



by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:
II CORINTHIANS 9:7-15

Lynette Hawkins Stephens

Lynette Hawkins recently released her new album, "Walking in the Light," characteristically infusing her forceful and vibrant energy from the irresistible title song to the quiet dignity of "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Recently, at a ceremony for the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Lynette performed the single, "Together We Are One," as a special presentation to Coretta Scott King.

Ms. Hawkins comes from a family rich in the gospel tradition. In the 1970s, she achieved great success singing, touring, and making records with her brothers Walter and Edwin as a member of The Hawkins Family, venturing from the comfort of working exclusively with her famous family, Lynette is now a musical force in her own right with concert tours and albums. She concedes, however, "It's a little scary not having the support behind you, but it's also a chance to explore myself."

Lynette was in junior high school in 1969 when "Oh Happy Day," by the

Northern Californian State Youth Choir under the direction of her brother Edwin Hawkins, became the biggest selling gospel record of all time!

Edwin, anxious to go on the road with his hit, formed the gospel ensemble, the Edwin Hawkins Singers. Lynette really wanted to join the group, but her parents thought it best for her to finish school.

Still anxious to plant her "gospel routes" firmly into the professional gospel arena, Lynette made her recording debut on the Fantasy label with Selah, a group formed by her other brother, Walter. According to Lynette, Selah "broke with tradition and put Gospel in a new form of music called message music." This allowed the group to sing in a variety of places where "normal" gospel groups accomplish its objective-to spread God's message to people who did not normally go to church.

Lynette Hawkins Stephens now resides in Oakland, California, with her husband. Lynette's solo career was

launched in the form of gospel concerts and her first solo album was produced by brother Walter on the Birthright Record label. "We are a very close family," says Lynette, the youngest of seven children born to Don and Mamie Hawkins. "We've always done just about everything together and we were raised to stick together."

Lynette has also recorded background vocals for such entertainers as Jeffrey Osborne, Sylvester and Angela Boffill. In addition, she has recorded commercials for Chevrolet and The Gap, and she appeared on such television programs as The Mike Douglas Show, the HBO Special, "Everybody Say Yeah!" The Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon and The George Burns Christmas Special on NBC. Lynette's 15 years of stage credits include her well received performance with Jennifer Holiday and the original touring cast of the New York production, "Sing, Mahalia, Sing." Lynette recently appeared in the gospel play, "Mama-Don't."

A quiet, relatively calm individual, Lynette breathes a force of vibrant energy into all of her performances which many say are strongly motivated by her faith in Jesus Christ. "The reason I sing the way I do is because I believe what I am singing about and that's the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I believe He is real!"



The Gospel Shall Stand

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

The trees have leaves and the grass is green. The flowers are in full bloom. The fruit trees are beginning to bear fruit of its kind; but, what of man? How is it that everything has an order that it adheres to-except man? How many life times must pass before mankind will decide to make up its mind to really know in their hearts who the SAVIOR is?

For many, many decades, man has sought to change the words of the MASTER Teacher. He, man, has shed the blood of the innocent, he has imprisoned those who have attempted to preach for what is right, and man has struck down his brother while claiming to be a child of the Almighty God. All kinds of movements, both spiritual and emotional, have plagued our nation with its varied doctrines. Some have taken some parts of their text from the Holy Scriptures, while others have completely changed, rewritten, or just plain misconstrued the whole meaning of the Holy Bible.

Religious movements have come and gone, but the Christian Religion has existed since its conception. The Gospel will be continually taught and preached regardless of whether or not mankind wants to go with the flow, or

whether he chooses to rebel by creating another following that will satisfy his doctrine. My question is: "Why reinvent the wheel?" "If it is not broken, why fix it?"

