

The Devine Inspirations Public Speaking & Family Concerts

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Welcome to The Devine Inspirations Newsletter!

We are The Devine Inspirations. No, it is not a typo. ☺ Devine is our last name. ☺ We are a young family living in Sandy Lake, PA that has been called by God to go out and share His messages through song, dance, art, speech, and all of the talents that He has given to us. How do we do this? We speak at schools, mentoring programs, bullying events, and at churches, retreats, and conferences. We also give family concerts at churches, banquets, fundraisers, community events, and private events. Through our newsletters, you can learn more about The Devine Inspirations as well as enjoy reading about how God is using The Devine Inspirations in our communities from Erie to Pittsburgh and Clarion to Sharon!

We welcome you to become part of The Devine Inspirations family through your prayer and encouragement. We thank you for all that you have done to help The Devine Inspirations grow and continue to grow.

Enjoy the first volume of our newsletter!

God Bless You!

Adam and Rebecca Devine & Family

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The Devine Inspirations Community Concert
at Music At The Marina Goddard State Park, August 2014

What a Difference Two Years Can Make

It has been a little over two years since The Devine Inspirations started and I'm amazed at how God has used, changed, and molded us into what we are today. I'm dedicated to walking faithfully in His plan forever. I'm excited to experience my fullest in life which is only possible by putting Christ first.

Over the past two years, we went from Adam's public speaking business, to giving family concerts, to me speaking at conferences, then hosting community dinners/concerts that we sponsored, selling gift shop items, being in parades, writing blogs, beginning to write books, and so much more! Where did all of this

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I look back at a list that I wrote in high school about things that I wanted to do as an adult. I'm so pleased to say that mostly all of those things on the list have happened or are on the way to happening through God's blessings in the past two years! A big change is that I'm thrilled to be in music, choreography, and using creativity again. However, the biggest most rewarding part is all of our family interact with adults, practice their talents, pray, serve others, listen to the Holy Spirit, and to let their lights shine. I am warmed by their child enthusiasm and faith and they inspire me every day!

I'm so pleased to say that my desk job of almost 12 years has allowed me to go to a part time status which began September 2014. Though, this has been a big change in many ways, I'm positive that my three year wait for part time to open up for me was God's timing allowing something spectacular to begin in His plan. I'm very excited to see the future of our family and The Devine Inspirations being led step by step by Christ. Thank you Jesus!

Rebecca Devine



Thank you to the following 2014 hosts of The Devine Inspirations!
 (Only some are pictured here. To see a full list, click on the **EVENTS** tab on our web page.)
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Beans on Broad, Grove City
Family Concert



The Faith Café, Sharon First
United Methodist Church



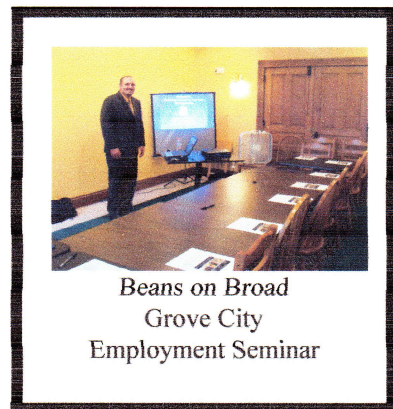
Southern Venango County
Community Days Parade



Kennerdell Church of God
Family Concert for Community



Mountaintop Cowboy Church
Harrisville
Family Concert Church Service



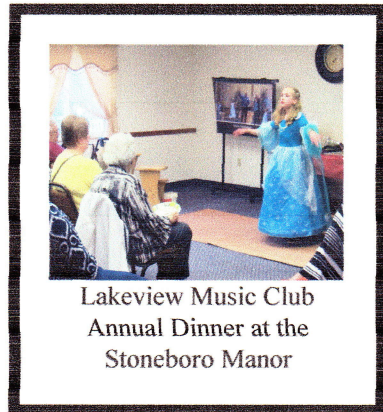
Beans on Broad
Grove City
Employment Seminar



Keenagers Senior Group
Portersville Presbyterian Church



New Lebanon Community
Church Woman's Group
Rebecca Devine speaker
Junkyard Jalopy



Lakeview Music Club
Annual Dinner at the
Stoneboro Manor



Adam & Rebecca's Blogs

When Satan Attacks

9/15/2014

Looking back over my life I can remember moments where Satan was attacking me. Moments where he used my adversities to question what God was doing. Moments where he used people in my life to discourage me, to hold me back, and to make me believe that I was less. Moments where I found myself in a very a dark place searching for any sign of hope.

But I must say, that the last 3 years Satan has been waging a war on me like something I have never experienced. This is a war that started when I said "enough is enough, I am following God and His will for my life."

