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Public Speaking & Family Concerts

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Welcome to The Devine Inspirations Newsletter! 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, senior centers, campgrounds, 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 Rockwood 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.

Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter!
 God Bless You!
 Adam and Rebecca Devine & Family

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**The Devine Inspirations at
 Conneaut Lake Park
 Rock the Wave Concert
 July 2015**

With Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving, We Take Time for Looking Back and Looking Ahead.

- At the end of 2014, it was exciting to count that God has entrusted us to give His message at 63 events throughout the year. Thank you, Lord, for trusting us to do your work.
- In January 2015, Adam attended his first Women's Conference at West Middlesex Presbyterian Church as he and Rebecca Devine gave messages, worship, crafts, and that evening gave a family concert.
- Bellina and Rebecca kicked off a duo concert, in February, called The Heart Concert by special request of New Lebanon Community Church Women's Group. This concert features activity, verses, contemporary Christian, Disney, Broadway, & show tunes, tap dance, and even an old Italian art song.
- In March, Adam witnessed beautiful growing of the Body of Christ through Bethel United Methodist Church Brotherhood dinner. Adam was invited there to speak, but he left blessed to see their testimony of opening doors to invite all of the Body of Christ to worship and fellowship together.
- April was a busy month as our family was praying, preparing, and practicing for a Brand New Family Concert. Adam also enjoyed speaking to the PAR students at Butler High School with Connecting2Tomorrow.



- May was jam packed with exciting concerts in Mercer, Beaver Valley, Mars, Transfer, Clarion, Harmony, Utica, and Rockwood. Yes, that is eight performances of the new Family Concert. God even blessed us to perform for a Ladies Night Out at the most influential church of our childhood, Bethany Presbyterian Church. And, Rebecca's brother and his family traveled 12 hours to see our concert at Main St Senior Center, Clarion.
- The Devine Inspirations Facebook Page reached 400 likes during our concert at the Sandy Lake Community Fun Days in July.
- God moved greater than we've ever experienced before at the Pittsburgh District Nazarene Family Camp at Mt. Chestnut where we were serving as the Children's Evangelist. For 10 sessions, we ministered, sang, danced, encouraged, and made crafts with an average of 80 children per session. Most importantly, God helped us teach them how to pray. Oh, how these children could pray. We are so blessed to be entrusted with such important work.
- In August, God surprised us with a wonderful day at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Kozy Rest where we were blessed to return to the karaoke that God used to change our lives. It is the stage that God used to begin The Devine Inspirations.
- Looking ahead to October, we look forward to Adam speaking at schools and preaching. We're also giving concerts in Monroeville and Sheakleyville. In November, we have a super opportunity to give our contemporary Christian Family Concert on the stage of Lakeview High School as part of a choir fundraiser. Then we will shift gears to get ready for our fourth season, back by popular demand, Christmas Eve Traditions Concert. God has blessed us with 11 concerts already reserved for Christmas this year. We pray more will reserve their dates for this concert. The year is expected to end with Adam preaching in Butler at the end of December.





Dimples & Tap Shoes

By Rebecca Devine

There is something about watching Fred Astaire tap his way across the floor that completely removes me from reality. I become engrossed in the artistry of the moment.

When my son, Cole, started tap classes at age 3, we had to keep a toy car "prize" handy for each class that he completed without crying. The Christmas concert was too overwhelming for him and he refused to go out on the floor. By the time that the end of year recital came,

we had prayed so many prayers for him to have the courage to go on stage to tap during Good Ship Lollipop. After the recital, he was blessed with a real gator car to drive around our yard.

Seeing Cole tap dance now a days, it is hard to believe that he was ever a scared dimpled three year old. He is so excited to go to dance classes and loves to share his dancing gifts to help teach others to use their talents to

share the good news of Jesus.



In January 2015, at age 8, an unexpected proud mommy moment came about as I got the privilege of dancing with Cole for the first time at the West Middlesex Presbyterian Church Women's Conference. It hadn't occurred to me that I would ever dance with my own Fred Astaire.

Thank you Jesus for blessing me with this experience to dance with Cole and his dimples and tap shoes.

Memorable Quote: "God likes to bless us in fun ways."

-- Claire Bennefield



Cole was Baptized at Mt. Chestnut on July 31, 2015 by Pastor Michael Parenti.

Cole, Why do you want to be baptized?

"Because if I die tomorrow, I want everyone to know that I was saved."

