

# STGMA *"news you can use"* GOSPEL NOTES



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## Is My Ministry Evangelism or Praise?

What is the real purpose of a music ministry? Gospel music should praise, testify and speak about the Lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 9:2 says "I will be glad and rejoice in thee. I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High." Psalm 33:2-3 says "Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise." Did you get that? When we are saved, God puts a NEW song in our mouth. We no longer speak about what we selfishly want but we seek constantly to honor Him with our words. The true result of salvation is PRAISE! It's something God puts within us. Plus, that's not all of verse 3. It says we must play (sing) skillfully. We have a responsibility to give God our very best. The word "loud" here does not refer just to volume but implies that we must do it with all our strength. Chapter 40 in Psalms goes on to say "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Isn't that awesome? Think about it. When our heart has truly been changed and we have a new song of praise, others will see the Lord through us and want the joy we have in Christ. That's shouting ground right there, folks!

Can praise music to God really make a difference? Yes. Think about Paul and Silas. They were thrown in jail and placed in stocks yet they weren't singing the blues... They were singing praises unto God! Think of the power of music. Music can lift us when we're feeling down or it can bring a tear to our eyes. I once saw a sign that read "Where words fail, music speaks." Knowing it has that kind of influence on folks makes it even more important to ensure our songs glorify and praise the awesome God we serve!



Here's the last thought... when God places a call on our





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

Greetings,

Have you ever had a thought on your mind and you could not get away from it?

There is usually a reason for that. Rather than shrug it off, you should ponder it in your heart for a while. Ask the Lord: Lord, what does this mean? It just might be that the Lord is trying to get your attention. He may be wanting you to re-think what you are doing. It might be that you are headed in the right direction, but with the wrong attitude.

For some time now I have replayed a thought from a movie I watched a long time ago, produced by Alex Kendrick titled *"Facing The Giants"*. Some of you might have seen it. If not, I recommend that you take the time to see it. In the movie there is a scene where an older gentleman comes into the coach's office and says "Coach, the Lord sent me to tell you something." The coach says: "What is it?" The gentleman says "There were two farmers needing rain, one prepared for it and the other one didn't; Which one do you think received a blessing?" The coach said, "The one that prepared." The gentleman turned and left the room.

From that moment on and throughout the remainder of the movie the coach changed everything he had been doing. Now I am not going to give the plot away; you'll need to watch the movie for yourself. However, I want to talk to you a minute about what I received from the statement the gentleman said to the coach.

Are YOU prepared for the Lord to bless you? As stated above; maybe you're not. I find in God's Word this scripture that perhaps relates to each of us and our individual ministries:

Haggai 1: 5-7 *"Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways."*

Perhaps the Lord is trying to tell us that if we are not being fruitful in our ministries then we need to consider our ways. We may need to change our direction and our attitude. God is on our side if we are putting Him first. He wants us to be fruitful in all that we do for Him. If we are prepared, He will bless our ministries. Pray that the Lord will ever direct our paths and that the Spirit will ever guide us and in all things give Him the praise.

Psalms 139: 23-24—*"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*

Until next time...

*Floyd*

# Ministry Moments...

by: Jimmy Duty

Hello STGMA friends,

I'm Jimmy Duty of His Call Ministries. Many of you may know, a year ago this past July 13, our world changed in the moment my wife Renate passed out right after we sang on a Sunday morning in Azle, Texas. A trip to an ER, several X-rays and scans later the doctor was telling us Stage IV, the big C. He then said this was not a thing that doctors could do anything about, but he knew a God who could handle it and right there prayed with us as we joined hands around the hospital bed.

I immediately had to answer the question that arose in me, do I believe what we've been singing about for the last 37 years, and without hesitation my answer was YES! Without any doubt, we BELIEVE in the Lord and Savior we sing about! Jesus has been with us every step of the way. He prepared the way long before we ever knew we would have to walk through this valley. The Cancer has since shrunk by 1/3 to 1/2 the original size in all areas, and we continue to believe for a complete healing!

Meanwhile, we continue to sing the Gospel, and God sustains and guides us everywhere we go. We appreciate your continued prayers for healing and for our ministry, that souls would be saved and lives changed.

God's blessings on you our brothers and sisters....

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

## His Call



Hi, friends!

Almost all of us remember what this is... a jukebox! We are in the process of adding an STGMA Artist Jukebox to the website. This is a great way for folks to hear your music so they will be even more excited to join us for events held throughout the year!

Want your music on the STGMA Jukebox? Of course you do! So 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 November and one at the end of December.

The Board and Officers are working 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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lives to praise Him before man (especially on a platform shared with a Pastor), we accept the responsibility for supporting the gospel being preached by providing worship music that encourages the down-hearted, restores the faith of one who has turned away from God and gently guides the listener to a place where their heart is receptive to the Word of God being preached. Salvation comes from hearing the Word so our songs should contain scripture or be scripturally-based so it points folks to Christ. Gospel music should give all the attention and praise to the Lord and not to the music, the musician or the singer. It must come from the heart and not just the voice or instrument. It's not entertainment, a talent show or a performance...it's a ministry to the Lord. Be ready to accept the responsibility of carrying the gospel to those God puts in your presence. You may be the only Bible they see. It's interesting to note that before David was a soldier—he was a musician! Before David was a king - he was a musician! When the servants of Saul sought a musician to play before Saul because an evil spirit troubled him, they chose David! What did God say of David? He was a man after God's own heart. We must have a heart that seeks God. To show the Word...we must know the Word. Stepping onto a platform should be regarded as stepping on holy ground and we're there to worship and praise Almighty God...and Him alone.

By: Christine Scott



### **WILL BE PAID EVERY 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.**



**The STGMA Gospel Music Cruise announced in the last newsletter is being rescheduled!**

Carnival had tighter deadlines than we could meet with the holidays right around the corner so STAY TUNED and we will announce the new date very soon!





# STGMA

South Texas Gospel Music Association

*presents*

## *An Evening of Gospel Music*

**Saturday, Nov. 12 • 6 pm**

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*The Doucettes*

*The Arnharts*



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Here are a few pictures from the 2016 Convention! We're gearing up for the 2017 Convention... Get ready!!



Group - Pathfinders



Duo - The Arnharts



Soloist - Logan Pettis



Duo - Gene & LaVada Triesch

# 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.



# DIRECTOR'S CORNER



## Grandparents as Story Tellers

Grandparents can play the role of Story Tellers. Stories wield power. Not only are stories fun, but they also kindle interest, spark creativity, convey wisdom and impart values. God Himself is the supreme story teller. When He wanted to reveal Himself to us, He chose stories as His preferred way. Almost 70 percent of the Bible takes the form of stories. Both in the Bible and in cultures of the world, stories have always been the preferred method of transferring community values. The elders of Israel were master story tellers, educating the children of Israel with tales of great events of their past to give them a sense of their history and their destiny. We know the American Indians were know as great story tellers and historians. Grandparents make wonderful story tellers. They have a wealth of experience from which to harvest stories- factual and fictional, lighthearted and heart-wrenching, some to entertain and others to educate. Children love stories. Even adults perk up when someone tells a story. May grandparents never lose the art of telling stories that touch young hearts. Stories about Godly heroes whose faith in the Lord makes loving and serving Him attractive. Stories that leave a legacy. As maw-maw, mee-mee, grandma, granny, grandpa, papa, paw-paw, what ever you are affectionately called, you may be their only source of family history and more importantly, Godly instruction.

*To be continued...*

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