

*Tell Me His Name  
Again*



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*Gary L Crawford*  
*"Jesus Kid"*

*Life is for dreaming and seeing  
dreams and more come true.*

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## DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my wife, Peggy, whose love, support, and understanding never wavered. My Mother for praying with me, to become Born Again, and a “Jesus Kid”

And to my many friends I have met along the path of life.

And to God, Son and Holy Spirit that guide and direct my steps through this life. To God be all honor, glory and praise.

I believe you will find this book interesting, as I share the stories of friends God sent my way, through the years

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## About the Author

Raised as Baptist Preachers Son, I was **born again at the age of five years**. Married Peggy Ann Griffith in 1962 and we raised two fine Christian people. After playing ball in the New York Yankees farm system, **my life was changed dramatically in 1982**, when I was introduced to **Master Life** and **miracles became a common happening in my life**. Although I was a Born Again Christian, I didn't understand, I needed to talk with God, and ask Him for direction, and help with each day! Early one morning God gave me the first song and the songs continue to come.



My journey as a Jesus Kid, started one night while I was singing “Lord Build me a Little Cabin”, with my mother and brother. All of a sudden, this thought came to me. If you and your family were to die tonight, you won’t be going with them. I started to cry and quit singing. My mother ask me, what was wrong. I said, if we all die tonight, I won’t be going with you. Mother prayed with me and I told Jesus, I want to go to heaven, come into my heart. I became Born Again, of The Holy Spirit and a “Jesus Kid”.

From that moment on, when I saw people in Church, doing things Christians shouldn’t do, these words would come to me. Life doesn’t have to be that way, there is a “Better Way”. For many years I didn’t understand nor was I taught, the Holy Spirit came to live in me when I ask Jesus into my heart.

It wasn’t until 1982, that I was taught to talk with God each morning and ask him, what he would have me do with the day. I was taught to pray, keep a prayer journal and memorize scripture. I soon realized, I had discovered the secret to having an amazing life. Since I have be very competitive all my life, I wasn’t going to tell anyone, what I had discovered. God had other plans, and now I share all I have experienced and learned from the Holy Spirit, with people here and around the World. I plan to write a book to share all.”The Better Way”.

Raised in Goodman, Missouri, a small town in rural Missouri, Life was tough at times. However, I have always been a dreamer, and to my surprise, I have not only seen many of my dreams come true, I have found life taking me place to meet people like Donna Douglas, Sam Walton, Gary Paxton, Jerry Capehart, Jim Bakker, Lavern Tripp and many other amazing people. This book will share stories about my life, travels and how I came to meet people. I would have never dreamed, a little kid from Goodman, Missouri, would ever meet, let alone, become very good friends with famous people.

## Arkansas, Came Home

Peggy and myself were in management positions with Sears & Roe Buck, in Fayetteville, Ark, and life was great. Our plans were to stay with Sears and retire. However, I received my draft notice to report to Kansas City, Mo for physical. I knew I was in perfect shape, I had just came home from playing professional baseball with the Yankees . They gave me test I had never heard of, and found me perfectly health. The news was, once you reached KC and passed the physical, I would go straight to Leonard Wood for basic training.

Peg and myself quit our jobs, and returned home, so Peggy could be with her folks, since we were expecting our first child. A week before I was to report to KC, I received a letter from the Army, telling me I didn't need to report for physical, since they had reclassified me.

Both unemployed and bills to pay. We started attending are home Church since we were back home. I will never forget the first Sunday Morning in Sunday School. The lesson was about a widow, and all she had was two mites, and she gave it to God.

### **Widows Mite**

Mark 12:41-44 kjv

**41** And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. **42** And there came **a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites**, which make a farthing. **43** And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: **44** for all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did **cast in all that she had, even all her living**.



I was deeply touched by the story. I said God, **I don't know what a mite is worth**, but I don't even have a mite. In fact I am probably four mites in the hole. After Church and dinner, Peg was laying down in the bedroom and I was standing in front of a large mirror in our living room. I sad, God I don't know anything about bankruptcy, but I don't know what I'm going to do. People won't hire me, since I might be drafted any minute. If you will get me out of this mess, I will tithe, but after I pay my bills. I created the bills before I knew I was to tithe, and I believe the bills come first.

To make a long story short, **I got a job**, Sears terminated Peggy,(she was on pregnancy leave)sent us the money she had in retirement and we borrowed some money from my Grandparents. We never missed a payment.

A few months later, we purchase the property where we live today, for nothing down and monthly payment of \$25.00. The same amount we were paying to park our mobile home. After moving our mobile home to the property, I was walking in front of the trailer, and God said, thought you were going to tithe. I didn't reply, just bowed my head and kept walking. As each week went by I moved up in my job and received more money. I became supervisor over the Springfield Office, and had to drive my car a lot of miles. Each month I had car trouble, and the amount to repair my car was about the amount I should have tithe. After, three months of this, I realized God could stomp me like a bug. Peggy was ready to tithe way before this, I was the one dragging my feet, We started tithing. (continued in Sam Walton Story)

### **The Jerry Capehart Story**

As we approached Goodman one Sunday Morning, Peggy said I told a family we would pickup their children up for Sunday School and Church. As Peggy reached the door, the mother said, I am on drugs and an alcoholic. Peg said,

come to Church, we would like to have you there. The children went with us, and Jerry and Elaine came to Church. Jerry and family never missed a Sunday and brought their friends Jim Martin and family to Church. The Martins and our family started going to Capehart's for lunch, after Church.

After lunch, Jerry would play the guitar and sing songs. At this time Peg and I had no idea, Jerry was a song writer or what he had done, before coming to Goodman.

### **Jerry Capehart credentials and achievements**

JERRY CAPEHART was the producer and songwriter who, with Eddie Cochran, co-wrote the rock 'n' roll anthems "Summertime Blues" and "C'mon Everybody". In October 1955, Capehart came across the young Cochran in Bell Gardens, California. "I met him in a small music store," Capehart would tell journalists later. "I was in to buy guitar picks and he was looking for guitar strings. I had been searching for someone to make demonstration records of my songs and the store owner introduced me to Eddie, who I think was 17 at the time."

Cochran and Capehart really hit it off. The singer had just formed the Cochran Brothers with Hank Cochran (although the two were not related). The duo had made the switch from hillbilly music to the more potent brand of rock 'n' roll they had seen Elvis Presley pioneer on stage.

Capehart, who had fought in the Korean war, was already a songwriter of some repute. In 1951, he had composed "Beautiful Brown Eyes" and seen both Rosemary Clooney and the country vocalist Jimmy Wakely take the song into the American charts. However, Capehart's own singing career, under various guises (including the names Jerry Berryhill and Jerry Neal), had not proved as successful, and he started using the Cochran Brothers to cut demos of his

songs. He also pitched the recordings to prospective record companies. When "Walkin' Stick Boogie" appeared on the Cash label in 1956, it was credited to "Jerry Capehart featuring the Cochran Brothers". On Ekko, "Tired and Sleepy" / "Fool's Paradise" was just by the Cochran Brothers. However, the "square"-looking Hank seemed to be holding the other two back and he eventually left for Nashville, while Eddie went solo. Capehart became Cochran's co-writer, producer, manager and confidant.

