



# Metro Praiz News



'Sing for Jesus and Let the Whole World Feel His Power'

November 2002

## Why Do YOU Sing?

### Remember...

Business is like a wheelbarrow. Nothing ever happens until you start pushing.

*But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62, NASB)*

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

*Looking unto Jesus the autor and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2,*

Why do you sing? This is a question seriously needs to be contemplated. Why do you sing? Do you sing because you want to go to a performance? Do you sing because there is a young man/young lady in the choir you are interested in?

Sounds silly huh? But I have to wonder about the commitment to this ministry given the lack of interest in rehearsals, attendance to performances, lateness, etc. It's very discouraging to me as your director **not** to see the excitement and passion about 'Singing for Jesus' in your faces.

What does singing with Metro Praiz do for you? Boost your self-confidence? Provide a means of 'releasing tension' after a difficult week? Does singing with MP give you something to look forward to?

Since Metro Praiz is a ministry, singing should bring you closer to God. The words that we sing create a connection to God...He will take care of all your worries and fears... "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth in me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

For the members of the congregation listening...we given them a glimpse of the divine. For a little while their world changes;

its harsh edges soften, melt into something lovely; the darks and the grays brighten, take on living colors; the grim gives way to something that shines. We help members forget; to forgive; we make members want to dance and laugh and love and cry.

Nobody can tell me that this isn't God's doing. God's breath and being enter ours—speaking to us, calling to us, using music to stir us, comfort us, uplift us and our listening audience.

We need to refocus. We should have communion and a relationship with God; be committed to what you have agreed to—the ministry of the choir; prepare to arrive **on** time at **all** times; encourage others in the choir and do not spend time finding faults; and blend with other members and become one unit.

"Sing For Jesus and Let the Whole World Feel His Power!" That's our motto! When you sing, are you singing for Jesus? Are you allowing God to use you to let the whole world feel His power? I'd like to think that our ministry is giving us—and our listening audience—a foretaste of even more beautiful music to come.





## Upcoming Performances

**DATES/TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**PLEASE NOTE**—There is NO Youth Sabbath this month. Net 2002 will be downlinked for Divine Hour.

**Sunday, November 17—8 p.m.**

Youth Crusade @ Takoma Park Church (6951 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD). Look out for information on transportation.

**Saturday, November 23—5 p.m.**

Paul Heflin's 2<sup>nd</sup> CD Release Concert @ Greater

Mt. Calvary Holy Church (610 Rhode Island Ave., NE Washington, DC). Look out for information on transportation.

**Saturday, December 7—7:45 p.m.**

'A Walk Through Bethlehem' @ General Conference (12501 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring MD). Look out for information on transportation.

**Saturday, December 14—11 a.m.**

Youth Sabbath @ Metro Church.

**—5 p.m.**

Metro Praiz Anniversary/Christmas Concert.

**TIME & LOCATION:** To Be Determined.

## MP Sales Pitch



**(Taken from the theme in "Living the Advent Hope" Sabbath school lesson-11/3/02)**

**Imagine:** You are selling your *Metro Praiz* scented candles. How many candles do you feel you can sell if this is your sales pitch?

*"Hi, I am selling these scented candles so the choir I sing in can go on our Caribbean tour. I don't think that the candles smell good; although they are scented. The pinecone candle smells like an old Christmas tree and the chocolate scented candle just smells like chalk. So how about a candle or two? It's better than nothing."*

Before long, Miguel will notice that you have not sold any candles and that you will be waving your fellow choir members good-bye as they board the air plane for some fun in the sun. Believe it or not the same theme applies when we minister. If we come before a congregation presenting our "sales pitch" of Jesus coming soon and that we all need to be ready, but our presentation is bad, we have ministered poorly.

Our presentations are extremely important. It is what people see and hear. Yes, we may sound good but people need to see that we practice what we preach.

-2 Corinthians 4:5 "For we preach not ourselves,

## Happy Birthday to...

Celebrating birthdays this month are:

Barbara and Novella Smith; Kevon Aaron, Lavon Charles, Michael John, Fergentius Rosales, Lance Monkou, and Sloane Wilson.

May God Bless You as celebrate another year

*Do your best to improve your faith. You can do this by adding goodness, understanding, self-control.*