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Hello from the Gospel Barn!!!

We trust this newsletter finds you well. The days are a bit brighter and the snow is melting away, indication of Spring-time activities and the start of the 2020 Gospel Barn concert season. It all begins on April 11 with Justified Quartet from Flint, MI. This dynamic men's quartet brings a joyful and energetic presence to every concert, and they simply know how to have a "great time in the Lord!" We are very excited that they will kick off the season in gospel quartet style.

The early part of the season provides opportunity to enjoy fantastic gospel groups, including **The Overtones, The Sound** and **Avenue,** all returning as crowd favorites. And, if bluegrass is your favorite, we have **Higher Vision** returning on April 25th and **Southern Raised Band** back with us on May 16th. Both groups bring superb talent on various acoustic instruments along with clear vocal harmony.

Week after week, terrific groups will be making their way just around the curve on Bankers Road to share their ministry and love for the Lord, carrying out their calling to serve.

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY JUBILEE w/ The Browns Saturday, June 13, 2020 Serving begins at 4pm Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream

\$3.50

Special Friday Night Concert

<u>July 26</u> – **Soloist Showcase** w/ Michael Booth and Lindsey Graham – 7pm

We have five double concert events...

starting on May 9 with Greater Vision, returning after their first trip to the Gospel Barn last seasonwhat a great day that was!! Recognized as one of the finest groups in gospel music, their powerful vocal arrangements along with the piano artistry and emcee work of Gerald Wolf, Greater Vision has carried the gospel in song across the country and into other nations with an obvious passion for Christ and love for all people. Also joining this fantastic day is Sherry Anne, sharing her music and testimony of God's love. Don't miss this great day!

Tickets for this concert are \$15 each for either 2pm or 7pm and are available for purchase from our website, by phone or at any upcoming concert.

2020 Double Concert Series

- May 9 Greater Vision & Sherry Anne
- June 20 High Road & Tim Lovelace
- July 18 Legacy Five & Jaime Jorge
- Aug 15 Triumphant Quartet & Walt Williams Jr
- Sept 26 Booth Brothers

<u>Special Ticket Package</u> SAVE \$7 - All FIVE tickets for \$70

New groups on our schedule...

- June 6 **Carolina**, an exciting men's quartet from North Carolina. Four-part harmony at its best!
- Aug 8 Citizens of Glory, an incredibly talented family group from Franklin, TN. A variety of instruments and voices on your favorite songs, old and new!
- Sept 5 **The Chitans** from Toronto, Canada. Another fantastic family group with voices and a concert presentation that will thrill your soul.

We're planning our annual bus trip to Mackinac Island... on October 11 - 13. Join us as we stay at the fabulous Grand Hotel with a fivecourse dinner and breakfast included, along with two concerts featuring Legacy Five, Endless Highway and Uriel Vega. More details coming soon, so check our website or pick up a flyer at an upcoming concert.

It's going to be a great year!!!

The 2020 concert season offers one of the most distinguished and dynamic selection of groups in our history. Many of today's most recognized and favorite gospel groups along with some who are newer, soon to be favorites. It is truly an honor and privilege to work with each one as they dedicate themselves to excellence in presenting their concerts to God's glory. Significant preparation is necessary for all involved, and we share a mutual request for your prayerful support as they plan, prepare and travel.

An additional note of good news is that our family and Gospel Barn personnel have enjoyed good health throughout the winter, including Chuck Wiley, the "hot dog man." Following his treatments for tonsillar cancer last year, he has continued to improve and remain cancer free. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Praise the Lord!!

With respect to the Gospel Barn facility... things have been a bit quieter this year with no significant projects underway. You may recall that last offseason was comprised of extensive remodeling and expansion of our lobby area. Donations to the building and maintenance fund allowed this work to be completed without incurring any debt. This is vitally important as we strive to keep prices as low as possible. Prices remain unchanged going into this season, and other than special ticketed events, a love offering will continue to be received each week, providing necessary support to our feature guest groups. We are sincerely grateful for your support and the opportunity to share music that offers a message of love, forgiveness and freedom in Christ. The calling and vision of our founders, Everett and Margaret Wirick, is paramount yet today, as we look with joyful anticipation to the future. It is with this joy that we look forward to a great season ahead! We'll see you at the Gospel Barn real soon!!

To God Be the Glory!! Your Gospel Barn Family

Our complete schedule is available online and join our email list at: <u>www.gospelbarn.com</u>