The pair spent hours in the studio, creating and overdubbing instrumental tracks like "Guybo" (named after the bassist Connie "Guybo" Smith who played on most of the recordings) and gaining a mastery of the studio which would later stand them in good stead. They also put out the odd single by Jewel & Eddie and the Kelly Four on Capehart's labels, Silver and Capehart Records, while Cochran supplemented his income with session dates as a lead guitarist. All the while, Capehart, convinced he had found a real gem, was hustling Cochran around the Californian music industry.

American Music, a Hollywood publishing company, eventually released Cochran's first solo single, "Skinny Jim", on their Crest label in 1956. Encouraged by this break, Capehart took the singer into the famous Gold Star studios (later used by the ace producer Phil Spector) to cut more demos. "Twenty Flight Rock" turned out well, and armed with this and three other tracks, Capehart secured a recording contract for his charge with Si Waronker of Liberty Records who just happened to be on the lookout for his own Elvis Presley. Around the same time, Cochran was also spotted by the movie- producer Boris Petroff who booked him to provide backing music on a soundtrack. He also offered Cochran a part in *The Girl Can't Help It*, the John Shanklin movie featuring the ample charms of Jayne Mansfield and the creme de la creme of a new musical genre.

With his quiff, his moody look and his trademark Gretsch 6120 guitar, Cochran caught teenagers' imagination as he performed "Twenty Flight Rock". Little Richard, Fats Domino and Gene Vincent also appeared in the 1956 film, which sparked off riots and marked the beginnings of youth culture. However, the following year, while the movie was being screened around the United States, Liberty shelved "Twenty Flight Rock" as a single and decided to promote the ballad "Sittin' in the Balcony" which became a US Top 20 hit.

Subsequently, the charismatic Eddie Cochran starred alongside Mamie Van Doren in another teen classic, Untamed Youth (1957, directed by Howard W. Koch). The singer also toured Australia with Little Richard, the Everly Brothers and Gene Vincent and released his debut album, Singin' To My Baby, in 1958. As Capehart subsequently admitted, "the selection of songs on the first album was a broad general cross-section. We were looking and hoping that something would come out of the album to give Eddie more identity as a singer." By the middle of that year, the producer was beginning to despair of ever following up Cochran's first hit, after "Drive-In Show" and the next four singles all flopped. The two finally hit their stride with the infectious "Summertime Blues", one minute 59 seconds of pure adolescent angst. This track only became the A-side after "One Minute To One" was rejected as too similar to "Sittin' in the Balcony".

Analysing the appeal of "Summertime Blues", written in 45 minutes, as Cochran played around with the catchy acoustic guitar riff and Capehart clapped and chimed in with lyrics, has baffled generations of critics.

A US Top Ten hit in 1958, "Summertime Blues" has since become a rock 'n' roll classic. It has been re-released (in 1968, when it again made the Top Forty), has featured in movies, and has also been successfully re-interpreted by the



Jerry Capehart

American rockers Blue Cheer, by The Who on their masterful 1970 album *Live At Leeds* and, most recently, by the country singer Al Jackson.

"C'mon Everybody", Eddie Cochran's follow-up single, was crafted around a similar theme and made you want to dance just as much. As the song says, "When you hear that music, you can't sit still."

Later, Capehart would willingly explain his contribution to the recordings he supervised:

**Primarily, I was a lyricist**, but Eddie also contributed words from time to time. He would start playing a lick on guitar and we'd bring the song together from a collaboration of ideas. As a general rule, on all of the records like "Summertime Blues", "C'mon Everybody", "My Way" and "Somethin' Else", in fact all the heavy rhythm items, the mainstays were Eddie, Guybo on bass and Earl Palmer on drums.

In 1959, Cochran was featured in *Go Johnny Go*, directed by Paul Landres and produced by Alan Freed, the American DJ who had coined the term "rock 'n' roll". This time, Cochran sang "Teenage Heaven", another song he had written with Capehart, but Chuck Berry stole the movie.

The following January, Cochran came to Britain and toured with Gene Vincent. The 10-week series of concerts proved so popular that it was extended (a young George Harrison was said to have followed it around the north of England so he could learn to play like Eddie). Cochran also made four appearances on Granada TV's *Boy Meet Girls*. Taking advantage of a two-week gap in the schedule, Cochran, his fiancée Sharon Sheeley and Gene Vincent planned to fly back to the States after appearing in Bristol. On the way to Heathrow, their car crashed and Cochran was thrown through the windscreen. He died on 17 April 1960. "Three Steps To Heaven" was released posthumously and reached No 1 in Britain.

Jerry Capehart later managed the singer Glen Campbell and the impressionist Frank Gorshen, who played the Riddler in the *Batman* television series. He also worked as a marine surveyor and studied to become an attorney. But he was always happy to talk about Cochran.

"Eddie was one of the innovators of rock 'n' roll. He set standards that people are still trying to achieve," Capehart said in 1991.

Capehart was diagnosed with brain cancer a month before his death in Nashville, where he had gone to pitch a new song called "Summertime Blues No 2".

Jerry Neil Capehart, songwriter and manager: born 1929; married (two sons); died Nashville, Tennessee 7 June 1998.

I had no idea of Jerry's credentials or achievements . He talked about Eddie Cochran and Eddie dying in car wreck, but, I just let it blow by. Today, I am honored that Jerry liked my singing, and his comments he made about me. When I sang at Church, I noticed tears in his eyes at times.

### **First Group I sang with**

It wasn't long until Jerry put a singing group together, two girls and myself. Jerry played guitar and Jim Martin(AKA Jimmy Stivers)played piano.

Jim Martin was playing piano in a club to support his family at the time. He became a Christian and knew if he went back to the club, he wood drink. Peg and myself bought a business with the understanding, Jim would run the business. Part of the business was delivering ice to local construction companies and cafes. I helped out by running the ice rout each morning.

### **God gave me my first Song**

One morning as I was driving down the road , God gave me my first Song. I didn't understand what had happened.

That night at practice, I told Jerry I had written a song, and he ask me to sang it. After he listen to the song, he told me several things to change to make the song better. Once again I had no idea I was singing with a man that had worked and managed people like Glen Campbell.

**This was the first miracle in my life and the beginning of God giving me many songs.**

If God opens the door for you to do something, do it. One morning I was asked to sing in the Church Choir. I really wanted to but was scared to death. This was before I met Jerry Capehart.

The Words of the song I wrote about this, say it better than me writing about it.

