

First Ever Cacklefest Scheduled for Shepherd of the Hills Church

Cacklefests originated in the early years of drag racing where some of the fastest race cars of the 60's were dragsters burning nitromethane fuel to reach speeds over 200mph in just 6 seconds. To warm up these powerful motors, the tow vehicles would push start the cars on the drag strip, letting them idle down the track, taking the return road to park in front of the spectators. This process would be repeated until all cars were idling before the crowd. The sound of more than twenty of these cars was remarkable as they popped and cackled, pronouncing their power to the earth and sky.

To the car crowd, this sound is like a celebration...a unique form of music if you will. During church services we raise our voices and our arms to praise the Lord. With today's focus on Fathers, Fast Cars and our Ultimate Father, we decided to use our

gifts of horsepower to "Raise our RPMS to the Lord".

We found our unorthodox approach to praising the Lord much like David's dance to the Lord described in 2 Samuel 6:14-15. Like David, our focus is not on ourselves, our cars, but a display of gratitude that we want to send to the Lord.

We recognize that this might not be your kind of music and if you hold your ears, we totally understand. We aim to keep it short, within a minute to harness all the power we can at the car show, to praise our Father in Heaven. We welcome all car show participants to join the call regardless



of sound or horsepower, as long as their focus is on the Lord.

You Wanna Take It Outside?

Perhaps you think we are looking for a rumble or a street fight with a statement like that. Fact is, we do want to take it outside. We believe we are all asked to take it outside by the Lord. Not to fight, but to carry the message of eternal life. Too often evangelism has gotten a dirty name that leads to personal discomfort and can lead to warfare to protect our beliefs, so we avoid it. Yet we think nothing of wearing t-shirts and displaying bumper stickers for everything but our faith. Jesus used a simple method of taking his message outside. First he acted in a way that is the model of what God wants from us. The greatest commandment from Jesus is to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. We can do this without wearing any badges that reveal our faith. However, when you act in accord with the Lord's direction, a simple method of letting other's know

where your motivation comes from can be a powerful statement that can bring others to know Jesus. Wearing a cross around your neck or placing a fish on your car is a simple way you can "take it outside."

In car circles we have no qualms about wearing our favorite brand of car on our shirts. In fact, our race cars can be some of the gaudiest displays, pushing the agenda of our favorite speed equipment and merchandise. However, revealing where our faith lies is somehow concealed in our lives. How do you think God will recognize you in heaven if your actions lead one more person to the Lord? Give it a try and take it outside!

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**Thank You to Shepherd of the Hills Church
and Scott Staub**
for inspiring us to take our faith outside!

**Our ultimate thanks for the Father's Day
Fellowship Car Show goes to our Father
in Heaven that has blessed us in so many
ways!**

New Options in Contemporary Christian Music

Music is a powerful motivating force. In the early days it was used to move armies across the continents and we use it to accompany inspirational moments like weddings or for dramatic effect in movies. In the 50's and 60's, outside of the Christian world there had been an evolution of music that brought forward rock-n-roll

and R&B which led to rap, hip hop, and other music varieties. In the 70's and 80's while we attended church on Sundays and listened to hymns that were decades old and during the week we listen to modern secular music. But there was something missing in that the lyrics of the secular music could lead you to places and things that are contrary to the Lord's wants for your life.

Recently, there have been bands that have reached the top of the charts with an underlying Christian message such as Creed and Switchfoot. There are also bands that while they do not sing an evangelical message, they have made it a point of their Christian background to sing of topics that are positive in nature and they include Chevelle, Evanescence, and others. Some of the secular artists have also provided contemporary covers of great hymns such as Alan Jackson in the country music segment.

If you enjoyed the sounds at the Father's Day Fellowship Car Show and want to explore an even deeper Christian message in your contemporary music, we recommend you look into the following bands:

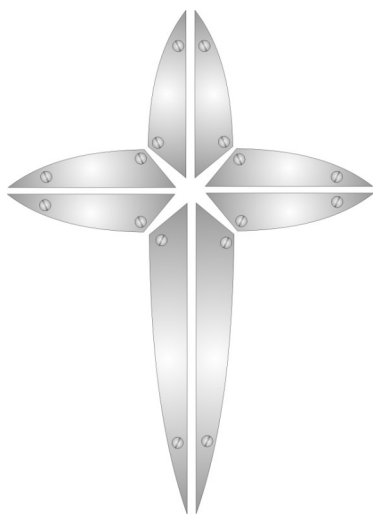
Rock – Third Day, Mercy Me, The Kry, Overflow, Casting Crowns, The OC Supertones

Hard Rock – Kutless, Big Dismal, Thousand Foot Krutch

There are even bands that have taken the secular music we may have grown to enjoy and replaced the lyrics with a Christian message. Check out the Apologetics if you want to hear a Christian version of Metallica's *Sandman*.



Gospel Motorsports—Who Are We?



www.gospelmotorsports.com

Gospel Motorsports started as a drag racing team that decided instead of promoting another kind of oil, soft drink or product with sponsorship on our cars, why not promote something that we really believe in, faith in Jesus. That was in 2004 and since then we have been blessed with doors opening to others at the track that are willing to share their experiences in their walk of faith with the Lord. Now instead of people complimenting us for our cars, we get positive feedback from those who support our message. What started as sponsorship turned into fellowship and witnessing at various tracks and stops in between.

We hope to lead others to a life of faith in Jesus and to help our car hobby to bring something more meaningful to the weekend than competition. We support ministries such as Racers and Rodders for Christ that provide church services at various racing events and hope to serve an supplement those ministries as we grow Gospel Motorsports.

We want to grow and see more racers share their faith at the track and we encourage others to join Gospel Motorsports. Please contact us at crewchief@gospelmotorsports.com for information on how you can share your faith in Jesus as part of your automotive hobby.