

HOLY TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

*Madras Middle School
240 Edgeworth Road
Newnan, Georgia 30265*



PRESENTS

GOSPEL IDOL CONTEST 2003

*Sunday, August 3, 2003
6:00 PM.*

Rev. Dr. James W. Battle, Pastor



Dear Christian Family, Friends and Community,

We rejoice in the Lord for our first Gospel Idol Contest. As Pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, I am pleased to have all of you share in the “fruits of our labor” as we celebrate the first year as a congregation. God has richly blessed us, of that we are confident!

I am deeply grateful for the chairperson, Elnora Battle, and the entire committee for all of the time and effort they put forth in this great project. The dedication of this committee has given testimony to the fact that “where two or three come together in my name, I will be in their midst.” God has truly been with them through this great endeavor!

I am also thankful to the Holy Trinity Baptist congregation for their unwavering support in making this contest what it is. We have been blessed with support from our community, businesses, friends and relatives in Minnesota, California, Nevada and Michigan.

Each member who passed this way has helped Holy Trinity be a light that shines out of darkness and a light that sits on a hill which cannot be hid. As we support our local Boys and Girls Club of Newnan with proceeds from this endeavor, we are thankful for Tara Wallace whose vision for Gospel Idol has provided us the avenue to bring enrichment not only to our spirits and minds, but to the up building of God’s Kingdom here on earth.

Holy Trinity, we cherish our rich Christian beginning, this includes what we have become through the influence of Jesus Christ. May God’s grace continue to flow through us so we can bear witness collectively and individually, as we share the beauty of Christ Jesus with each other, our community and our world. Please feel free to join Holy Trinity in worship every Sunday beginning with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:00 AM. And morning worship service at 10:45 AM. here at Madras Middle School.

I thank God, I thank you, I thank God for you!

Reverend James W. Battle, Pastor

GOSPEL IDOL JUDGES



Carla Overshown-Wells

Education - Spelman College & Mercer University

Previous Co- Owner - 18 Years- Wello Music & Publishing Company-Atlanta, New York, Paris, Los Angeles

Company production entailed:

Musical Idioms- Gospel, Christian, Jazz, New Age, Classical, Rhythm & Blues, Muzac

Jingles (musical advertisements)

Video Productions

Concerts & Concert Promotions

Artist development

Artist recording Projects- promotion, distribution & development

Movie Scores

Music publishing's (sheet music, song booklets, memorabilia)

Venues-

Montreaux Jazz Festival, Jubilate' (Bill Gather Production), Atlanta Fest, Atlanta Gospel Fest, numerous others.

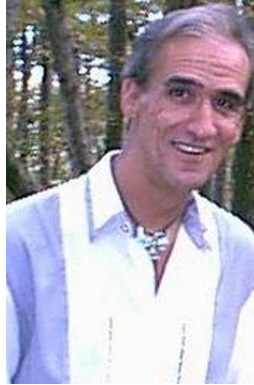
Artist Roster-Recorded, Production, Tour, etc.

Oliver Wells, Amy Grant, Babbie Mason, Donnie McClurkin, Daryl Coley, Jennifer Holiday, Dianna Ross, Aretha Franklin, Lena Horne, Vernessa Mitchell, Earth, Wind & Fire, Whitney Houston, Bobbi Brown, Arrested Development, Newsong, Taj Harmon, New, Janet Jackson, Whitley Phipps, Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, Dallas Fort-Worth Mass Choir, Florida Mass Choir, Thompson Community Choir, Kurt Franklin, La-Shaun Pace, The Pace Sisters, many others.

Awards & Accolades-

NARAS- 2-Grammy awards, 3-Dove Awards, 2-Stellar Nominee, 5-Emmy Awards, 3-Addy Awards

Scot Westlake



Scot Westlake was born in Sandy Springs, GA. and has spent the last twenty-three years living in Coweta County with his wife and four children. He and his family recently moved to Carroll County and attend Midway Macedonia Baptist Church, where he recently became a member. Scot has been a Boy Scout leader and enjoys working with our youth and being a positive influence.