**“God’s Been Faithful “**

**Verse one**

I struggled down the aisle to the choir one Sunday Morn. My knees were really shaking as we sang the first chord. From the back row of the Choir to the first special I ever sang, I’ve Found God to be faithful through the years

**Second verse**

From that little Country choir, into the World I was soon to go. From town to town we traveled. Sometimes it was hard to go. But in ever situation I’ve found God to be faithful through the years.

**Chorus:**

Through the years there’s been trials, but joy beyond compare. Every time we faced a problem, He was there. When I became discouraged struggling to go on. I found God to be faithful through the years.

This was the beginning of an Amazing Journey with my Friend (The Holy Spirit) and meeting people I never dreamed of meeting. I believe you will find this book interesting as I share the stories of friends I made along the way.



## Master Life

Message from Claude King !

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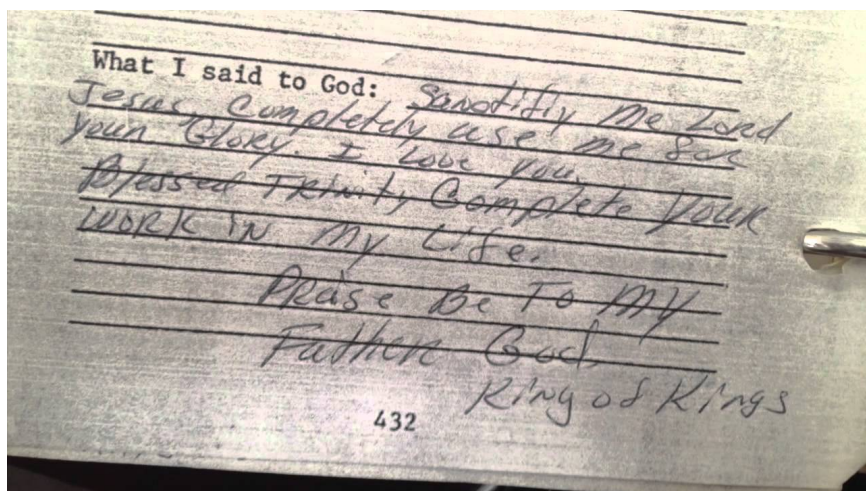
2005 to present

Gary:

I have such fond memories of my years working with Avery. I miss him and those like him. God continues to use Master Life. I attended a graduation last December where 1,245 people graduated from Book 4. (I'm attaching a picture of those who were able to attend the service.) I just got word that a church is special ordering 6,000 books! But for many churches and leaders it is an unknown message.

I pray the Lord will anoint your messages and use your faithful witness for His glory and honor.

Claude King



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After signing up to take Master Life, I found many unusual problems coming my way. A few days before I was to start the course I was ready to back out. However, I hung on and made it to opening night, As Brother Howell started talking about things that might have been happening to us, I got very interested. Now I knew why these things had been coming my way.

**Satan does not want a child of God to make Jesus Lord and Master of their lives.** Satan knows when we make Jesus Lord and Master, set aside special time for Bible Study, and prayer time with the Master, he is in trouble. As we learn about God's promises, power of prayer, His Amazing Word, putting on the armor of God, meditating on the word, **Satan knows he will loose control.**

**My life will never be the same.**

The Bible became the living Word to me, I began to experience miracles, and prayers being answered. I am living the life today, I prayed for, starting in 1982. View video of my prayer Journal above.

If you are looking for answers or a life with meaning, you need to take Master Life. **I Guarantee that any Born Again Child of God that sincerely wants to know the Better Way. "Master Life" is the Answer.** Once I found out how powerful Gods Word is and about His promises **I knew I had found the secret to an abundant life.** I thought, I'm not going to tell anyone.

This was wrong, my desire today is to tell everyone, all I have experienced in my walk with the Master.

## **Sam Walton Story**

Back home and we both had jobs and life was good. I was hired to manage a Small Loan Company and it was important to call on local business, asking to finance the products they sold. I was a little nervous as I walked into the new Wal-Mart Store in Neosho. However, After talking to the manager, I received permission to finance many of the items they sell. This got me in the door with other Wal Mart Managers, so I started calling on the Wal Mart Stores where we had offices. This included Miami, Oklahoma, Joplin, Missouri and Springfield, Missouri. I was invited to attend the Grand Opening of the First Wal Mart store in Springfield, Missouri.

Once again I was a little nervous, knowing Sam Walton and many of Wal Mart people from the home office, would be there. As I walked into the Store, I found everyone I knew was very busy and wondering what I should do. That was when I saw an older man in a suit standing by himself, and I walked over and started talking with him. I didn't introduce myself and he didn't tell me who he was. However, we had a nice conversation going, when a young lady came over and said, Mr. Walton, they are ready for you to take pictures. Wow, my new friend was Mr. Sam Walton. Little was I to know, I would start importing products from other countries a short time later.( This story, will be in another book, about my life)

## **Jim Martin Story**

We met Jim Martin and his family when they started coming to Church with Jerry and Elaine Capehart. As told before in Jerry Capehart Story. After Church on Sunday morning our families would get together for lunch and play and sang . As we became acquainted with all, we learned that the only work Jim was qualified to do was play drums and the piano. His current job was playing piano in a bar in Joplin.

Peggy and I were almost out of debt and making good money, so we purchase a business, with the understanding, Jim would run the business. At first things went pretty good, and life was ok. I don't know how it all started but, when Justin would come in from school, he would stop at the Business. The next thing I knew Jim was teaching Just to play a bass guitar. Life was good, Justin was learning to play the bass and once a week our Music group would meet at the Church to practice. When we started singing at Church on Sunday nights, Church attendance started growing, Things were good until, Jerry booked us at a Church in Ozark, Missouri, to sang on a Sunday Evening.

After our trip to Springfield, several members of our Church was upset, since our group including the Church pianist and song leader.

A short time later, things started to go down Hill. The business was losing money and it was plain we needed to close the business.

### **Time to close business**

Peggy and I decided to close the business. Every morning we would stop at the Business on our way to work and see how things were going. However, this morning was to be

much different, I was going to tell Jim we were going to close the Business. We stopped, and I went in with the intention to close the business. However, God made it plain not to close the business. As I got back in the car, Peggy asked. How did it go? I said, God told me not to close the business. This became a very difficult time for us, watching us loose all the money we had borrowed to run the business. I became so troubled with this, it took all my strength to drive by the store.

One day at work, God said close the store. I have never been so sick in my life, realizing all we had lost and wondering what we were going to do with a long term lease and the stock.

By the Grace and wisdom of God we were able to settle the lease and move all the stock to our home.

### **All things work for Good:**

Romans 8:28 kjv And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Luke 18:28-30 kjv

**28** Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

**29** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, **for the kingdom of God's sake, 30** who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

### **What God did for us through this**

Peg and myself entered into the Business with a pure heart and with the intention to create a way for a man to keep from drinking, support his family and sever the Lord. Justin paid for his education with a scholarship playing bass guitar. God gave me many songs that we ministered around the World and continues today. Every member of our

family has played and performed in Crawford And Co.  
(Gospel Group)

### **Donna Douglas/Jim Bakker Story**

Our good friends , Tommy and Diane Wallace, were good friends with Donna Douglas and made it possible for us to meet and become friends with Donna.

