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Sounds of Southern Gospel – A Sunday Delight

MOUNT VERNON – Sunday, August 16th, the last day of the Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival, is set to bring you a car show, a motorcycle show, and also your down home Gospel music. Starting at Noon you can take in the songs that you have heard since you were a child sitting in church on a Sunday morning.

Kicking off the day of Gospel and Christian music is New Covenant, a traveling music and ministry group from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. New Covenant is a contemporary Praise and Worship group designed to encourage and inspire all walks of life. The group is composed of Geoffrey Kasler, Jacob Wright, Katie Morse, Kayleigh Schofield, Lyndsey Oldham, Nicolas Felizzola, and Taylor Myatt. This band travels throughout the tri-state area of Ohio, West Virginia, and Eastern Kentucky and is making a special appearance at the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival at Noon at the South Stage.

Bound for Glory has recently been added as a musical entertainer for this year's Festival. Based in Utica and Newark, the group has been performing in the Central Ohio Region for the past two years. The quartet will be performing at 1:00 pm at the South Stage. Bound for Glory is made up of singers that share the love of Christ through their musical ministry. Members say that they find singing for the Lord a privilege and a blessing. Their collection of songs includes selections from southern gospel, inspirational, traditional, and good old hymns.

At 2:00 pm on the South Stage, The McManaway Family Singers will be performing once again. The group consists of Charlie and Margie McManaway, and their daughters Cyndy Bonsignore and Kim Atkinson. They are from the Mount Vernon area and are members of the Centerburg Church of Christ. They have been singing Gospel music together for more than 20 years. The family has four CDs and are currently working on another titled "Sing Me Home".

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Kinsey Crow, a Junior at Mount Vernon High School will be performing at 3:00 pm at the South Stage. While she enjoys singing at her church, she is also excited about participating in the Festival this year.

Chestnut Ridge will finish out the afternoon, performing at 3:30 pm on the South Stage. The Knox County group plays at a variety of venues including churches, nursing facilities, community gatherings, coffee shops, family events, and of course, the Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival. The members include: Jeanell Branstool on mandolin and vocals, Jim Dunfee on guitar and vocals, John White on dobro and vocals, Erin White on fiddle and vocals, Arlin Bradford on bass and vocals, and Jeff Davis on lead guitar. From Gospel to Bluegrass, this group doesn't miss a beat.

Along with the sounds of southern gospel, there are other events scheduled for the final day of the Dan Emmett Festival themed "Crafts, Gospel & Cars". The Arts & Crafts Show and Homemades & Trades Show will take place from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The antique & classic car show and the motorcycle show following at noon. Awards for both shows will be handed out at 4:00 pm.. Fun with the Veggie Tales starts at 11:30 am with a chance for your kids to meet Bob & Larry, and again at 2:00 pm! The Veggie Tales Showcase will begin at 12:45 pm with Abe & The Amazing Promise. Josh & The Big Wall will begin at 2:30 pm. Veggie Tales fun will close with Dave & The Giant Pickle playing at 4:00 pm. All of the movies will play at ThePlace@TheWoodward. For your free tickets stop by Friendly's, The Gospel Supply Shop, or Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Seating is limited so get your tickets soon!

The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13th – 16th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or by email to director@DanEmmettFestival.org. Additional information of the Festival can be found on the web at www.DanEmmettFestival.org.

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