Christ's 'word-of-mouth' concept caught on like wildfire. The twenty-eighth chapter of MATTHEWS, in the eighteenth through the twentieth verses, we read that Jesus Christ has been crucified, has risen from the dead and is now appearing before his disciples before He ascends to His Father in Heaven. He gives them the final commandment, "...Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe of things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The steadfast Christians have been carrying the Holy Light and passing it on by letting their Light shine, by teaching the WORD, by preaching the powerful Gospel message that Christ came to save all who are lost. Salvation is full and FREE! In the 8th chapter of St. John, we find Jesus Christ speaking to an adulteress. When her accusers had fled the scene, Jesus Christ asked her, "...Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" The woman replied, "No man, Lord." Jesus then said, "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more." This example serves as only one of many, such, situations where Christ has touched the life of someone without pointing an accusing finger of belittling them before their peers.

With compassion and so much LOVE-Christ always approached the unsaved in such a manner.

Yes! Man has attempted to stamp

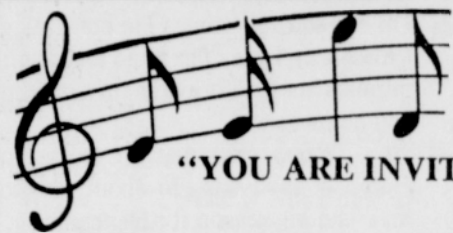
the name of Jesus Christ from the very face of the earth; but, man shall never be successful in such a quest. The WORD shall stand, the name of Jesus Christ shall be forever spoken from the lips of man. For my scripture tells me, that if man doesn't decide to praise my Lord, the rocks are going to cry out: "Glory and Honour".

Nostalgia has gripped many people during these changing times. They relive certain periods of the past and glorify conditions and situations which marked those periods. If, when we think of the past, we remember the blessings, the inspiring growth in ourselves and in our world, that is fine. But-what a waste of time it is to dwell on the past. Make the present a rewarding time of growth in the Lord. It can be so-if you let it.

Today, opportunity holds out its hand. We should grasp it. Tightly. Right now avenues of success, unparalleled in history, are begging to be opened. Right now-not in the thirties, forties, fifties, sixties, or the seventies-the creativity of the Holy Spirit is readying our new world. Through it all-the gospel shall stand. God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into this wicked world. He feely gave us the gift of eternal life. He suffered. He bled. He died. Through these acts, we see what real love is. It is not our love for God, but his love for us-for, he sent his son that we might live. Our debt of sin has been paid through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Christ said that he would not leave us comfortless. We know how much God loves us-because we have felt his love and we feel the warmth of His Holy Spirit. We can feel the security of the Holy Spirit.

Praise God! The gospel shall stand.



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Mt. Olivet BC Grants Two Scholarships



Lemil Speed



Camille Cunningham

The Business & professional women of Mt. Olivet would like to announce the winners of the Gertrude Crowe scholarships. We had ten applicants and the winners are: Camille Cunningham and Lemil Speed.

Camille Cunningham is the daughter of Lillian Cunningham. She is a senior at Wilson High School. She is member of the National Honor Society, Jack & Jill, serves on the usher board eight years, J.V. volleyball, varsity basketball, and tennis team. She plans to attend Hampton Institute or Spellman College and major in

graphic and commercial art.

Lemil Speed, husband of Lynette Speed, is presently enrolled at P.C.C. in the Portland Teachers Program. He is a member of the Jubilee Choir, Sunday School teacher, and training to be ordained as a deacon. He too is an honor student and plans to be a school teacher and obtain a masters in education.

The Mt. Olivet family congratulates both of you and wish you God's speed in successfully obtaining your goals. Each student will receive \$250.00 award.

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I Peter iv.11

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YOUTH TRACK: with Rev. Henry Greenidge, 287-5226

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RECONCILIATION RALLY

Sunday, April 7, at 7 p.m., at the Oregon Convention Center
Black and white pastors and congregations join in a reconciliation service!

For programs and further information

NBEA office - 5736 N. Albina - 289-0143



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King's Daughter to Speak in Yakima

Yolanda King, eldest child of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, brings her message of human rights to Yakima on March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Yakima Valley Community College Sherar Gym. The event is sponsored by YVCC and the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.

Ticket donations are \$3 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Proceeds will be divided among five scholarships for minority students. The tickets are available from Bernal Baca, YVCC assistant dean of students for student life, at 575-2443, or Delman Howard, Pastor AME Church, 248-3564.