

Music City Christian Fellowship

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. - Proverbs 3:5

Dec 2009-Jan-Feb 2010 Newsletter

NEWS

Rene' Jones, Kris Miller, Gayla Earlene, Fox Brothers, and Micki Farington had songs in the Top 15 of the December CGC Top 100 Chart.

Kris Miller won first and second place for the Inspirational Music Songwriting event and was, also, awarded free studio time.

Corey Brooks won Music Evangelist of the Year for Inspirational Country Music Awards for 2009.

Melanie Walker received the 2009 visionary awards Christian Country Female Vocalist award given by the Christian Music Hall of Fame, 2009 USAGEM Female Vocalist and Soloist awards, and the International Country Gospel Music Association 2009 Television show for *Come On In with Melanie Walker* as well as Duo for the song "If We Never Meet Again" with **Marty Raybon**.

Jimmy Wayne to Walk Halfway Across America to raise awareness of the homeless and at-risk teen populations. Jimmy has also donated his talent to our *Sunday Mornin' Country*® shows.

Debbie Bennett was recently presented with a Commendation and Proclamation by the Inspirational Country Music in Danbury, N.C, as well as being bestowed with the honor of "Ambassador of Good Will" from the state of Tennessee. She has been recording with **John Rees** and *God's Child Records*.

CHURCH BENEFIT CONCERTS FOR MCCF

Thanks to **Larry Dunlap**, MCCF Board member, for arranging a benefit concert at his church, **Arrington Baptist Church** to raise money for expenses for *Sunday Mornin' Country*® 2010. Artists were **Dianne Sherrill, Rene' and Edie Jones, Shelton Feazell, Judy Gilbert**, and hosted by **Lynn Fox**. A benefit concert at **Faith Baptist Church** was presented on Nov. 1, and was arranged by MCCF member **Mark Thomas**, who is the music minister there. **Holly Watson, The Babcocks, and Mark Thomas** and the Faith Baptist Praise Band presented an inspirational program. The next concert was on Nov. 22 at **New Hope Community Church**, which is the church of **Richard Cammeron** and **Margo Smith**. Artists were **George Hamilton IV, Margo Smith, Holly Watson, The Babcocks, Bev McCann, Rene' and Edie Jones, Sandra Burdick**, and hosted by **Melanie Walker**. Many more church concerts are needed to provide for the ever-increasing expenses of presenting *Sunday Mornin' Country*®. Please contact **Judy Gilbert** at (615) 876-4832 for a concert at your church, or other churches.

Newly Elected Board Members

Thank you to all who attended our annual Music City Christian Fellowship Membership Meeting on December 15, 2009. Votes were counted and those elected to a new three-year term starting January 2010 are as follows: **Linda Davis** (2nd term), **Shelton Feazell** (2nd term), **Peggy Inks** (2nd term), and **Casey Rivers** (1st term).

Those elected as alternates are: **Brian Unger** (1st Alternate), **Claire Cook** (2nd Alternate), and **Mark Thomas** (3rd Alternate). Special thanks to **Dianne Sherrill** for her six consecutive years as a board member. According to our bylaws, at the end of one year, she will be eligible to run again for a new term. Thanks also to **Brian Gavron** who has served on the board, but will now be acting as a member of the Advisory Board. **Brian Unger** will be serving out **Brian Gavron's** term.

The 2010 board officers are: **Lynn Fox** (President), **Linda Davis** (Vice-President), **Lorrie Babcock Hendrickson** (Treasurer), and **Melanie Walker** (Secretary). Other board members are **Brenda Lee, Judy Gilbert, Helen Luke** and **Larry Dunlap**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUN 13 - Sunday Mornin' Country® 31st Celebration 2010 - 2:30 pm at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) Polk Theater at 505 Deaderick St. **Joe Babcock** will be producing this year's program.

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PRAYING FOR YOU

Kris Miller's mother is going through intense chemo treatments. They appreciate all your prayers. (krismillermusic@verizon.net)

Christian Lamitschka's dad is in the hospital with cancer. The doctor doesn't give him much time. (info@countrymusic-magazin.de)

Kay Johnson's recovery from radiotherapy on the trigeminal nerve which has caused her so much pain since the airbag deployed in her face in the 2002 auto crash. Send notes to ifco@ifco.org

Vickie Gardner has advanced lung cancer and cannot work now. Send notes to Power Source Music Magazine, P.O. Box 101336, Nashville, TN 37224 or vickie@powersourcemagazine.com. Her daughter, Amber, will deliver them to Vickie.

Sherry Angle has been in the hospital in her hometown of Newark, Ohio. She has had a blood clot in her lungs. She has been in and out of the hospital trying to get blood thinners regulated. Please pray for her.

CONDOLENCES

Charles William Unthank, father of **Deon Unthank** (SoGospelNews.com) peacefully passed at the age of 88 on Dec. 4, 2009. Bill was an Army Ranger who fought bravely in World War II. He worked for 52 years as a master painter and paper-hanger and faithfully served his Savior.

Rhoda Marie Favre, mother of **Susan Unthank** (SoGospelNews.com) passed away on Dec. 27, 2009.

Opal M. Lloyd, mother of singer/songwriter **Janice Crow**, passed away Dec. 11, 2009 at age 95 at the Bethalto Care Center in Bethalto, Illinois.

Country Chorale® News

Please contact **Joe Babcock** to reserve your place in the Chorale to avoid being repetitive with "your place". Since there are so many things for Joe to take care of in the last few weeks before SMC, **please contact him early this year**. Rehearsals will be held at the **Musician's Union** 7pm-10pm on Wed, June 9 and Fri, June 11, then starting at 11:30am on Sat, June 12. **YOU MUST ATTEND SATURDAY REHEARSAL AND AT LEAST WEDNESDAY OR FRIDAY**. Preferably all 3 rehearsals. Contact **Joe Babcock** at cowboyjoebabcock@comcast.com with your name, address, phone #, and if you sing bass, alto, etc.

Save **\$50** on a full page ad in the **Sunday Mornin' Country® Program Book**. Purchasing an ad in the Program Book gives you an opportunity to support MCCF and also lets others know about your ministry or business. The costs are:

- full page \$350 \$300
- ½ page \$200
- ¼ page \$150
- business card size \$50
- 1 inch \$20

Please contact **Edie Jones** at (ediejones@bellsouth.net) or 615-444-9266.

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