We rejoice and celebrate with Cole!

ARE YOU READY TO WORSHIP THE LORD TODAY?

SPOTLIGHT LILLIAN!



Lillian has introduced us at every single concert since she was learning how to talk.

Daddy, why are there so many different churches?

By Adam Devine

So tonight, my youngest daughter asked me this question, "Daddy, why are there so many different churches?" I wasn't sure what she was asking at first until I realized what she wanted to know was, why there are community churches and denomination churches? As we discussed this topic together, I did my best to explain why there are so many different churches. We talked about different traditions. We talked about different Bibles. We talked about different music. But something my wife and I have always taught our children is that it doesn't matter where you worship on Sunday. What matters most is your personal relationship with God. We have raised our children to develop their own relationship with God. We have never forced our beliefs on our children. We don't force them to read their Bibles or pray. We don't force them to worship God in praise. We do our best to lead by example, but we leave it up to them to search for God and see His work in them. I have witnessed my children praying by

themselves. I have walked in their room and found them reading their Bibles. When we are practicing for a concert, giving a concert, or singing in our pew at church, I have seen my kids worship God. Every day my children witness how amazing God is as He meets our needs, uses us as His tools to change lives, and sees His beauty in life and in His creation. All three of my children have come to know the Lord because of their own relationship with Him. In my life, I have seen how forced religion, even done with the best intentions, can cause so much damage to children and teens that by the time they hit adulthood they want nothing to do with God or even going to church. God wants us to have a personal relationship with him first and foremost. He wants us to seek him every day in prayer and devotion. He wants our worship to not be just on Sunday in a local church but every day with the music we choose to listen to in our car, at work, on our phone, or on other devices. God wants all of us everyday, not just on Sunday morning! As our conversation

came to close Lillian looked at me with a look of such peace and understanding and said, "Daddy, all that really matters is that we accept Jesus and live in his will. Right?" That's right baby girl! That's right! I don't know where you might be in your walk with the Lord but I want to encourage you, today, to seek God every day and build a relationship with Him. You will be amazed how your life will change when you allow God into your everyday life!

We pray a lot as a family.

Before we pray, we remind to keep eyes closed and feet still.

This helps to avoid distractions.

One night, after a long day of back to back concerts, we all gathered to pray together. We stated the reminders and added

be sure not to fall asleep.

Lilly quickly spoke up,

"But that helps my eyes to stay closed."

Guess she has that one figured out.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace our Sweet Lillian!

Use Your Talents

By Bellina Devine

It's so nice after a concert to walk into the audience and hear so much encouragement from people. One of the best compliments I heard was from a woman that knelt down beside me and held my hand. She told me to stay on the straight and narrow. She knew how Satan hurt her life and she said, "Satan can be a Jerk, Don't listen to him. Follow everything God has planned in your life." She explained that God may be using my talent during my path. Everyone has a talent to use for God. Even if you are struggling to embrace your talent, remember God and what he has planned for you. Use your talents for God.



Please Don't Fall Down

By Rebecca Devine

Bellina is a competition dancer. God had us create the new Family Concert in the middle of dance competition season this year. Bellina has strong convictions by the Holy Spirit and takes doing her very best all of the time very seriously. She believes that God can use her most when she gives Him her best to work with. So, she gives her best at everything she does. She had school work, a double concert in 2 days for opening day of the new Family Concert, and a dance competition while fighting strep throat...she still did her very best earning an Elite Platinum score; her highest score all season.



In the middle of the night, her temperature spiked to 103 degrees only 3 hours before we had to start putting on the makeup and eyelashes for her competition. There was a long drive, crowded dressing rooms, full auditorium, judges, parents, and teammates counting on her to be there. And this day was the eve of opening day of the premiere of The Devine Inspirations new Family Concert, in which she is key.

Full of ibuprofen and acetaminophen, she moved through the day in a glassy eyed fog. I held her arm, stayed by her side, and directed her motions. On stage though, she was without my help. Wearing a super tight pony tail and dancing super fast to super loud music, she was always doing her best. she danced with precision, energy, and the award winning stage presence that we all know and love.

It was finally the last dance of the day. She was exhausted and back up to 103 degrees. During the dance her energy level fell. Adam and I saw that Bellina didn't have the showmanship that were used to. She looked pale and frightened. I prayed, "Please don't fall down. Please don't fall down." She finished and I ran to her side. She said, "I just prayed and looked at where I thought you were in the audience and tried to lock eyes with you. I knew that would help me." What a beautiful insight she revealed to me. Inside, I was sobbing.