Scot has been a professional singer and guitarist since 1968, during which time he appeared in the Atlanta area, playing in a duet named "Gentle Winds" and a rock band named "Beyond." The Beatles, especially John Lennon, were his first musical influence, and while he enjoys playing their music along with other popular artists' music, he also writes his own music and lyrics.

Scot has played guitar at his children's schools, and one of his song's "Dreams" was published in the school yearbook. Scot is also an artist, using oils, pen and ink, acrylics; a calligraphist; and has worked in wood sculpting. He's a writer of poetry, prose, short-stories, and has had one of his books, "The Storyteller" published. His art and writings have been purchased World-Wide. Samples of Scot's artwork are featured on his website.

<http://embark.to/blackhorse>

Michael C. Wilson

Vocal Artist, Soloist

Gospel & Contemporary Christian Music



Michael Wilson was born and raised in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Where he received Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age. While attending Corinthian Baptist Church he began Singing in the Sun Beam Choir. His families moved to Spartanburg South Carolina in 1980 were he began to perform as a solo vocal artist in community events such as local church programs, gospel concerts.

He then began to work with varies of vocal coaches wile performing with the Spartanburg Repertoire Company. There he performed in Operas and Theatrical plays witch include The King and I, The Mikado, La Bohe' me. He married in nineteen eighty-five to Terri L. Davenport and have three children

He then moved to the Atlanta Ga. Area where He became a member of Atlanta Christian Center. He has won numerous talent search competitions through Adree' Adonis International Performing at the Auburn Fest, The Crows Nest, Club Shla and the Jazzman. Rendering songs of inspiration. He has also participated in prison ministry with (ITC) Interdenominational Theological Center ministering to youth with his inspirational ministry at Atlanta Detention center. Other references are the American BusinessWoman Association, Fulton County Dept .of Education, Casablanca Café (Fairburn Ga.), Historical Green Manor Restaurant (Fairburn Ga.), and The Manor Restaurant (Atlanta Ga.). And continues to work performing for Weddings, Funeral, Special accessions. Presently covering bookings through Bible Belt Music Record Co. With agent Tearched H. Scott, Performing solo selections For, IMANI Magazine, Christian Social Network, Atlanta Job Fair, Gospel Fest, Scriptures Café as well as family reunions and weddings.

Michael Wilson is call by GOD to minister His word to the world. His ministry holds no boundaries or respect of persons young or old. The primary focus of the music he brings is the simple Gospel truth. For GOD so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son.

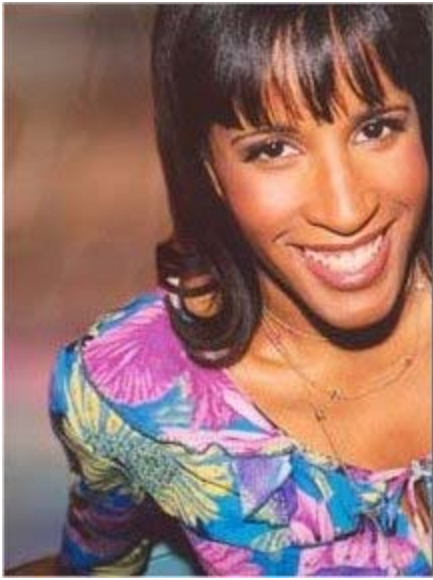
*Proverbs 11:25 KJV. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth
Shall be watered also himself.*

Proverbs 11:25 NIV " ... He who refreshes others, will himself be refreshed."

Michael C. Wilson Ent. P.O. Box 1223 Fairburn, GA. 30213 (770) 306-4479

Special Guest Performer

TAJ ARTIS



It has been said that when Taj Artis sings, the hardest hearts begin to melt, allowing the love of God to bring refreshment, healing, and joy. Taj's velvet voice can both soothe and excite with a passionate delivery that liberates the spirit!