**“Early in The Morning”** as I reached Roaring River, the Sun came peeking through the beautiful Ozark Hills. I started praising God and singing as I traveled. I started singing Early in the Morning, I talk to Jesus, I get down on my knees and say. The Holy Spirit was giving me a new song, and little did I know, it would be about Jim Bakker and part of his life. I had a few miles to go, before I would reach the place where I was going to meet up with Diane, and I didn't have time to stop and write down the words, The Holy Spirit was giving me. I was able to reach Diane on my cell phone, and told her to make sure and have a pencil and paper to write as we traveled on to Branson to meet Donna.

Donna was scheduled to be On The Jim Bakker show, for Jim to interview her. While he was interview Donna, he stopped for a few minutes and talked about **restoration**, and how God had restored him.

I had been asked to be on his show several times, but I wasn't sure if Crawford & Co. should be on his show or not. However, when he spoke on **restoration**, I knew if Crawford & Co. got the opportunity to be on The Jim Bakker show, I would accept the invite.

After the show was over Jim invited Donna, Diane, and my self to go to lunch with him and his wife. Never in my wildest dreams, would I have dreamed, I would be eating dinner with Donna Douglas and Jim Bakker. Until this day I



Lori Graham Bakker & Jim Bakker

had only seen them on Television and regarded them as people way above, this old Country Boy.

After lunch, Jim wanted to take on a tour of “Morning Side”, and show us the New Home of The “Jim Bakker Show”.

It was late in the day when we arrived back at the theater in Branson. I found my self alone with Jim and making small talk. I really didn’t know what to talk about, so I said, The Holy Spirit gave me new song on the way to Branson this morning. Jim ask, what is the name of your song. I said, really don’t know for sure, but, probably “Early In The Morning”. He said, it might make a good theme song for “Morning Side”. (See Jim Bakker Story for rest of the story)

At this point Donna had finished talking with Lori , so we said good by.

Alone with Donna Douglas, now what. Donna said I'm hungry, let's get something to eat. So away we went. I don't remember what we ordered , but first thing I knew Donna reach over and started eating from my plate. Then she said, **now I can be me.** I didn't understand what she met at the time, but I soon understood. Now I met Doris Smith rather than (Donna Douglas) Elly May Clampett. It took me awhile to realize I wasn't talking-to Elly May Clampett, now I was talking with Doris Smith. I soon learned that Doris always became Donna Douglas when she was in public. It is tricky looking at the same face, hearing the same voice, but all of a sudden , different character. This was quite an experience for a small town boy from Goodman, Missouri, meeting a Movie Star, let alone driving her back to Neosho, to stay with us.

I learned an important thing from Donna about people. As we became involved with more famous people, people in show business or entertainers, you probably was going to see and hear a line of Bull. What I am trying to say is, they make up a story or a character. For instance, regarding someone trying to become a star or famous, lets' use gospel music, since this is where I have come to know several people. I have listen to a very touching story that brought to tears, later come to realize it wasn't a true story at all. The person you thought you knew, wasn't that person at all. In real life, most of them had no idea who God is. nor did their life show Jesus Christ in them. This wasn't the case with (Donna Douglas)Doris Smith, we found her to be the real deal.

Peggy and myself were blessed to have the opportunity to know Donna Douglas(Elly May Clampett) Doris Smith.





Donna Douglas/Elly May Clampett/Beverly Hillbillies

We found Donna to be strong in her relationship with God and praise God for the fond memories of the times we shared with her. One interesting thing I will share, is the night Donna performed at our First Friday Singing, in Carthage, Missouri. Humbly she told me, don't set me up in the foyer after I speak or you will loose all your people. So we set her up in the Auditorium, people formed a long line as Donna signed picture for them over an hour, while we sang. Donna was loved by everyone she met, and had many friends that loved her, as The girl on the Beverly Hillbillies. Peg and I kept in touch with Donna until she passed away. She was a very precious friend and special person.

## **Jim Bakker Story**

“Early In The Morning” by Gary L. Crawford

It wasn't long until we traveled to Blue Eye, Missouri to be on the Jim Bakker show and meet a lot of interesting people. One particular night, after being on his show, several of the people came to hear us sing, in Harrison, Arkansas. We all went to eat after the singing, and while we were talking, one of Jim's strong supporters, told me about Jim Bakker's time in prison.

**This is what I was told:** While Jim was in prison, he became so down and out, he was laying in his cell, on a cot, in a fetal position, about to die, Every night a guard would come by Jim's cell, and say to him, don't "give up". After awhile, Jim would get up and talk with God and read the Bible, he read every red letter word, Jesus Spoke. The most High God spoke” **Restoration**” to Jim Bakker.

As this man told me about Jim's life in prison, God gave me the rest of the words to the song, “**Early In The Morning**”

I had just finished writing the song, “Early In The Morning”, when we were ask to sing on The Jim Bakker Show again. After we sing, Jim ask me, did you ever do anything with that song you were writing. I said yes, it is finished, but I have not made a track for it yet. **Jim:** can you sing some of it for me. **Gary:** Sure, I can. After I sang the song to him, he struggle for words to say. Then, he said, I've never had people say good things about me. One other thing, his mother in-law told me she had never seen Jim respond as he did, no knowing what to say, to “Early In The Morning”



*Crawford & Co "Early In The Morning  
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*"Early In The Morning" by Gary L. Crawford*

*Early in the morning I talk to Jesus. I get down on my knees  
and say. Thank you father for restoration. It's by your Grace  
and Mercy that I live today.*

*Verse one*

*I found myself on the Highway of heart break and destruction.  
Searching for answers for my yesterdays, when I heard a voice  
whisper, don't be defeated. Keep your trust in Jesus His love  
for you is still the same.*

*(Chorus)*

*Verse Two*

*I went back and read all the Words of Jesus. Lord became more than just a Word written in Red. In my search for answers I met the God of "Restoration", by his Grace and Mercy, he forgave me of my sin.*

*(Chorus)*

*Verse three*

*I know the God of "Restoration" heals the Broken Hearted. His Grace is sufficient for our yesterdays. If we listen to His voice, we'll not be defeated. No matter what we do. His love for us is still the same.*

*Chorus*

*Early in the morning I talk to Jesus. I get down on my knees and say. Thank you father for restoration. It's by your Grace and Mercy that I live today.*

### **Gary Paxton Story**

**At this time in our lives, Peg and myself started traveling to Branson, Missouri to sing on shows.**

*Branson has long been a popular destination for vacationers from Missouri and around the country. The collection of entertainment theaters along [76 Country Boulevard](#) (and to a lesser extent along [Shepherd of the Hills Expressway](#)), including [Dolly Parton's Stampede](#), has increased Branson's popularity as a tourist destination.*

**It was during this time we created many precious memories with singers and song writers in Branson. One of which was About **Gary Paxton**.**

**Gary Sanford Paxton, born Larry Wayne Stevens in Coffeyville, Kansas May 18, 1939, died July 17, 2016 in**

Branson, Missouri from complications of heart surgery and liver failure. He was 77.

