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Nancy Scharff Ministries Official Newsletter



A year of many blessings...

...Many of you were asking about my Australian tour. I was scheduled to leave on April 8th, 2008, for a tour in Western Australia, sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene. But without a visa, I could not make the April 8th deadline. However, the trip has only been postponed, not canceled, and I will definitely be going to Australia in mid-April, 2009. After I had scheduled my original trip to Australia, I found out that my niece, Stacey, was going to spend a semester at St. Andrew's University, in Scotland. With the tour postponed, I could go to the UK, and be with my sister and niece. We also spent time in Europe--Schladming and Salzburg, Austria—Mozart and “Sound of Music” country!! St. Andrew's University is Scotland's oldest university, and played an important part in Scotland's religious history. This charming sea town was named after one of Jesus' disciples, Andrew. Legend says that St. Andrew's remains were brought here to Scotland over 1,000 years ago, by St. Regulus or Rule... As I was exploring medieval castles, learning more about the Reformation, and admiring the beautiful religious artwork of this period, I was reminded of the bravery, the passion, and the sacrifices of Christians during this tumultuous time of history. What an opportunity we have today, to reach out and share God's love with those around us! We have so much more freedom to express and share our faith!...My Christmas concert at Count Basie Theatre, in 2007, was another success! We raised \$3, 200.00 for LOVE, INC. an organization who helps the poor and needy in our community. We also collected canned goods for local food banks. I wrote two new songs for the concert, “*One Night*” and “*The Light of the World is Jesus*”. The second song was inspired by the hymn writer, Philip Bliss. I was again blessed to have a wonderful Ecumenical Choir, Children's Choir, 16 piece orchestra, and 6 piece band. Highlights of their performances included, “*Jesus, What A Wonderful Child*”, and *The Hallelujah Chorus*”. Please mark your calendars for THIS year's Christmas Concert, “*It's Christmas!*”. The date is Friday, December 19, 2008, at 8:00 PM. This will be my third Christmas Concert at Count Basie Theatre, in Red Bank, NJ, and my fourth concert at the theater. I will be adding a few pieces for bell choirs this year! Already, we are planning the music and recruiting the bell choirs. Don't miss this unique and festive sound! If you live in the Monmouth

County area, and like to sing, please join the Ecumenical Choir. All adults and teens are welcome! The Children's Choir consists of Pre-K through 6th graders, and your children are welcome to join!...On Friday, June 27, 2008, I will be giving my annual God & Country concert, to benefit The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. This organization aids children with cancer and their families. An exciting concert is planned! I will be adding a brass quintet, St. Peter's Brass, directed by John Luckenbill. The Ecumenical Choir will sing some wonderful arrangements of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "When the Saints Go Marching In", and "America the Beautiful". Also new this year, the kids from King of King's summer camp, called "King's Kamp", will sing on the program! I am also asking people to submit pictures of their loved ones in uniform, to be projected on the screens as a slide show, during the concert. I wrote a special song, entitled, "Thank You", which I will sing during the presentation. You can send your pictures to my E mail address, NScharff@aol.com, or drop them off at King of Kings Lutheran Church, to be scanned. (All pictures will be returned). Please include your loved ones' name. Local boy scout troops will present the colors...This past year, I shared my music ministry with the following churches, organizations and ministries, such as: The Church on the Square, The Villages, FL, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clifton Heights, PA, Tower Hill Presbyterian Church Women's Ministry, Red Bank, NJ, Lincroft Presbyterian Church, NJ., Martha Mary Guild, Colts Neck, NJ, Veterans Hospital, Lyons, NJ, The Cranbury Women's Club, NJ, Spring Lake Women 's Club, NJ, and Deborah Hospital, NJ...My recording projects are still in progress, but I will send out notices when they are ready!... Thank you for your support of my music ministry, and for attending my concerts. I also wanted to thank you for your prayers.

May God continue to bless you, and keep you in His care! *Nancy Scharff*

Concert Information for 2008 (Concerts will be added to the web page as they come in)

June 27th, 2008, 7:30 PM—God & Country Concert— Benefit for The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Middletown, NJ. Free will offering. 732-671-3348

October 12, 2008, 12:00 Noon —The Church on the Square, Celebration Service, The Villages, FL 352-750-5411

October 13, 2008, 6:00 PM—Concert, The Church on the Square, The Villages, FL 352-750-5411

November 23, 2008, 6:00 PM—St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clifton Heights, PA 610-626-5295

December 19, 2008, 8:00 PM—"It's Christmas!!" Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ, Tickets: \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00, with discounts for seniors. Call the box office: 732-842-9000

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April, 2009—Australia tour—Dates to be announced.

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