Taj now invites you to enjoy her debut solo album titled "**Take The Time**". It is soul-stirring collection of songs she wrote to bring hope, peace, and joy to the "real world". Honest lyrics, powerful vocals, and exciting instrumentation blend together to create a masterpiece! "These songs have personal significance to me" Taj explains. "People believe what I sing because I believe what I sing. It is always my desire to take the feelings from my heart and place them into the heart of the listener."

Taj is no newcomer to music. Singing is a God-given talent that she has used all of her life. As early as the age four, she performed solos in the choirs of her church in Atlanta, Georgia. Taj acknowledges "Even at such a tender age, I had a keen awareness of God and His personal interest, intervention, and investments in my life." Since that time, she has been on an incredible journey. She has sung on over 60 albums, with notables the likes of Phillip Bailey, Wes King, Third Day, and Babbie Mason.

She has been a successful jingles singer. McDonalds, CNN, and Coca-Cola are just a few of the clients who have used her incredibly versatile voice to promote their products. Taj has graced the stage with renowned personalities including Helen Baylor, Peabo Bryson, Bob Carlisle, Dr. Tony Evans, Pastor E.V. Hill, Ben Kinchlow of the 700 Club, and Crystal Lewis.

Enthusiasm and great abilities as a communicator have also set the stage for Taj's live performances. In 1996, she rendered the finale song for the Summer Olympic Games' women's soccer venue. She has also ministered in England at an international conference. Her songwriting abilities have allowed her to craft masterful and thought-provoking songs recorded by Maia Amada, Karen Wheaton, and Babbie Mason.

Taj has also served as a worship leader for several women's events. During her performances, she encourages others through her transparency. From the depths of her being, people feel the love, strength, and grace of God. Taj says "We are living epistles. Someone is always reading our lives. When people see me smiling, even in my trials, it gives them hope and inspiration. They know that my smile is genuine and that Christ is the source and character behind that smile. It tells them that if I can make it, they can make it!"

It is the desire of Taj Artis to reach the world with the album's messages of hope, restoration and love. She especially wants to share her songs with those who may never come to traditional church building. "I want to take the Lord to the marketplace. The whole world is a stage!" Taj says. Take the time to experience the heart and soul of Taj Artis. Her love is contagious. Her joy is outrageous. Her message is ageless.

MARLO MOORE "GOSPEL DIVA"



A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Marlo started to sing at the tender age of 5. Guided by her parents, Oscar & Jeanette Donahue's support proved to strengthen and enrich the meaning of her calling as a gospel artist. She comes from a talented family of 10 who have all had their share of singing for the Lord. In November of 1990 while being stationed in Misawa, Japan, Marlo was blessed to take Orenthal Moore's hand in marriage. This union has produced two beautiful children, Britni and Orenthal Jr.

Formerly a member of a two-member group named Tik/Tok, signed under Columbia Records in 1994. In the same year, Marlo went solo and released a single with Atlantic Records under the name Angel Moore. As a member of the Wings of Faith Mass Recording Choir, she's been directly involved in the past events/engagements: Background vocals for Marvin Sapp, featured on stage with Vickie Winans, Lashun Pace, Dottie Peoples, Dorothy Norwood, Beverly Crawford, Real Deal recording artists: Shalunda Harris and Revelation Seed, Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, Georgia "Black Family Reunion" in Cincinnati, Ohio, Bobby Hurd Television Show, "For Sister's Only" at the World Congress Center, Church-Nik at Grant Park, The Bobby Jones Gospel show, Full Gospel Fellowship Revival, Decatur, Georgia, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, The Atrium in Atlanta, Georgia, N.A.A.C.P. Convention, Don IMUS Morning Show, Jesse Jackson and the P.U.S.H Mass choir, Rev. Carlton Pearson's Azusa Crusade and many many more.

Currently an active member of Wings of Faith Family Life Center, credits go out to Rev. Dreyfus C. Smith and Co-Pastor Wanda V. Smith, for their awesome anointing. It has truly made a difference in my life.