After surviving an abusive childhood, Paxton began writing songs as therapy. As a teenager he formed the duo Skip & Flip scoring several hit records. He then hit the top of the charts producing the hits "Alley Oop" (which he also sang lead on) and "Monster Mash". [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

In 1975, Paxton won the Best Inspirational Grammy for his album *The Astonishing, Outrageous, Amazing, Incredible, Unbelievable, Different World of Gary S. Paxton*, which contained his oft-recorded devotional song "He Was There All the Time".

The rock'n'roll producer wild man didn't exactly fit in with the God-fearing folk of the country and gospel epicentre.



Caption

Remembered Gary, "I'd walk along the streets, with my long blonde hair down to my waist. They were not going to let hippies come into their town in 1970. I wore boots up to my knees and wore a flag for a cape and would walk along with my songs in a paper bag. I kept going into places with my songs dressed like that, and the police kept arresting me. I became partners with Thomas Wayne [the singer who'd hit in 1959 with "Tragedy"]. He and I were going to become the next Skip & Flip, so we cut a rock and roll song 'On The Highway' but nobody put it out. He drank a lot, and we both did a lot of drugs.

Thomas Wayne committed suicide. I went to his funeral and I believe God said to me, 'You'll be next if you don't change.' I was walking around for four months after, completely stoned and kept hearing this voice in my head. I was walking up and down Music Row, and there was a little Christian bookstore and a church there. It said 'Church Of Christ' on it. Don Pinto was an incredible pastor. Michael W Smith and Amy Grant went there, Amy was about 15 or 16. So I went to the church, drunk out of my mind. They said I ought to come back. So I did the next week and Rev Pinto said, 'You need to get saved. . . saved from yourself.' So I went down the front, got saved and baptized and that was the last time that I ever touched drugs or alcohol. What was weird about that was my body went into shock and I had to go into hospital."

**After his dramatic conversion** Paxton began writing gospel songs. But in the meantime some of his country songs he was writing began to enjoy major success. Don Gibson made "Woman (Sensuous Woman)" the number one country song in the nation and Paxton was nominated for a Grammy for Song Of The Year. Roy Clark had a number one hit with "Honeymoon Feelin'" the following year (1974).

Paxton would continue to work with mainstream country music even after getting involved with gospel and contemporary Christian music. His hit list as a songwriter includes "Travelin' Light" for George Hamilton IV, "One Day At A Time" for Don Gibson, "The Great Divide" for Roy Clark, "Don't Let The Good Times Fool You" for Melba Montgomery, "Pictures On Paper" for Jeris-Ross and "If I'm Losing You" for Billy Walker.

### **When I met Gary Paxton**

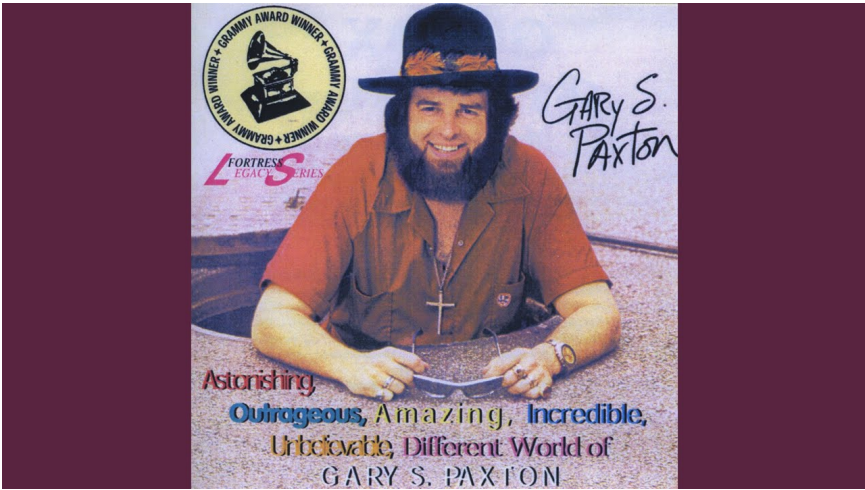
I was having a monthly singing at The Neosho Hall. I invited The Branson Gospel Singer Songwriter Association to come and perform in Neosho. I was told Gary Paxton was planning on being there and this would be his first time in many years, to make a public appearance. Gary had been in seclusion because someone tried to kill him.

It was almost time to start and no sign of Gary Paxton, until I looked to my left, and saw this character with long hair dressed in Red Suit, and Red Tennesse Lamas( Boots.) All at once I thought, that must be Gary Paxton. Then I thought, I'll probably be ran out of town over this concert.

This was a Gaither style concert with all the performers make a Choir. As it happened, I was setting right behind Gary Paxton and could see he was very nervous. When it was Gary's time to sing, He grabbed the mike and explained how nervous he was and ask everyone to pray with him. It was very obvious , he was for real. After he prayed, he started singing the song. "He Was There All The Time". I have never been so blessed in all my years of attending concerts.

Gary Paxton Told me this.

Thomas Wayne committed suicide. I went to his funeral and I believe God said to me, 'You'll be next if you don't



Click on picture for video “He was there all the time”

change.'Gary reached over and touched his friend and found his friend’s body cold and hard like stone. His thoughts were, death is very final. After this visit, Gary quit drugs and started writing Gospel Music. All the time Gary was living wrong, turning from God, he finally realized God was waiting for him to come to him, all the time.

### **Chisai Child’s Story**

Crawford & Co was invited to Branson to join with local Artist to raise money to build a new Church. Chisai was the MC and between Artist I started talking to her, sharing with her, how God was giving me songs.





**Background Music "Just A Matter of Time" written by Gary L. Crawford** (Click on picture to view video)

Several years later on our way to our place on Table Rock, I noticed someone had opened a New Theater just outside of Roaring River. On our way back home, I pulled into the parking lot and went inside to get information about the show. To my surprise, Chisai Child's was the new owner. I told her Crawford & Co would be glad to help her if she would like for us to come and sing. She said she would appreciate Crawford & Co to come and be in the show. This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship with Chisai. Just like all the people we have met, we had no idea, how important the people were or anything about their accomplishments.

Crawford & Co made several trips to Roaring River and sang for Chisai, before she closed the Theater. However, Peg and myself had become pretty good friends with Chisai, so when we went to Branson we would visit her and keep up with what was going on.

We have found when we have helped others, we end up receiving so much more.

Luke 18:28-30 kjv

**28** Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

**29** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, **30** who **shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.**

## OzarksFirst Article

Friends Remember **The “Belle of Branson”**

by: Grant Sloan

3/2/2017 - BRANSON, Mo. - A trailblazer for the city of Branson has died.

