGER QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO STEP IN TO THESE POSITIONS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE GET IN CONTACT WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
(*EMAIL: [BOARD@STGMA.ORG](mailto:BOARD@STGMA.ORG)*) THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION!

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE ON THE STGMA LEADERSHIP TEAM. OUR PLAN IS TO STAY INVOLVED AND HELP WHERE WE CAN! WE ALSO PRAY THAT THE LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN HARMONY, AS WELL AS REMEMBER THAT IT IS NOT ABOUT US, BUT ABOUT THE ONE WE SERVE.

THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE HONOR.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,

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