Gospel Idol Contestants

Gospel Idol Talent Show Contestants

Jayde Bennett, Soloist
Cody Bowers, Soloist
Brittany Coleman, Soloist
Ramonica Howard, Soloist
Britni Moore, Praise Dancer
Megan Tanner, Soloist
Tyler Wallace, Pianist



Carla Clark, Soloist
Kelly Harris, Soloist
Nicole Summers, Soloist
Jasmine Wallace, Pianist



Kim Crawford, Soloist
Pharez Hall, Soloist
Rhonda Johnson, Soloist
Leah Kendrick, Soloist
Joanie Mims, Soloist
“Emanuel”, Soloist
AshLynn Strozier, Soloist

Unknown Artists Band

Chris Boise, Lead Drummer/Song Writer
Zeck Sparls, Base Guitar
Justin Moak, Guitar
Alan Cox, Lead Guitar
Michael Wood, Lead Singer/Song Writer

End of Days Band

Kevin Nifong, Lead Guitar/Singer
Randy Ivy, Rhythm Guitar/Singer
Jason Nifong, Drummer/Singer
Charlie Power, Lead Singer
Tammy Power, Band Manger

Contestant Bio Information

- **Jayde Bennett**, is eight years old and attends Huron Academy, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Jayde enjoys reading, bowling, skating, fishing.
- Song Selection: **IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE LORD ON MY SIDE.**
- **Cody Bowers**, is twelve years old and attends Arnall Middle School, Newnan, Georgia. Cody has been performing for four years. Cody enjoys singing, piano, and the French Horn. Cody sings with Spivey Hall Children's Choir. Song Selection: **I'M GOING UP A YONDER.**
- **Brittany Coleman**, is ten years old and attends McNair Middle School. Brittany is already writing songs and melodies for her CD Godly Wings. Brittany is preparing songs for two more CD's. Brittany has been singing since the age of 5 years old.
- Song Selection **JESUS YOU ARE**, song written by Brittany.
- **Ramonica Howard**, is nine years old and has been singing since two years of age at her church in Newnan, Georgia. Ramonica, enjoys singing and attends Ruth Hill Elementary School.
- Song Selection: **IN MY NAME.**
- **Britni Moore**, is thirteen years old and attends Northgate High School. Britni is involved with the Praise Dancers at the Wings of Faith Church. Britni is a poet and has published in the Anthology of Poets.
- Dance Performance: **BEAUTIFUL** by Brent Jones.
- **Megan Tanner**, is thirteen years old and attends Smokey Road Middle School. Megan has been singing since the age of two. Megan enjoys singing. and also plays the keyboard and drums.
- Song Selection: **HE'S THE BEST.**
- **Tyler Wallace**, is nine years old and attends Canongate Elementary School. Tyler enjoys baseball, basketball, swimming, reading, geography, and loves science. Tyler is currently taking piano lessons from White's Studio in Sharpsburg, Georgia.
- Instrumental Song Selection: **HOLY, HOLY HOLY, and WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN.**

Contestant Bio Information

- **Carla Clark**, is eighteen and attends Alabama State University. Carla has been performing since the age of two. Carla enjoys singing, acting and dancing.
- Song Selection: **HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW.**
- **Kelly Harris**, is sixteen and attends Newnan High School. Kelly has been performing since the age of six. Kelly enjoys modeling and fashion designing.
- Song Selection: **I TOLD THE STORM.**
- **Nicole Summers**, is seventeen and attends Newnan High School. Nicole has been performing for nine years. Nicole enjoys singing, performing, attending church and participating in youth functions is the way she spends most of her time.
- Song Selection: **HE'LL DO IT AGAIN.**
- **Jasmine Wallace**, is fifteen and attends Northgate High School. Jasmine enjoys hair designing, cooking, visual arts, volleyball, and basketball. Jasmine plays keyboard every Sunday for her church, Holy Trinity Baptist.
- Instrumental Song Selection: **TILL WE MEET AGAIN** by Kirk Franklin

