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Johnson Gives Life To Classic Hymns

If asked what makes a song Gospel, most people would probably agree it's the lyrics. But don't tell that to Donald Johnson. As one of the leading musicians in Christian music performing Gospel-jazz, Donald's music is exhilarating proof that the Holy Spirit moves in both music and words.

Johnson's latest release on Intersound, *Pass Me Not*, gives new life to classic hymns that include *Wade in the Water*, *Pass Me Not*, as well as contemporary church favorites like Cynthia Clawson's *Oh! (How Could I Live Without You)* and *BeBe & CeCe Winans' Meantime*.

As soon as it became known Donald played the saxophone, he was recruited to play with the church's band. But was soon to learn that hot licks alone were not enough.

"After a while one of the pastors came to me and said, 'Donald, you play real well, but in order to continue playing here you're going to have to be saved and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.' I didn't know

what they meant, but when they explained it I agreed and asked them to work with me. I wanted to be part of it all," Johnson said.

With the financial help of friends and his wife, and money he was able to save from a job in the mail room of the Seattle Metro system, Johnson produced his first CD and cassette tape which began to sell immediately. After selling over 10,000 units completely on his own, he suddenly found lots of industry interest in him and his Gospel-jazz music.

"I try to reach out to people who aren't in church," Johnson said. "I want to bring them in and show them where life is really at. The presence of the Holy Spirit draws people to the music, even if they don't know it, and then that gives me the chance to tell them what He's all about. My whole thing now is just to spread the Gospel to as many people as I possible can."



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Edwin Hawkins' Release, Kings & Kingdoms Spotlights Youth

Edwin Hawkins has never been one to rest on his laurels. As one of the world's most popular Gospel artists for the last 25 years, he's chosen to use his influence to help nurture new talent.

He founded the Music & Arts Seminar Mass Choir and released the first of its annual albums in 1982. Now over 300 voices strong, the Choir's newest release on Intersound, *Kings & Kingdoms*, continues in the long-standing tradition fans have come to know and love. Headquartered in Oakland, California, the Music & Arts Seminar now has over 20 chapters nationwide, each with its own artistic and musical ministry and outreach to local communities, visiting hospitals, prisons, nursing homes and various charities.

Encouraging the talents of young writers, singers and instrumentalists, the Seminar solicits material from new writers each year and the album's repertoire is chosen from the best of their work. Notable alumni of previous Seminars include now-superstars John P. Kee, Daryl Coley and Yolanda Adams, among others.

Among the standouts on *Kings & Kingdoms* is "He is God Alone," a heartfelt song of praise with all the earmarks of a classic. "I Call on Jesus" is a spirited, hand-clapping anthem



Gospel Artist Edwin Hawkins

testifying to the Lord's eternal faithfulness. The album draws its title from a line in Bill Gaither's standard, "There's Something About That Name," done here as a stately, soul-stirring ballad that features Edwin as

soloist. Edwin Hawkins stresses a sense of Christian community that is not only the foundation of the Music & Arts Seminar Choirs, but of the church as a whole.

Heaven Help Us

BY WILLIAM REED

When it comes to us gaining social and economic parity in America, the majority of us seem to be waiting for Jesus to come.

In this land of capitalism and free-enterprise, the bulk of our kind continually refuse to do anything that makes economic sense when it comes to doing the type of things that can help more of us reach the American Dream. Ask any African American man or woman you see, "Do you know the meaning of capitalism and how it works?" and they will tell you, "Of course I do!" But then you should put the "outcome" statistics in front of them and ask, "Then how is that you expect our race to grow when in 1990 we spent only three cents of each of the \$300 billion we had in our collective pockets that year with each other?"

Even though statistically we know that black-owned-and-operated businesses have an established track record of hiring 80 to 90 percent of their employees from our community, why is it that they don't get the support they need from the black community? If we know so much about capitalism, why is it that the majority of us don't realize that unless we retain a larger percentage of our money in our communities and stimulate businesses and banks to create jobs and capital for us, we will always be slaves to others? The outcome for our earthly dreams is that we will have to exhibit our own self-help and independence or wait until Jesus comes again to save us.

Who among you doesn't believe that Heaven helps those who help themselves? When are we going to look around and see the answer to our economic woes? Although Asians have less than 20 percent of the population numbers of

African Americans, they have a record of spending 80 cents out of each of their dollars with each other. While Asians seem to go out of their normal way to buy from each other, the record shows that blacks seem to go out of their way to avoid their population, but they control three times their number in the nation's wealth. Jews also buy from each other, sell to each other and mostly hire only each other. Neither Jewish people, Asians or Arabs placed gaining their American or political empowerment the way we did. Neither Whites, Jews nor Asians consider politicians to be their "leaders," they simply use them as "public servants" to make, pass and enforce laws to enable them to have commerce as they wish.

We each have daily need that have to be addressed. When will we realize that the power of the consumer dollar, that we spend every day, has more power over the direction of our collective lives than the political ballot? When will our experts in capitalism figure out that when we buy gas, shoes, cars or bread we are stimulating growth of jobs and commerce for someone else other than our own? When we buy gas, cars, bread or shoes from a Brother's Bailey's outlet, we are making the way for that black businessperson to hire and train one, or more, of us. Since the 1980s the number of black families making \$50,000 a year has increased from 762,000 to 1.2 million families and the numbers of those of us in managerial and professional speciality occupations grew from 1 million to nearly 2 million. But this has not helped the majority of blacks, because these African Americans took their money and investment potential and went to suburbia and its malls and split levels. The wealthier, and the not-so-wealthy

blacks need to realize that when we save our money in a black bank, or invest in others of us in a theater or inner-city convenience store, we help all of us ascend to a higher economic plane.

On the other hand, the Lord knows that Divine help needs to be given to many black entrepreneurs. They have to learn effectively that in the land of capitalism and mutual support grows from mutual respect. Black business owners must move to make sure that those of us who come into their restaurants, service shops or dry cleaning establishments shouldn't have to stand in line or receive inferior products or service. Along with the product or service necessity that they provide and the vision and courage it takes to start off on the road to entrepreneurship, blacks in the business of serving other blacks will always have to be aware of our broad-based need for simple respect.

For a listing of 50 organizations, government agencies, franchisors and foundations that provide capital and other business resources, send \$5 to the International Exchange Network, 2054 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Empowering US Ministries

Marcel Wip, M.S., M.F.C.C., is the facilitator of the seminars. He is a born-again African-American male Pastor-Therapist, radio-communicator, motivational speaker and license marriage, family and child therapist. An Oakwood College graduate in 1975 with a B.A. in Theology and Sociology, he also earned a Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology. He has practiced psycho-therapy since 1978, with experience in the areas of Forensic Psychology, Abused Children's Services, Methadone Service, Conservatorship Services, Marriage, Family and Child Counseling Services. Pastor Wip is currently pastoring the Valley Vista Family



Marcel Wip

and Community Worship Center in Moreno Valley, California. He has been married for 21 years and has two daughters, 19 and 16.

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Obituary: Brisco Morgan

Address: North Portland Date of death: 06/11/94 Place of birth: Tulsa, Oklahoma Place & Date of marriage: Dec. 23, 1928 in Texas How long in local area: Since 1956 Occupation: He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad, while he lived in Texas, and worked in construction for various companies through the union Local #296. Retired in 1970. Service: Funeral at Sunset Hills Memorial, 11:00am, Friday, June 17, 1994 Survivors: Wife - Charlie Bell Morgan; eight daughters; and many grand and great-grandchildren.

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