Since I started The Devine Inspirations, Satan is constantly reminding me of my past and how others discouraged and hurt me. He is constantly raging a war on my self confidence by reminding me of my learning disability and the harsh words said to me by others. He has had no regard on who he uses, and yes he has used even Christians, to discourage, put doubt, worry, and fear about this calling on my life and family. He has no regard of using any organization to stop God's work with me and my family. He uses simple remarks made by the ones I love to ignite my anger, where I find myself saying things I should never say. There have been days that his attack is so powerful, that even in my prayers; he is putting doubt that God would even answer them.

I haven't shared this because we, as Christians, feel we need to put on a facade so others see Christ in us. But really, if we shared how Satan attacks us and tries to destroy us, then and only then can we really show others how amazing and powerful God really is. My favorite passage of scripture is Job 42 verses 2-5. Job is speaking to the Lord when he says "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you."

I know what those dark days are like. I know what it feels like to think God is not there or wonder that He even cares. I know the despair that comes with each and every attack of Satan and I am not willing to go back. I am not willing to allow him to destroy me anymore. I have made a decision to make a stand and allow nothing to come between me and what God has planned for the rest of my life. That no matter what people say or how they judge I will keep my eyes on God. With every attack of Satan, I will be like Job and remember that God can do all things and no plan of his can be thwarted. When He speaks I will listen and when He questions I will answer. When the day comes that He calls me home, I will be able to say to the Lord, "My ears have heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Thank you for your love, for your protection, and for your grace."

Adam Devine



Focus. Come On Now. Focus.

9/20/2014

This morning's devotional began by describing the miraculous events surrounding the loss of a first tooth. The wiggling, the big moment, the look in the mirror, the pictures, the pillow, the anticipation, the fairy, and finally, the gift. Being that I now have a "Toothless Joe" looking like a hockey goalie as my son recently lost three teeth in as many weeks, two front teeth and one bottom tooth, this story beginning the devotional had my attention and my heart strings. It was an easy read, relatable and entertaining. It made the point that...um...I don't remember. Let me go back and read it. Ok. It made the point that the gift of the Holy Spirit is inside of us. Oh yes. That was it. Why did I not remember that? Could it be because this morning while reading the devotional I was not focused? The tooth story was great, but when I got to reading the related verse (Ephesians 1:13-14), my mind kept wandering off. My eyes were going over the words, but none of it was getting in. If this were a meat and potatoes dinner, my slogan would be "Where's the beef?" All that my spiritual body was gaining was the potatoes. My eyes went over the verse, probably, six times. Every distraction that Satan could throw at me came right at the time that I was reading God's word. Round one: What time is it? Round two: I may have just dozed off for a few seconds with my eyes open moving across the page. Round three: Don't forget to pack a snack. Round four: I should write a blog about this. Round five: Ummm. This is getting ridiculous. Focus. Come on now. Focus. Finally, I read it aloud.

Does this ever happen to you? There are periods in my life that it seems like each time that I read God's word, that is the very moment that the phone rings, a package is delivered, I want a snack, the bathroom calls, I fall asleep... Focus. Come on now. Focus. During these times, I have to recognize the attack and I get a little bit of Joy knowing that Satan wouldn't be working so hard to stop the lesson if I weren't on the brink of learning, changing, growing, and becoming something Great for the Lord! I buckle down and focus, striving to study, meditate on, and embody the lesson at hand. Here are some things that help me to focus.

1. We learn by seeing, hearing, and saying or doing something. Reading aloud helps.
2. Print or write the verse or point of the lesson and hang it in a place that you can read it numerous times throughout your daily routine.
3. Just because it is a 365 day devotional doesn't mean that you have to move on to a new lesson every day. It is September and I'm still in January on my devotion a day calendar. It is ok to pause, read, re-read, meditate, pray, lean on, and internalize the lesson over the course of many days before starting a new one.
4. Re-write the lesson in your own words so that it is directly applicable to your life and your immediate situation.
5. Teach the lesson to someone else. Share what you are studying with a friend, a class, a post, or a blog. You never know when the lesson that you are being taught is actually meant for someone else with YOU being the tool that God chose to teach it.

Rebecca Devine

We try to enhance and explore any talent that our children possess. Each talent is a gift from God so we feel it is our responsibility, as parents, to encourage our children to use their talents to their fullest to give back to God. In addition to singing, dancing, art, public speaking, and, well, just being cute, our children are great crafters. They love to work with their hands. Bellina makes woven ribbon barrettes and woven ribbon cross bookmarks. Cole makes his artwork into prints and greeting cards. Lillian makes rainbow crayons, magnets, and decorative rocks. They had so many of these crafts made that we thought they could try out their small business skills selling their crafts to earn some piggy bank money. They set up their crafts "lemonade stand style" at concerts with a simple large pickle jar to collect money and make change. How sweet they were selling crafts to some and handing out crafts for free to children who wanted but had no money in their pockets. It is amazing to see them interact with blessings flowing to and from them.

