



## Nathan Clark George & Family

Although living in an RV with his wife and their five kids can be a bit noisy, Nathan Clark George has somehow managed to quietly make a name for himself in the music world. Known for his thoughtful lyrics, acoustic prowess and ability to apply music directly to scripture verses, Nathan has been honored multiple times by his peers and fans alike. He was nominated twice by the prestigious Independent Music Awards in the Singer/Songwriter category for previous projects and named Acoustic Artist of the Year two years in a row by Indie Heaven. His unique talent caught the attention of Franklin Springs Family Media earlier this year and they approached Nathan about doing a documentary on his very unorthodox lifestyle. The result is a new 14-song CD and concert/documentary DVD both entitled *Pull Up A Chair*.

Nathan says his most difficult musical undertakings are writing music for scripture. *Pull Up a Chair* features Psalm 111 and Psalm 24 set to music. “I treat that process with great fear and reverence,” he says. “The lyrics are written by God, after all. The challenge is to make it flow in a natural way. A lot of work goes into the phrasing aspect.”

One song on the CD, “Little Trees,” is a reflection on Psalm 1 rather than a verbatim rendering. “This was really the first time I wrote an expression of a Psalm. I wrote it from a father’s perspective about raising sons, and it’s probably my favorite song on the project. When we started out living in the motor home, I worried that I would be damaging my kids. But honestly, it has given them such a wide view of the world and we’ve been able to do some amazing things together.”

From coffee houses to churches to arts councils and every venue in between, Nathan Clark George keeps his repertoire flexible, but his style consistent. “People in coffee houses appreciate the scripture songs as much as anything else,” he says. “I’m just a musician who is willing to go anywhere and sing for anybody. I really don’t follow the Christian music scene so I don’t know where, or if, I fit in. I just try to be cognizant of where God wants me and try to stay within that framework. Even if it means another year in the RV.”

Nathan Clark George delivers songs from the Scriptures and life with finesse and authenticity. He has the ability to transform any venue into a living room where the audience is free to explore life’s joys and sorrows. Over the last several years, Nathan has presented hundreds of concerts at camps, churches, coffee houses, and homes, where his music is appreciated by both the young and old. He continues to defy the contemporary/traditional distinctions, and crosses generational boundaries with ease.

And this is part of **the goal** – to encourage a multi-generational vision for the family and the Kingdom of Peace through a truly musical presentation of the Scriptures and transparent snapshots of life that are convicting, yet full of hope.

## **Eric & Leslee Wallace Family**

The Institute for Uniting Church & Home

Eric Wallace is the husband of Leslee and the father of six very active children. He is the Founder and President of the Institute for Uniting Church and Home, the mission of which is to encourage, inspire, and train church leaders and households to unite the efforts of the church and the home in fulfilling the Great Commission through household relationships. [www.uchlink.org](http://www.uchlink.org) The Institute's *Church Leader Network* has been a crucial training and encouragement tool for church leaders seeking to implement a biblical vision for the local church and the home. Eric has a passion for Jesus Christ and His Gospel of grace as the bedrock that unites the church and the home. He is the author of two books, *Uniting Church and Home: A Blueprint for Rebuilding Church Community* and *The Uniting Church and Home Implementation Guide*. He preaches and teaches at churches, denominational meetings, retreats, conventions, seminars and pretty much anywhere free coffee is offered. He loves sushi, “catching” (rather than just “fishing”), reading and writing at his local Barnes and Noble book store, taking his kids on Institute trips, and his wife on dates. The Wallace family's favorite dinner is a Vietnamese soup called, “Pho.”

## **Arnold Pent Family**

Arnold Pent is author of *Ten P's in a Pod*, written during his late teen years recounting the unusual life he shared with a family of ten members traveling around the U.S. in the 1950s and '60s singing, quoting Scripture, and playing instruments. The book was republished forty-five years later by Vision Forum and continues to be one of their best sellers. His father was probably the first man in the country to envision the need for home schooling during the late 1950's and braved the storms of pioneering the training of his eight children at home and while traveling around the country.

One of Arnold Pent's passions is identified in Psalms 78:5-8: *For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.*

He has implemented this vision by reading the Scripture daily with his family, carrying forward the habits of his father and grandfather of daily family devotions reading Scripture, praying and singing. His grown children are now doing the same with their wives and children, while Arnold and Esther continue the habit with their 17-year-old daughter still at home.

Another of his passions is the training of his children to be effective in ministry and business. The three eldest sons each have their own areas of ministry in local churches or intensive ministry training. They are also teamed up with him in three separate businesses each managing a corporate business enterprise: One in oil and gas production, one in water re-distribution and purification, and the other in Christian publishing. These businesses have grown out of his own 30 years involvement in commercial real estate development, oil and gas interests and farming in Virginia. Several years ago he felt the need to seriously train his sons in entrepreneurial enterprises making the decision to invest available resources in businesses led by his own children whose education, character development and spiritual training had been under his direction during their formative years. He highly recommends this model to others.