That is how it is with our parent, Father God, Lord Almighty. When we are hot, in the fires that life gives to us, and trying our best, we focus on God, our parent, our Father, and He Will Help Us and Not Let Us Fall! He even may bless us with our highest award of the year!



THE DEVINE INSPIRATIONS ALL NEW FAMILY CONCERT

IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE DEVINE INSPIRATIONS CONCERT
LATELY...

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE DEVINE INSPIRATIONS!

THE CONCERT INCLUDES
TESTIMONIES AND MINI-MESSAGES
ABOUT USING ALL OF YOUR GIFTS (TALENTS) TO SERVE CHRIST,
BEING HELD BY CHRIST, LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE, BREAKING
DOWN BARRIERS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, GETTING OUT TO DO
SOMETHING, SALVATION, WORLD MISSIONS, REMOVING YOUR MASKS,
AND MORE!



This 90 minute concert is
sure to bring people to
Christ and help believers
in their Christian walk.

ENJOY CONTEMPORARY
CHRISTIAN SONGS MADE POPULAR BY YOUR FAVORITE
ARTISTS: MERCYME, MORIAH PETERS, BIG DADDY WEAVE,
NEWWORLDSON, MATTHEW WEST, JJ WEEKS, JAMIE
GRACE, AND MORE.



TALENTS AND GIFTS FROM GOD ARE
EMPHASIZED THROUGH SONG, DANCE,
ART, SPEECH, PUPPETRY, AND MORE.

COSTUMES, SETS, AND PROPS ADD
EXCITEMENT.

AUDIENCE INVOLVEMENT AND GIVE
AWAYS LEAVE TREASURES TO
REMEMBER.



THIS CONCERT IS PERFECT FOR YOUNG AND OLDER, MATURE AND NEW
CHRISTIANS, AND ALSO FOR UNBELIEVERS.

THE DEVINE INSPIRATIONS FAMILY CONCERT IS USED AT CHURCH SERVICES, OUTREACHES, COMMUNITY
EVENTS, BANQUETS, AWARD CEREMONIES, FAMILY REUNIONS, OFFICE OR CLUB PARTIES, SENIOR
CENTERS, VBS SPECIALS, AND MORE.



Thursday. Friday. Saturday. Sunday. Monday. A New Week. A New Me.

By Rebecca Devine

I had given my testimony a dozen times to women all over the area. How I've suffered with depression due to not being in God's will. I explained how I work at a desk for 13 years knowing that it is not what God created me to be and not how God wants to use me. When these women ask where I work and I say that I'm working in the same job, their responses: Well, you do what you have to do. Not everyone can leave their job. The time will come when you can leave. Don't ever leave your job. It is the best job around. Where else would you go? You have a family to think about.

Thursday.

I stood before a roomful of 80 children. The Devine Inspirations were the Children's Evangelists at the Greater Pittsburgh District Church of the Nazarene Family Camp. I had gained their trust throughout the week using my knowledge to teach them, to encourage them, to excite them to use their talents and to follow the will of God for their lives. Yet, when I gave my testimony, and I explained that I know the will of God for my life and that I'm pursuing it when I have time, ... it tasted like vinegar and nauseated my stomach. A wave of thoughts rushed my brain but none to my mouth.

When I have time. What is that? True, last year I gave up full time pay, benefits, and health insurance to work part time and give more of me to my calling. But is eight hours more a week all that God wants of me? Is that all that a father wants of a child? Do I only want eight hours a week of my children? No, I want all of them. He wants all of me. Am I really pursuing the will of God? Am I giving him everything? No, Lord, you can't have my finances. I'll handle those. I'm not doing very good at it, but, by keeping my job, I'm saying that I can manage my finances better than you could. So, I'll keep working 32 hours a week outside of my calling.

I couldn't look at the children's eyes. Almost involuntarily, my head turned to the ground. As I searched for how to finish what I was saying, a cold sweat swept over me, and with little enthusiasm I finished the "script" that was rehearsed.

Still shaken, while Adam was speaking after me, a young girl called me over. "Miss Rebecca, Where do you work?"

"I work a desk job."

"Huh?"

"I work as a contractor for the government."

"I mean, where do you work now?"

"I work at the same job."

