

# Bonifay gospel sing returns July 6

Special to Extra

**BONIFAY** — The Bonifay Southern Gospel Sing will be held on Saturday July 6 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Holmes County High School located at 825 West Highway 90.

This year the sing will host The Nelons and Evangelist David Ring. Also appearing will be the Four Calvary and One Heart.

With numerable awards and accolades including three Grammy Nominations, Six Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and many songs that have soared to the top of national radio charts, The Nelons continue to produce innovative music that embraces their traditional roots, while simultaneously reaching beyond various musical boundaries with an emphasis on introducing songs for the church.

The Nelons' have a heavy touring schedule consisting of more than 150 concerts annually that takes their brand of Christian music around the world. They are regulars on the Bill Gaither Homecoming Tour and the famed Gaither Homecoming Video Series.

During the rare times when the Nelons' are not on the road, they serve

as Artists in Residence at Jacksonville's Trinity Baptist Church. As they travel, they're Ambassadors for Trinity Baptist College, where Amber attends.

For (original group member) Kelly Nelon Clark, singing alongside her husband (song-writer and group arranger) Jason Clark, and daughter (vocal power-house), Amber Nelon Thompson this is a full-circle moment as she reflects on the countless nights she shared the stage with her Hall of Fame Father, Rex Nelon.

Nationally known speaker, David Ring, will be speaking at the Bonifay sing. Born in Jonesboro, Ark., David was deprived of oxygen for 18 minutes at birth leaving him with cerebral palsy. Orphaned at the age of 14 after both parents died of cancer, he was cast from family to family with nowhere to call home. He endured constant physical pain, humiliating public ridicule and constant discouragement. Yet he chose to be victorious rather than a victim.

After surrendering his heart and life to Jesus Christ, he learned self-respect and acceptance of his physical challenges. To most, physical challenges of this mag-

nitude would prove to be a tombstone. For David Ring, this coming of age was and remains a milestone.

Although difficult at first to understand, Ring quickly captures his audiences with his quick wit and warm personality. He always focuses on an individual's need to conquer the personal challenges and adversities of life. As one who has not been stifled by his physical limitations, he clearly states his challenge to everyone. "I have Cerebral Palsy...what's your problem?" asks Ring.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door for adults, ages 6 - 12 are \$5 advance and \$7 at the door, and ages 5 and younger will be free. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Piggly Wiggly in Bonifay, Dove Christian Supply in Dothan and Enterprise, Ala., One South Bank in Chipley, and Gospel Lighthouse Christian Store in Crestview.

Also, to purchase tickets, reserve tickets, or for more information call (850) 547-1356 or email fourcalvary@yahoo.com, Facebook: fourcalvary or Bonifay Southern Gospel Sing.

Please come out and support the 60 year tradition of Southern Gospel Music in Bonifay.

# West Florida Teen Challenge welcomes new director

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**BONIFAY** — West Florida Teen Challenge Christian Gateway Military Academy welcomed their new director Clay Hatcher on June 10.

West Florida Teen Challenge Gateway Military Academy is a Christian military school that specializes in children ages 11 to 17 that have behavioral issues.

Hatcher said he had 10 years experience, but at first he didn't want the job.

"I was working at the Wellness Institute in Ponce de Leon in 2002 and wanted to move on to disciplining to young men," said Hatcher. "People suggested I apply at Teen Challenge so I came down to apply. I had a two-hour wait, I wasn't impressed, it was unorganized, I was frustrated and critical and left feeling there was no way I was going to teach there."

He said a dream he had that evening was what changed his mind.

"I had a dream that recreated the events that day before only this time instead of turning into Teen Challenge I kept going down the road," he said. "Then, in the rearview mirror I seen a dark cloud over where the Teen Challenge was and a tornado touched down. I remember feeling terror and turning around to go back to help them."

In his dream he saw that the entire facility was laid to waste.

"I looked around and saw a foot and after digging I found that the person was already dead," he said.

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"I listened and all I could hear was the cries of people hurting. I remember going through the wreckage, digging people out and administering first aid, all the while wondering and looking to see when help would arrive."

He said he cried out to God and asked when the help would come and he said that's when God told him "you are that help."

"I woke up crying and told my wife that I was going to accept the job," he said. "At first she was against it and then I told her my dream and she cried and said it was a sign. I committed myself to one year and ended up staying 10 years."

He said in 2012 he resigned and went to preach at a local church.

"About this time last year I wanted out so I lead a church and watched it grow," said Hatcher. "What God showed me was that he could use me any where and my place was at Teen Challenge. The director was leaving to start a Teen Challenge in Colorado and he called me saying that they needed me."

After he got off the phone with Teen Challenge he said he called his father

for advice.

"My father asked me if God had gifted me to do what others would not and my answer was 'yes,'" he said. "It took me three weeks but I finally chose to come back. I've seen changes that need to be made and now I'm in a position to do so."

One of those changes, said Hatcher, was to be more involved with the community.

"We moved our Wednesday night services to Thursday nights so that we can invite the public to come," he said. "We're going to have a youth revival called Regardless based on Joshua's statement 'choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' We want to stir the youth of Holmes County to stand up for Christ."

For more information on West Florida Teen Challenge Christian Gateway Military Academy visit their website at <http://christian-militaryschool.org/>.

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