Another passion is to encourage the memorizing of Scripture by chapters and books with families working together, sharing with each other what they have memorized thereby multiplying the effect for each family member.

Arnold was a guest speaker at the first Celebrate the Glory event, two years ago. This year he will be joined by his brother Timothy and family.

## **Timothy & Boni Pent Family**

My parents were pioneers in their own way. I am the 7th of 8 children and was home educated from kindergarten through college, thirty years before the home schooling movement began. My father was an evangelist, and we traveled as a family all over the United States for the first 15 years of my life. Our purpose was to demonstrate the power of the Gospel in the life of a family and promote a more serious use of the Scripture by reading it together daily. My wife and I have nine children, six daughters and three sons ranging in age from 24 down to 6. We have home educated all our children.

My trade has been landscape contracting as my father's was before me. Our goal even in our work is to "seek first the kingdom of God." While working a trade instead of being in full-time ministry seems inefficient at times, we have noticed an unusual effect on our children. As with the apostles, what appeared as the inefficiencies of working trades or even being in prison became the means of building God's Kingdom by God's providence. Through even simple toil for the Lord's sake, mixed with daily doses of the Scripture, we have seen spiritual fruit in our children, which is the goal of any ministry. An affection for the Lord, an independent faith, and a diligent work ethic stand out in a materialistic and spiritually lethargic culture. Perhaps limitations are as crucial a part of what God is doing as what we are immediately able to accomplish - as long as Christ's simple maxim is lived: **"He that hears the Word and does it...his house will stand."**

## **Eric & Suzanne Pace Family**

### Ministering through Canvas Preaching & Pottery

Eric and Suzanne are the blessed parents of four children: Leonard (5 yrs), Bethany (4 yrs), Daisy Leigh (2 yrs) and Elias (1 year). They have seen God's miraculous ministry of transformation in their lives and family. With a love and zeal for sharing the great news of the gospel....their art is a reflection of God's transformation, power, beauty, and love.

**Eric** began painting in 2001. His paintings, often referred to as "canvas preaching" are primitive in style, child-like in nature and inspired by his love of God's Word and it's work in Eric's life.

Eric spent 4 years painting a series of paintings entitled: *Revelations on Revelation: An Expository Painting of John's Vision*. There are 19 paintings in the series representing all 22 chapters in the book of Revelation. These inspired works of art have been displayed in many art shows & galleries. Eric will display a number of these paintings in the Scripture Art Gallery of Celebrate the Glory this year.

You can see more about his painting here...

<http://www.preachermanericpace.com/>

**Suzanne** ministers through the art medium of pottery. Through this unique ministry, Suzanne uses the potter's wheel and her knowledge of creating pottery to provide visual examples of how God, as our "Master Potter", shapes and molds us. These examples, along with select Scripture, provide a strong impact and valuable insight into the care the Father puts into our spiritual growth and development.

## **Barry & Karen Gray Family**

The Gray family have had daily "Bible time" together since the conception of their family. They especially enjoy putting Scripture with music. At the first Celebrate the Glory event, God's Spirit spoke to one of the daughters during the final session. The following is an excerpt from the first chapter of the book God's Spirit inspired Amber to write.

*The October sunshine was so bright, the world seemed to be breathing yellow. Leaves of various vibrant colors showed up sharply against a brilliant clear blue sky. Even the grass appeared yellow; it was wilted and tired after standing up to the foot traffic of summer.*

*That valley, tucked away in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, was a lovely place to be that fall day. Cool breezes swept down from the mountain ridges and balanced the warmth of the sun. Gravel dust and loose leaves played tag around our feet.*

*My parents, my five siblings, and I sat under a large pavilion, surrounded by dozens of families. Some had many children; others had only a few. Several families had come to the Virginian mountains from another state. Others, like us, live close by. All had come to the conference to learn and be encouraged from God's Word.*

*The goal for that day was a worthy one: to see families encouraged to have regular devotions together, and to memorize Scripture. I had come prepared only to watch others learn- for my family already did these things- but God had been graciously opening my eyes to new things that day, as well as refreshing old things. I was looking forward to the final event; a question and answer session.*

*Near the end of this session, the leading pastor unfolded a scrap of paper on which the last question of the day was written. He read the question aloud with a clear voice.  
"What are devotion times like in your homes?"*

*There was a moment of silence. The three main speakers, who were each expected to give an answer, paused and looked at one another before beginning their replies.*

*In that one moment of pure silence, I had been changed forever. I had been unprepared for the way this final question of the day would strike me- and strike me it did. Though my body remained seated on the metal folding chair, my mind was instantly far away.....*

At Celebrate the Glory this year, Amber and her dad will share what God has taught them regarding daily family devotions. Amber's book, *Ask Thy Father*, will also be available for purchase...so you can read the rest of the story.