Chisai Childs was known for “bringing the glitter” to Branson, along with some of the city’s biggest names.

"You can't think of entertainment in Branson and not think of Chisai," says Branson Mayor, Karen Best.

“She's one of the reasons that we have the great entertainment that we have.”

Childs, simply known as Chisai to many of her friends, was an entertainer from an early age. She got into show biz at the age of six, was named “Miss Talented Teen” in 1965, toured several USO shows and performed at locations across the country.

But maybe her biggest impact was helping put Branson on the map by bringing in names like Boxcar Willie, Doug Gabriel and Shoji Tabuchi, among many others.

"I was just talking to Shoji the other day and asked him to tell me how he got to Branson," says Best, “and it was real

easy for him; he got this big grin, big smile on his face, and it was one word, 'Chisai.'

But those who knew her say Chisai didn't just have an eye for talent, she also knew how to sell talent to the millions of Branson visitors.

"When they first started doing the shows, they were just dressing anyway," says long-time friend and creator of the Terry Music Awards, Terry Beene.

"She brought the glitter and the glitz, and that's why they have it today," he says. "Mike Patrick over at the Grand Country, The Presley's -- they've all got beautiful uniforms and that's because of Chisai."

Chisai not only upped the production value of the shows in Branson, she also had her own television show called "Chisai and the Ozarks" and a radio show with Boxcar Willie called "Boxcar's Bandstand."

Chisai also played a large role in bringing the "Terry Music Awards," which recognizes performers and the men and women behind the scenes, from Texas to Missouri.

### **Chisai Childs/Crawford & Co**

Chisai promoted Crawford & Co in Branson, every time she could. She introduced us to Terry Bean and made it



Chisai Child's

possible for us to pat of the “Terry Music Awards”, introduced us to Brent Mabe(Bald Knobbers) and this gave us the opportunity to perform pre show for “The Bald Knobbers”and take part in “The Bald Knobbers” celebrating 55 Years, and many other events.

Branson is not the same, without having Chisai there to meet us, for fellowship and food.

### **Joan/Ken Hughes/Batman**

#### **John 10:10 Life/Abundant Life**

**10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Nineteen Eighty-two was the beginning of understanding how to have an Abundant Life and the “Cost to be a

Disciple". Our lives became an Amazing Journey.(This Will be covered and explained in another Book)("Cost to be a Disciple")

It was this time in our lives, when we started important products from different Countries around the World. Since cassette tapes were big at this time in the World, and my love for music, we decided to import cassette tapes. **one of us**. In my spare time, I would call on Churches and any place I thought might buy cassette tapes. Early one morning on my way to my work at Webb City Bank, I came across **Stone Castle Church**. A man(**Chaplin Hughes**), was standing in the door, so I stopped and started talking with him. I Found out they had moved from California to Webb City and purchased the Church. About that time someone came out of the Church and asked what is wrong? Ken yelled back at them, it is all right, **he is one of us**.

My thoughts, what am I one of. I was a little concerned about the new people I had just met.

In the weeks to follow, I would stop and visit with Ken and Joan. I came to know they worked with people that needed help to change their lives. Many if not all lived in the Church or other properties they owned.

As we talked one day, Ken said, we have a bunch of Bats living in the Belfry. How can we get rid of them. My thoughts were, why are you asking me, you are Chaplin Hughes, I would pray for them to leave. That weekend our family went to our place at the Lake. In the middle of the night, I woke up with the thought my mother could be healed. Why I was thinking this, I don't know. However, not knowing at first what I was doing. I ask God, if my mother can be healed, how about Cheryl(My Friend with cerebral palsy)being healed and

how about Pastor Chester? God said, take them to your mother's house and pray for them. My thoughts; Great, I can do that. God said, and go to Webb City and pray for the Bats to leave that Church. My thoughts—I'm a Banker, respected man, praying for Bats to leave a Church. I didn't say no nor did I say yes. As was very high or close to God when this happened, but as the days went by, I became weaker and weaker. One night, I told God, if you let me live until morning, I will go pray for the Bats to leave the Church and then I will go see Pastor Chester and Cheryl and take them to my mothers and pray for them to be Healed.

When I arrived at the Church, I found all the people eating breakfast. I knocked on the door and asked for Chaplin Hughes, he came to the door . I thought this is Great, just me, the Chaplin and the Bats. However, he ask me what we were going to do, when I told him, he said I've got to get a cup of coffee on this. He goes back, opens the door where all were eating and yells, Brother Gary is going to pray for the Bats to leave. At this point, I didn't care, I was going to do, what I told God, I would do. As we reached the Belfry, I realized I had not thought about what I would say or do. It was time to do something, everyone was there and watching. I raise my hand, believing once I prayed, the bats would go flying out. With my hand raised, I said, in the name of the Lord, you Bats, leave this Belfry, nothing happened, quickly, I said, or prepare to die. Amen.

At this point, all I knew was, I did what I told God I would do. Then, Chaplin Hughes, got real serious, visibly touched, seeing I wasn't joking. I can't remember what he said, but he spoke encouraging words. I left for work.

**Very Important for you to know**

*Since 1982, I have learned to do what God tells me to do. He has a very good reason. You make feel silly, uncomfortable, don't let it stop you. God knows what he is doing. What he has asked you do to probably has more to do with the other person, than you. However, you will be blessed. I don't care what it is God ask you to do, do it. Don't miss a Blessing.*

Back at work a several months later, I received a call from a man, asking about investing money with the Bank. As he spoke I recognized it was Chaplin Hughes. I said, how are you Chaplin Hughes, he said, who is this? I said, Batman. He said, Gary is this you, we have been looking for you. Those Bats left the Church. My reply, that is good, but I don't care, I did what God ask me to do. The News had spread to all their friends even to TBN, **I am Batman (Story to be continued after Obituary)**



Joan & Ken Hughes

## **Joan Hughes Obituary**

Mrs. Joan (Josie Pearline) W. Hughes, 95, of Webb City, Mo., departed this life into Glory on Monday, April 20, 2015, at her residence, after a recent decline in health. She has been a resident of Webb City, since 1994, moving from Riverside, Calif. Joan entered this life on Jan. 6, 1920, in rural Barton County, Mo., the only daughter born to the late John and Leona (Giger) Waring. Her formative years were spent in Barton and Jasper Counties, Mo. At the age of 14 she and her family moved to the San Bernardino, Calif. area. She later met and married Robert Jones and to this union a daughter and two sons were born. Joan had an amazing career with Avon that spanned nearly 30 years. **She was the first female executive with the company, retiring as field operations manager for the state of California.** Joan was also the individual that coined the phrase "Avon Calling". On April 23, 1968, she was united in marriage to Pastor Kenneth Hughes and together they lovingly shared 42 years before his passing on Sept. 17, 2010. She and Ken worked alongside one another in the ministry. They pastored the **Stone Castle Church, in Webb City, hosted a television program "Miracles with Ken and Joan"**, and were avid supporters and extremely involved with Alcoholics Anonymous. Joan and Ken also wrote and published the book, **"Two Witnesses"**.