After several concerts, we sat with the children explaining about sales tax, income tax, tithe, save,



Bethel United Methodist Church
Titusville

and spend. We said that they could have their money for their piggy banks. Cole, with his huge heart for helping others, said that he didn't want the money; he wanted to give it to children who need it. With smiles in our hearts and on our faces, we agreed and helped him to find ways to give. We gave him some options and he prayed and decided on Life Outreach International Christmas Shoe Project which gives shoes to children in Africa that needs shoes.

The next concert came and he was thrilled to speak to the audience about the children that he was helping. When we got home and counted the pickle jar funds, we excitedly announced "You sold \$15.00. That is \$1.50 for the children!" Cole's excitement melted. He looked like he was going to cry. "What's wrong Cole?" we asked. He replied with heartfelt clarity and childlike simplicity, "That's not enough. We need to give all of it to the children who need shoes."

At the end of September, as a family, we proudly laid our hands on a sealed envelope and prayed for safe delivery of its contents to Life Outreach International. We prayed multiple blessings and multiplying of the check that was enclosed. Through the love of Jesus, Cole was able to mail a

\$400.00 check to Life Outreach International buying approximately 110 pairs of shoes for children in Africa this Christmas.

A couple of weeks later we received a letter in the mail:

Dear Adam, Rebecca and Family,

Thank you for your letter and gracious gift "Christmas Shoes." This year we will be able to provide 200,000 children with new pairs of shoes. We are truly grateful for your help!

Bellina, Lillian and Cole, my wife Betty and I are thrilled that you are already learning the joy that comes from helping others. It is a wonderful feeling knowing you've helped someone else and the best part is you are literally sharing God's love with these children too!

Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope and a future." We pray God's abundant blessings upon your family and The Devine Inspirations ministry. You are precious to the Lord and dearly loved!

Sincerely,
James Robison

Thank you Jesus for Cole and his loving heart. Thank you for the Joy of Giving and helping others. It excites us, as parents, to imagine his future and Your plans for his life. We pray that he will always be in Your will for his life so that he may be abundantly blessed by you and that he may continue to bless others. In Jesus name, Amen.

Praises & Thanksgiving

We are so thankful and give praise that The Devine Inspirations is now Rebecca's full time work. She continues to work part time (32 hours per week) at another employment.

We continue to be thankful and give praise that we live in a country that allows us to practice Christianity freely, that we live in a Christian home, home school our children, and encourage development of God's given talents through dance classes.

We are thankful for supportive and helpful parents and Christian friends.

Needs

Currently The Devine Inspirations travels with 3 vehicles to nearly every event. The van has over 180,000 miles, the car will not hold our equipment, and our parents drive in their vehicle. This is expensive for gas, mileage, and wear & tear on the vehicles. It is also discouraging in that we cannot pray or praise together before or after the concert while traveling. We pray for an equipment trailer, enclosed, size 4 ft by 8 ft or larger.

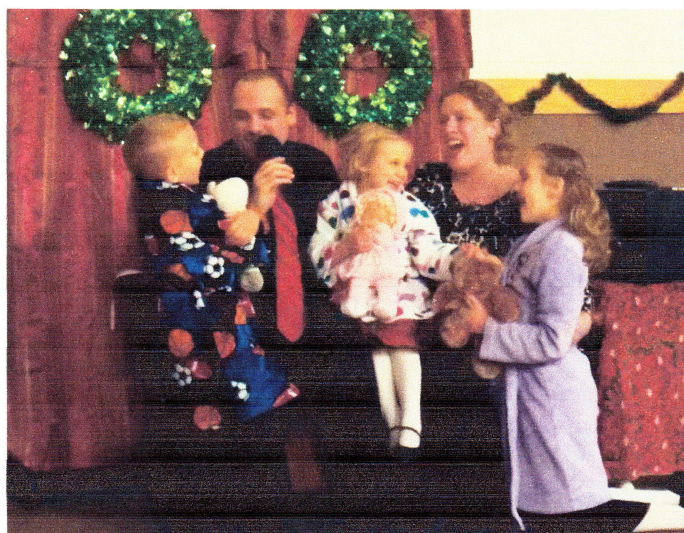
Our van can pull a trailer and hold all of us, but it is over 180,000 miles and frequently needs repairs. The van is increasingly breaking parts and has many costly repairs during 2014. We are concerned for driving it to our many events on winter roads this season. Many of The Devine Inspirations donations this year have gone into paying for the van repairs. We pray for a vehicle that can pull the trailer and hold seven people so that we may travel at low cost and remain together.

Prayer Requests

Please pray that The Devine Inspirations will continue to meet the travel and vehicle expenses allowing us to still go anywhere that the door opens.