Contestant Bio Information

- **Unknown Artists Band - Song Selection: FORGIVENESS**
- **Chris Boise**, is the Lead Drummer and Song Writer and attends Northgate High School, he enjoys the drums, work and hanging with friends.
- **Alan Cox**, is the Lead Guitar and attends Northgate High School, he enjoys acting, playing the guitar and writing.
- **Justin Moak**, is the Guitar Player and attends Northgate High School. Justin enjoys playing the guitar, music and sports.
- **Zeck Sparls**, is the Base Guitar Player, attends Our Lady of Mercy and has been performing for three years and enjoys jazz.
- **Michael Wood**, is the Lead Singer and Song Writer.
- **End of Days Band**
- **Tammy Power Band Manager**
- **Song Selection: Hind Sight and Spirit Motto**
- **Randy Ivey**, is the Rhythm Guitar player and singer for the End of Days Band and has been performing for five years.
- **Jason Nifong**, is the Drummer and Singer for the End of Days Band and has been performing for five years.
- **Kevin Nifong**, is the Lead Guitar and Singer for the End of Days Band and has been performing for twenty-four years.
- **Charlie Power**, is the Lead Singer for the End of Days Band and has been performing for two years.
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- **Contestant Bio Information**
- **Kim Crawford**, enjoys singing and loves to teach children.
- Song Selection: **STATEMENT OF FAITH.**
- **Pharez Hall**, enjoys singing and writing inspirational poetry.
- Song Selection: **THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE.**
- **Rhonda Johnson**, attends West Central Tech College. Rhonda enjoy sattending church, fishing and spending time with family.
- Song Selection: **SECOND CHANCE.**
- **Leah Kendrick**, of Carrollton, Georgia; has been saved for fifteen year and has been going to church and other special events singing for 13 years. Leah has a heart and ministry for women; particularly abused women. Leah is a single mother of three. Leah is a Speech Therapist and interpreter for the Hearing Impaired. Song Selection: **I BOWED ON MY KNEES.**
- **Joanie Mims**, of Newnan, Georgia has been performing for two years enjoys painting, singing and photography. Joanie has started a photography business.
- Song Selection: **ON MY KNEES** by Jackie Valesquez.
- **Emanuel of Newnan**, Georgia attends Georgia College & State University. Emanuel has been performing for five years. He enjoys singing, writing & composing music praising God.
- Song Selection: **I NEED YOU NOW** by Smokey Norful
- **Ashlynn W. Strozier**, is a senior English Major at Fort Valley State University, Ashlynn's first love includes working with children and activities involving the fine arts. Ashlynn is dedicated to music and has been involved with the arts since the age of three. She is a graduate of acclaim Tri Cities Visual & Performing Arts High School. Ashlynn's goal is to influence the lives of young people as an educator.
- Song Selection: **GRANDMAMA'S PRAYER.**

Gospel Idol Program
www.gospelidol.com
August 3rd 2003

Greetings & Welcome – Master of Ceremonies – Mr. Tara Wallace

Invocation ----- Dr. James W. Battle, Pastor

Guest Performance ---- Mike Wilson

Introduction of Judges and contest rules
Carla Overshown-Wells, Scot Westlake, Tanya Hill & Mike Wilson

Guest Performance ---- Marlo Moore

Contestant Category 1 (years 3 – 13)

Guest Performance ---- Taj Artis visit: www.TajArtis.com

Contestant Category 2 (years 14 – 18).

Guest Performance ---- Taj Artis

Contestant Category 3 (ages 19 and over + Groups)

Guest Performance ---- Scot Westlake (Blackhorse) visit: embark.to/blackhorse

Scores are tallied

Presentation of Gift to Boys and Girls Club

Guest Performance

Presentation of Awards and Certificates

Closing Remarks – Dr. James W. Battle, Sr. Pastor

Benediction

Thank you and Good Evening