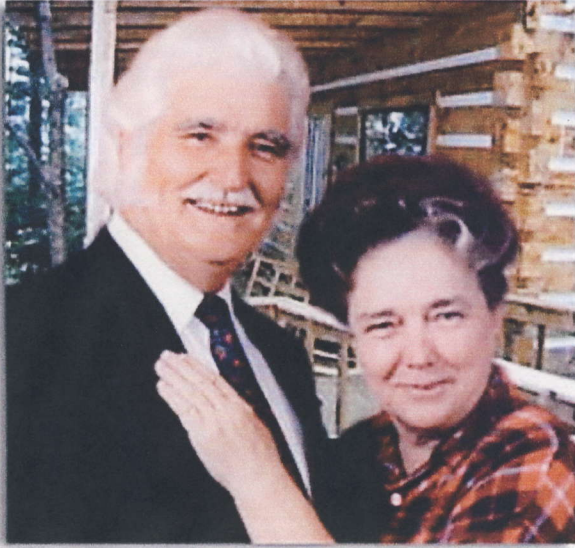


Gospel Bluegrass Concert

Sunday, June 20th, 2010 1:30 PM

At the Historic Ionia Theater

205 W Main St (downtown), Ionia, Michigan



The Sullivans from St Stephens, Alabama



The Balos Family from Buchanan, Michigan



Southern Raised from Hurley, Missouri



**Crossroads Country Gospel Band
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Also appearing: Donah Hyland, Muir, Michigan

No tickets required but a free-will offering will be taken

About the Performers

The Sullivans

Margie and Enoch Sullivan of St. Stephens, Alabama are pioneers of Bluegrass Gospel music. They have performed together for more than sixty years as 'The Sullivan Family', playing on radio and television shows, in churches of all sizes, and entertaining audiences at major festivals across the U.S. and in Europe. They have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and were inducted into Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Hall of Fame in Bean Blossom, Indiana and the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame in Anita, Iowa. They publish the *Bluegrass Gospel News* which promotes bluegrass gospel music groups and events exclusively and they continue to host several bluegrass gospel festivals each year, most notably in St Stephens, AL, Wiggins, MS, Nashville, TN, Bean Blossom, IN and Branson, MO.

The Balos Family

The Balos Family from Buchanan, Michigan has been performing for nine years. The group members are all from one family; that of Mike and Ramona Balos and (currently) six of their seven children. The group has performed at a number of different venues throughout the Midwest ; at churches, bluegrass festivals and concerts and private parties. They play and sing almost exclusively gospel bluegrass and have published several CD;s and DVD's. In addition to raising a large family and performing, Mike and Ramona are active participants in the Christian Motorcycle Association, an organization whose primary purpose is to share the gospel with other motorcycle enthusiasts.

Crossroads Country Gospel Band

The *Crossroads Country Gospel Band* has been playing together for nine years. The group members belong to three(related) families; David Ives, the senior pastor at Oak Grove Bible Church in Kalamazoo, his daughter, April, and son, Bruce; Tom Koning, a pastor/teacher at Faith Chapel Ministries in Kalamazoo and Jeanne Smit from Shelbyville. In addition to gospel, the group plays some of the older country songs as well as music they have written. The group primarily performs in their local area and hosts monthly concerts at *Faith Chapel Ministries* in Kalamazoo and at *The Big Rock MusicBarn* near Shelbyville.

Southern Raised

Southern Raised is a family band from the Hurley, Missouri area, sharing the gospel in word and song, through traditional bluegrass music. The group consists of the Reith family siblings: Lindsay, Sarah, Emma Grace and Matthew. They live on a rolling 88 acre farm in the heart of the Ozark hills with their Mom, Dad, dogs, cats, chickens, goats and cows. They initially were training to play classical music but switched to traditional bluegrass music and have been playing it since June, 2007. They play at a variety of venues such as: churches, nursing homes and festivals. They see a deeper purpose that goes beyond entertainment; they see souls that they want to touch with the love of Jesus and the message of salvation.

In the 2009 Silver Dollar City (Branson, MO) Annual Single Mic Competition the group placed second – a major achievement for such a young group. In addition, they have performed at The Ernest Tubbs Texas Troubadour Theater in Nashville and at The Bill Monroe Gospel Bluegrass festival in Bean Blossom, Indiana hosted by The Sullivan Family.

Donah Hyland

Donah Hyland has been singing and playing for audiences for nearly 40 years. She is a very gifted yodeler and places among the top yodeling performers internationally. In 2001 she placed second in an international competition in Iowa. She has performed at the Ernest Tubbs Texas Troubadour Theater in Nashville and continues to perform at concerts and festivals throughout the midwest. She and her husband reside near Muir, Michigan.