### **I am Batman**

#### **Pastor Chester's House**

When I got off work that evening, I drove straight to Pastor Chester, to my surprise, not only did he want to be prayed for but his wife did also. The only problem was, he wanted me to bring Cheryl and my mother to him. I was so please he didn't think I was crazy, I agreed.

Next stop was Cheryl's house. At first she wanted to be healed. Then her mother started to say something and Cheryl got real excited and told her mother, don't you say that, don't you tell him. I was soon to realize, Cheryl must have been in love with me, and if she got healed, she would



come between me and my wife. I got sick from the thought and could just hear all the people in town talking about me. Cheryl and her mother settled down and Cheryl told me about a book she had read, written by Joni Eareckson that said if God creates you with a defect, accept it. She said she would just stay the way she was. I said fine and left for my mother's house.

### **Very important to think about**

*This thought came to me. If you believe you need to be content to live being cripple because you were born that way, should we remain sinner and go to hell. Think about it.*

### **My Mothers House**

It was getting late, I was tired and sick from my last visit. As I stood beside moms bed and told her my reason for being there. Her reply was, I don't know why you are always wanting to pray for people to be healed. Things could not have been going any worse for me and those that The Most High God told me what to do and how and where to do it.

### **What I believe about this**

Have you heard or read this story?

2Kings 5-14 kjv

**10** And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, **Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee,** and thou shalt be clean. **11** But **Naaman was wroth,** and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and **strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12** *Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them,* and be clean? So he turned and **went away in a rage. 13** And **his servants came near,** and spake unto him, and said, **My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?** how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? **14** Then went **he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan,** according to the saying of

the man of God: and **his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child**, and he was clean.

### **How did the ones act to what God told me**

Pastor Chester—he reacted like Naaman. I can't go there, bring your mother and Cheryl to me. I loved Pastor Chester, *guess he had not read or taught about Naaman.*

*My opinion—This is why people are falling away from the Churches and many are closing.*

### **My friend Cheryl**

I was created this way and according to Joni, I should accept it and stay crippled.

Matthew 15:30-31 And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

*Just a Story in the Bible—right.*

### **My Mother's reaction**

I don't know why you are always praying for someone to be healed. My Father was a Minister for 14 years .

**My reply:** I don't know what she was talking about, I had not prayed for people to be healed. The only thing I can think about is this. Both of our Children were healed, but not because of my praying for them. When our son was dying, I told the Lord whether you take him or not **I will try** to live better each day. One year later when I arrived home from work and no one was home. I set down in the kitchen and told God, I've been told by people in our Church you won't put more on a person than they can

handle. Maybe you know I can handle more, but, I'm telling you I can't go any father. I've had it, I saying uncle, I done.

### **God's Reply to me**

It is about time you get out of the way and let me take over. Our son was healed. (Notice—I didn't ask for healing) God did what he said.

*Ever heard the saying "God won't put more on you than you can handle"? If you've been in a situation where someone told you this, you know it's far from the truth. The truth is God never promises not to put more on us than we can handle; He promises to guide us through whatever we face.*

*1 Corinthians 10:13 kjv There hath **no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.***

### **What I know and have experienced about Healing**

If God speaks healing to you, it will be done. Receive it and give him thanks. Be ware of those Wolves in sheep's clothing healing you.

Matthew 7:15 kjv

**15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Mark 13:22

**22** for false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.

Batman! (Little more about Batman in Lavern Tripp Story)

### **Lavern Tripp Story**

I met Lavern Tripp when Crawford & Co sang with him at Joan Hughes 90th Birthday Celebration at “Stone Castle Church in Webb City, Missouri. Evidently he had already heard the story about me praying for the Bats to leave the Church. Because, when they introduced us , he said, so you’re Batman?

Lavern was there for Joan’s Birthday, because she was his sponsor helping to brake free of drugs an Alcohol . Joan and Ken had told me all about this and his time with TDN, Paul and Jan Crouch. I am not going to share anymore of what I have been told.

If you want to hear Lavern Tripp tell about this in his own Words go to this link <https://fb.watch/bGpfQhkYtK/> for Lavern’s Story. Or find the video by searching for Lavern Tripp on TBN July19, 2019



Lavern Tripp July 19, 2019 TBN

- - AND SO I FINALLY MADE IT WITH THE
- Conversation on TBN Video by Lavern Tripp
- BLUE RIDGE QUARTET.
- SO WHAT HAPPENED THOUGH I **-GOD SENT A**
- **MESSENGER TO This was Joan Hughes**
- ME IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.
- I TOLD THAT MANY TIMES ON TBN 15 YEARS AGO, BUT
- I
- WON'T GO INTO ALL THAT STORY NOW, BUT IT WAS A
- TURNING POINT IN MY LIFE.
- I WAS VOTED MAIL VOCALIST OF THE
- AND YOU KNOW, THAT'S ALL I EVER WANTED, AND I
- WAS MISERABLE BECAUSE **I'D BEEN HIGH FOR A**
- **COUPLE**
- **OF YEARS. He was singing with the Blue Ridge**
- **Quarett**
- POT, WHEN I WAS INTRODUCED TO THAT I
- THOUGHT MAN, THIS WILL FIX THE WHOLE WORLD
- AND
- EVERYBODY IS HAPPY AND LAUGHING AND YOU EAT
- AND
- YOU LAUGH.
  
- BY THE TIME TWO YEARS CAME UP I WAS
- TORMENTED
- DAY AND NIGHT.
- **THIS GIRL CAME TO THE SINGING THAT NIGHT, AND**
- **SHE SAID THE LORD SENT HER THERE.**
- WHEN WE CAME ON STAGE, **SHE SAID THE LORD**
- **SHOWED**
- **ME A DARK CLOUD HANGING OVER THE GROUP.**
- **SHE SAID, I STARTED PRAYING BECAUSE I DIDN'T**
- **UNDERSTAND, AND THE CENTERED DIRECTLY**
- **OVER YOU.**
- - COME ON NOW.
- BEAUTIFUL.
- - AND **HE SAID THROUGH HER TO ME, HE SAID I**
- **HAVE**
- **A WORK FOR HIM TO DO BUT HE WON'T DO WHAT I**
- **WANT**
- HIM TO AND BECAUSE OF HIM THOUSANDS OF
- PEOPLE ARE
- GOING TO HELL.

