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MUSIC FOR THE NEW YEAR

Many events for great gospel music are coming your way in 2026. Enjoy concerts in Roanoke, Bluefield and Charleston featuring some of the top Southern Gospel music artists.

You will have three opportunities to see Dollywood’s Kingdom Heirs this year beginning in Vinton, VA on Friday, March 20 at Mineral Springs Baptist Church. The following week finds the Kingdom Heirs in neighboring West Virginia. Emmanuel Baptist Church in Charleston will host their concert on Thursday, March 26 then the group continues a two-decades tradition as they return to First Baptist Church in Bluefield on Saturday, March 28. You can find additional information on the Kingdom Heirs website.



The 5th Annual SGMA of West Virginia Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Concert is set for Saturday, April 18 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Elkview, West Virginia. This year’s Hall of Fame inductees are Jack Clark, Ben Jeffries, Bill Nelson, Robert Mays

and Jack Suttle. The concert features The Down East Boys and Tribute Quartet. A special part of this year’s ceremony will be a tribute to Squire and Virgil Parsons who have both gone to be with the Lord in the past year. This is a free event hosted by the Southern Gospel Music Association of West Virginia. For more information please call 304-546-8031. Visit online at www.sgmaofwv.org.



Promoter Lonna Burton of Joyful Noise Happenings brings gospel music to Roanoke on Sunday, April 19 at 5 PM with Scotty Inman in concert at New

Covenant Christian Church. The former member of Triumphant Quartet is an award-winning vocalist and songwriter. His solo ministry has opened new doors for him to share the gospel message. For ticket information call 540-357-2505.

Your support of gospel music in the region is greatly appreciated. Make your plans now to be a part of these concerts.

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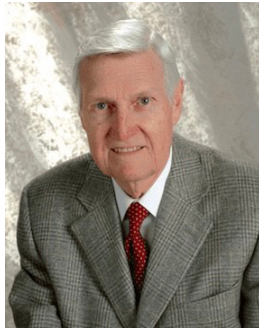


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PEOPLE OF GOSPEL MUSIC

Don Light established the first gospel music booking agency devoted to scheduling Southern Gospel groups. The Don Light Talent agency represented a large roster of artists that included the Happy Goodman Family, Oak Ridge Boys, Florida Boys Lewis Family, Rex Nelon Singers, Chuck Wagon Gang Cathedral Quartet, Wendy Bagwell & the Sunliters and more.



Light entered the world of music by way of the Grand Ole Opry where he was a drummer. He co-founded the Gospel Music Association (GMA) was a record producer and artist manager with the distinction of discovering Jimmy Buffett. Mr. Light, a 2009 inductee into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame, passed away in 2014.

TOP SONGS IN GOSPEL MUSIC

As reported in the "Singing News" Magazine

<u>This Month</u>	<u>Song Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>
1.	Sow The Good Seed	Greater Vision
2.	Hold On To Hope	Southbound
3.	Homeward Bound	Legacy Five
4.	So Much To Thank Him For	Mylon Hayes Family
5.	Never Been Another	Whisnants
6.	Pray	Mark Trammel Quartet
7.	Up Above The World So High	Inspirations
8.	For My Good	Peach Goldman
9.	I Speak Jesus	Karen Peck & New River
10.	A Million Reasons	Perrys

COMING TO BLUEFIELD

You can order tickets now to see Dollywood's Kingdom Heirs in concert in 2026 in Bluefield, West Virginia. First Baptist Church will host this



popular group on Saturday, March 28 at 6:00 PM.

There are two ways to purchase tickets – if using a card, please scan the QR code in this article. If you wish to purchase by check, send to: SWGMP, 234 Sunny Drive, Princeton, WV. 24740. For either choice, tickets will be mailed to you.

All seating is General Admission. The price of \$22 includes fees and handling costs. Remember that children 10 and younger are admitted free.

The folks at First Baptist Church will be providing free refreshments.

A Kingdom Heirs concert is always uplifting. Make your plans now to be there on March 28.



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Mirrored Reflections

I was in the grocery store recently. In the checkout line next to me was a young mother, and she had two young toddlers in her care. One was in the buggy. The other one ... was pitching a fit. Crying. Throwing a tantrum. Just a wee bit on the hostile side.

At one point, I believe that his angry cries could be heard across the city limits of our town. At one point, I began asking that deep and penetrating question .. "If that were my child, what would I do?"

But the more that I looked at that child, the more that my attention shifted. I no longer saw an angry toddler who wasn't getting his own way. It was if I began to look into a mirror. And that angry and sullen toddler was ... Me! Really me! For as he was crying and pitching a very loud fit, I stopped seeing him. I saw me. A 60 year-old businessman and pastor. Someone who is supposed to have his life in order. Someone who may give the impression that he faithfully practices on Monday what he preaches on Sunday.

All too often in my life, even as my hair turns gray and my memory may occasionally slip just a bit, I am like that toddler in the grocery store. You may not hear my tantrum in the grocery store. But rest assured that God sees the tantrum in my soul. We all need to be reminded that there is a toddler within us all. And because of that little hellion within me, I need to consistently and faithfully guard my heart, just as we are told in Proverbs 4:23. Because of our sinful natures, any of us can be like an angry toddler in the checkout line at the grocery store. Throughout the store, people will hear our rebellious cries. But more importantly, God will see and know the condition of our hearts.

~~~Edward B Robinson

## REMEMBERING



Grammy Awarded tenor, Larry Ford passed away on December 13, three days after his 78th birthday. His distinct tenor voice was readily recognized in his solo career and

on many appearances with the Gaither Homecoming Concerts. Mr. Ford began his journey in gospel music at a young age as he served several years as the tenor for the famous Dixie Echoes.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

A young executive was preparing to leave the office late one evening, when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand. "This is a very sensitive and important document," said the CEO, "and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you get this thing to work for me?"

"Certainly," said the young executive eagerly. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the START button. "Excellent! Thank you!" said the CEO, as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy...."

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 "As the pastor, I was giving the welcome and announcements to begin our service. It was Palm Sunday so I was briefly sharing how Jesus rode into town on a donkey, to which I inquired of the audience if anyone had come to church on a donkey.

A reply came from a woman in the audience. She points to her husband and says, 'No, but I came with one.' Hilarious."

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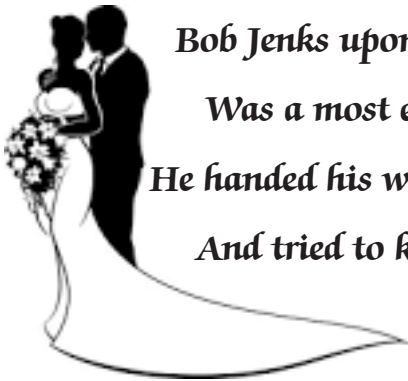
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