Please pray that all of our upcoming endeavors be blessed abundantly. Pray that God will use us to bless others and use us as His tools to give His message. Please pray for us to listen to God's will and act obediently and immediately to meet the needs spiritually, physically, financially, and more of those surrounding us.

Please pray for increased interest, bookings, and attendance so that The Devine Inspirations can fully support us and be our only full time work.



CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS CONCERT

You'll feel like you've stepped back in time or into an old fashioned movie. Watch a family at the church pageant. Then they travel home to decorate with a tree, wreaths, and a candle. Mom gives a music lesson and Dad reads from the Bible. Then it is one quick gift for each child and off to bed. A variety of traditional and new songs along with prayers & poems lead you through the story.

(Approximately 60 minutes)

Upcoming Events

Please come to these upcoming events that are open to the public.
To see a full listing of our events, check out the events tab on our web page.
Check back often as new events are added.

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** Saturday November 15, The Devine Inspirations will perform a **contemporary Christian variety show concert** at **Nancy's Hair Loft** 152 S. Broad Street, Grove City, PA at 2:00 - 2:30pm. Enjoy your favorite songs mixed with original artwork and candy! **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** Be sure to come in for the concert while you are enjoying **Olde Town Grove City's Home for the Holidays** event from 12-4:00.

** Saturday November 15, The Devine Inspirations presents **CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS CONCERT** at **Beans on Broad** S. Broad Street Grove City. The day's events include **Olde Town Grove City Home for the Holidays**. The Devine Inspirations concert to follow at 4:00. Get a cup of coffee or tea to warm you after the day's festivities and wind down to a beautiful concert showing a family's old fashioned Christmas Eve. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** No cover charge. Donations appreciated.

** Saturday November 22: [The Devine Inspirations Gift Shop](#) will be at the **Mercer High School Arts & Craft Fair** between 9:00 - 2:00. This is a fundraiser for the Mercer Varsity Cheerleaders! **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** \$2.00 admission.

At The Devine Inspirations table, you'll be able to purchase prints of Cole's art and greeting cards of Cole's art. Bellina's barrettes and woven cross bookmarks. Lillian's magnets and crayons. Also purchase a stuffed animal lamp, pot holder, and so much more!

Pick up your holiday purchases for your friends, family, and church members!

Part of the sales at The Devine Inspirations table are donated to a charity of The Devine Inspirations children's choosing. So, you won't only be benefiting the Mercer Varsity Cheerleaders and The Devine Inspirations, but also an outreach around the world!!!

** Saturday November 22 through December 31: Check out **The Christmas Tree Extravaganza at Barrow-Civic Theatre** Franklin, PA. [The Devine Inspirations will have a tree on display](#). The extravaganza begins on November 22 from 1:00-9:00 during Franklin's Light Up Night. The trees will be on display in the lobby open to the public throughout the rest of the year. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

** Saturday November 29: [A Community Event brought to you by The Devine Inspirations](#). Come to **COFFEE, CARTOON, & KARAOKE FAMILY NIGHT!** Starts at 6:00 - 8:00. Enjoy this **coffee house** setting, a **SUPERBOOK** cartoon, then open mic at **KARAOKE**. We have Christian, Disney, and Broadway Karaoke. **BYOCD** (bring your own CD) if you have something in your personal library that you'd like to share. **The Devine Inspirations Gift Shop** will also be available at this event. No Charge. Donations accepted. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** See you at **New Lebanon Community Church** 4166 Mercer Street, Sandy Lake, PA 16145!

** Sunday December 7, [The Devine Inspirations](#) presents **CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS CONCERT** for **Harmonsburg United Methodist Church** 14182 1st St, Harmonsburg, PA 16422 (814) 382-7825. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** Starts at 3:00.

** Friday December 12, [The Devine Inspirations](#) presents **CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS CONCERT** for the **New Beginnings Church of God**, 220 W. Elm Street, Titusville, PA, 16354. Dinner and then the concert following at 7:00. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** Contact the church for more information 814-271-8829.

** Sunday December 14, [The Devine Inspirations](#) presents **CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS CONCERT** for **Atlantic Community Church**, 3468 Atlantic Lake Rd, Atlantic, PA 16111 (814) 382-4206. The concert begins at 11:00 am for the Sunday Morning Church Service. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** Free will offering.

** Friday December 19, [The Devine Inspirations](#) presents **CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS CONCERT** at **The Windmill Center** 5331 Franklin St, Sandy Lake, PA. Arrive at 5:30 to purchase your snack items from The Windmill Center, if you choose, which earns money toward The Windmill Center Ministries. Make a purchase at [The Devine Inspirations Gift Shop](#) for your gift giving needs. Parts of gift shop funds go towards missions around the world. At 6:00, enjoy The Devine Inspirations **CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS CONCERT** with your family! A free will offering will be collected to go toward The Devine Inspirations. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** Contact The Devine Inspirations 724-376-7362 for more information.



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