- SO I BEGAN TO JUST LIKE A MOVIE PICTURE,
- **I SAW MY LIFE.**
- I SAW MY 2 SONS BECAUSE MY PLAN WAS IT WON'T BE
- LONG, I WAS THE YOUNGEST ONE THERE, I WAS AN EQUAL
- PARTNER IN THE GROUP.
- THERE WERE 11 MEN ON THAT BUS.
- THE BAND, THE SINGERS, THE WHOLE BIT, I KNEW IT
- WOULD BE MINE.
- I HAD TWO SONS COMING ALONG THAT WOULD BE A
- PART OF ALL THIS.
- THIS IS MY FANTASY, BUT I SAW THEM AND I REALIZED
- THEY ARE GOING TO GO TO HELL AND I'M THE REASON.
- **AND I TOLD HER, I SAID I'D LIKE TO BE A**
- **CHRISTIAN BUT I CAN'T LIVE IT.**
- I WAS RAISED IN CHURCH.
- GOT KICKED OUT OF BIBLE SCHOOL, GOT ALL KINDS
- OF STUFF.
- I JUST COULDN'T LIVE UP TO THE STANDARD.
- THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE LIKE THAT WATCHING AND
- I
- KNOW IT.
- THEY'RE TRYING TO LIVE UP TO A STANDARD THEY
- CAN'T
- LIVE UP TO.
- THAT'S ANOTHER STORY, BUT I'LL PICK UP ON THAT
- ONE,
- AND WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT.
- **SHE SAID WELL, LET ME PRAY FOR YOU.**
- **I SAID YOU CAN PRAY.**
- **I CAN'T GET SAVED.**
- **THERE'S NO NEED TO TRY.**
- **SHE PRAYED.**
- **AND JUST BEFORE I WALKED AWAY, SHE SAID,**
- **WAIT A MINUTE.**
- **THERE'S ONE MORE THING HE TOLD ME TO TELL**
- **YOU.**
- **HE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU IF YOU DON'T**
- **SURRENDER SOON,**
- **YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW INTO A TRAP THAT'S**
- **ALREADY SET AND YOU WILL NOT GET OUT.**

- **AND CHANCES ARE YOU'LL NEVER BE SAVED.**
- **THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.**
- I WENT TO THE BUS THAT NIGHT, AND I DIDN'T
- DRINK, I DIDN'T DO ANY DRUGS.
- I GOT IN MY BUNK AND I PRAYED.
- **I SAID GOD, IF YOU'RE REAL, IF HEAVEN IS REAL,**
- **IF EVERYTHING I ONCE BELIEVED AND THOUGHT**
- **WAS**
- **THE TRUTH, IF THAT'S TRUE, PLEASE HELP ME.**
- **AND I WENT TO SLEEP.**

**Joan Hughes** was the young girl, God sent Lavern Tripp.

Edith and Lavern Tripp, frequently. visited Joan and ken Hughes in Webb City.

### **More about Joan Hughes**

Joans first Husband, Robert “ Bob” Jones , sang in a Gospel Quartet ( Song Fellows) in California for years. Bob Jones, Senior retired from traveling and transferred control to his son, Bob Jones, Jr. In 2006 the quartet relocated their headquarters from Los Angeles, California to Nashville.

I met Bob Jones, Jr, when Crawford & Co Sang with “The Songfellows Quartet” in 2008, Webb City, Missouri.

### **Tell Me His Name Again**

#### **“Miracles Still Happen In This World Today”**

I was just a little boy, when I first heard it told. How Jesus came from Heaven to save my sold. I heard how he walked on the water, made blind eyes to see. But when he saved my soul and took control, he worked a miracle in me.

Miracles still happen in the World today, Jesus is the savior, he will save your soul today. He'll put his loving arms around you. Guide you safely everyday. Miracles still happen in this World today.

Many people live their lifetime, filled with hate and misery. Never hearing or knowing, Jesus loves them, he died to set them free. God's heart is grieved and broken, when people choose to live so foolishly. Never knowing Jesus loves them, he died to set them free. **Written by Gary L. Crawford**

I didn't know much about God my Father, God the Son, or God The Holy Spirit, when He came into my Heart. I didn't know he was watching over me and guiding me, through life, for many years. Now I am 77 years old, and when I take time, to look back through my life, it is plain God had a plan for my life.

I understand why good things and bad things come to Christians, just as it does, to those that don't know Jesus, nor, have not heard Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life.

*John 14:6 kjv*

**6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

*John 10:10 kjv*

**10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Why would anyone, live their life time, being destroyed, rather than asking Jesus, for New Life, and even more, Life Abundantly?

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Introduction:

**See The Better Way Ministry** was formed in 1982, by Gary L. Crawford founder and Ceo



Gary L. Crawford is a *Born Again Christian, Minister and Song Writer*. Raised as Baptist Preachers Son, I was born again at the age of five years. Married Peggy Ann Griffith in 1962 and we raised two fine Christian people. After playing ball in the New York Yankees farm system, my life as a child of God, was changed dramatically in 1982, when I was introduced to Master Life. Miracles became a common happening in my life. Although I was a Born Again Christian, I had not been taught about my friend, The Holy Spirit, living in me. I didn't understand, I needed to talk with God and ask Him for direction and help with each day! Master Life taught me to meet with God, first thing each morning and ask him to guide and direct what he would have me do with the day. I was taught to memorize God's Word, the power of prayer and to keep a prayer journal of my prayers, including date prayed, Scripture claimed for answer and date prayer answered. When I became aware of the promises of God, to those who are truly Born Again, I knew I had found the key to living an Abundant Life. A life with meaning and purpose. Since I have been very competitive as an athlete, I wasn't going to tell anyone. This wasn't what God wanted me to do. It is my desire to share all I know with the World.

Early one morning God started giving me songs. At the time I could not read or write music. Satan said , you are making the songs up, however, I soon realized The Holy Spirit was giving the songs to me to play and sing Praises to God. The songs are very anointed by God and deal with the current problems all Christians are currently dealing with. Today these songs are playing around The World, in many Countries, changing lives. In 2015, I was contacted by Ministers in Tanzania, asking me to come and share what I believe with several Ministers. They had heard some of the songs on internet, and felt the strong anointing on them. With that said, I knew God wanted me to go to Africa, so I did. Since my trip to Africa in 2015, I have shared all I have experienced in my life as a Jesus Kid for over 72 years, with my friends on facebook.

I have no doubts of who God is or what He will do in the lives of people . As I have grown from a child into a man, I experienced

many bad things people do. When this happened, I would hear these words. Life doesn't have to be that way, there is a "Better Way".

My parents divorced when I was 14 years old and I was on the streets for a while, but I was not alone. My friend The Holy Spirit was with me, taking care of me, even though I didn't know he was at this time. As I look back over my 72 years as a Jesus Kid, it is plain to see his guidance in my life .

It is exciting to see how The Holy Spirit is using "See The Better Way Ministries to touch dry and hurting lives, around the World, through the songs and the Amazing things God has done in my Life. All supported by The Word of God . People need to know The Way, The Truth and The life in Jesus Christ. There is only One God and there is only one Way to God . That is Jesus Christ. There is no other way.

Gary L. Crawford Founder of "See The Better Way Ministries"  
"Jesus Kid"

If you missed Gary singing "He Was There All The Time" or if you didn't , Listen one more Time.

Tell me his name again! Jesus is there now, waiting to change your Life.