She was silent, yet the look on her face told a thousand words. Sick to my stomach, I couldn't stand there in front of children telling them to seek out, search for, and follow the will of God for their lives, while I know mine and wasn't following it. My testimony became meaningless, useless, and worthless to her. I've ruined it. Eye to eye with her, my tears began to well. I pursed my lips, squeezed her hand, and nodded. It was so clear to her, and suddenly, with new courage and strength of perfect timing, it was clear to me too.

Jeremiah 29:11-13: New International Version (NIV) 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Friday.

I prayed all day long. Is \$500 reason to be out of God's will? Is \$1000 worth it? Is \$1500 reason to not be all that God has made me to be? Would \$42,000 ever be better than the greatness that God has planned for me? It is ridiculous, absurd, appalling. The answer, instantaneous and absolute, a resounding, NO!

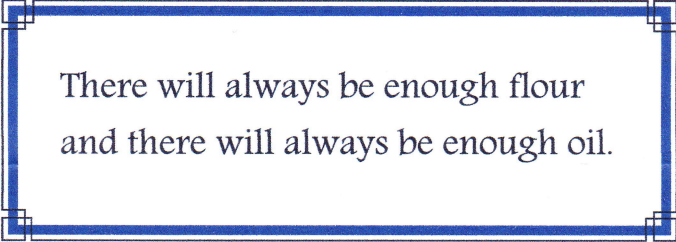
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There was no fear about leaving my job. There was no fear about my future or how everything will work out. There was some fear about telling my family and if they would feel let down by it.

Saturday.

Butterflies and cold shivers covered me as I sat with Adam to say my decision. I prayed, "God, please give me YOUR strength." and I began to speak. He said that he had been given the same message by God a couple of months ago and was waiting for me. We cried.

We gathered the children at the top of a hill by a large white wooden cross. We discussed the changes that would happen and the reason for leaving my job. We allowed each one to discuss any "goods" or "bads" about it. They responded with joy, excitement, cheers, and prayers.



There will always be enough flour
and there will always be enough oil.

Thank you, Jesus, for saving my children by your sacrifice. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for entering my children's lives when they invited you in and for giving them the direction that only you can. Thank you, Father, for loving all of us so much that you wait patiently for us to come to you and welcome us with loving arms.

Sunday - Anointing, Encouragement, and Prophecy

After the morning hymns, previously unbeknownst to me, they announced that it was the annual anointing service. "Ooo. Me. Me. Me." as I pushed past Adam to get down front. Adam came up on my heels and knelt beside me. The camp director asked the reason for anointing, I explained, and he prayed the most amazing Spirit Led anointing prayer over myself, Adam, and The Devine Inspirations. We had just met, but The Holy Spirit in him knew exactly what to say, what was needed, and how to pray with power. Later that evening, he sought us out at the campground specifically to encourage us.

Minutes before going home from the unbelievable family camp, a good friend that did not know about my decision to leave my job, was visiting with Adam. He turned to me and said, "You need to start believing in prophesy." and he began to talk about what we might face in upcoming weeks. He discussed Elijah and the widow with only enough flour and oil for her and her son. (1 Kings 17). However, she was always able to feed Elijah, her son, and herself. He said to me, "The jar of flour will not run out and the jug of oil will not run dry until the Lord unleashes his blessings upon you."

We'll be ok. There will always be enough flour and there will always be enough oil.

Monday.

I prayed all night, even while sleeping, even in my dreams. While the house was not yet awake, I was excited like a child on my birthday morning. I rose from bed and before doing anything else, I wrote a long testimony resignation letter to my employer. I'm not sure if it is appropriate to mention God, give testimony about following God's will, and such things in a resignation letter, but they needed to know. They needed to hear it. I pray that God uses it to reach their lives to follow God's will as well.

Two weeks passed. My home office was packed up and delivered to headquarters. Thirteen years of my life fit into the trunk of my Chevy Impala. I should have felt empty, but was never fuller. Completely filled to the brim with the knowledge that God's got this! I'm excited to see what God has in store for me next!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What do you charge for a concert or speech?

A. Adam & Rebecca, both having degrees in business, know that it is sometimes shocking to hear that we don't charge any specific amount. We've never been at peace asking for payment. We don't ever want money to get in the way of being where God wants us to go. God knows the expenses and God knows our desire for The Devine Inspirations to be our finical livelihood. We are faithful to Him and follow where He leads. We graciously accept whatever payment or love offering is given to us. We place it in our pocket and don't look at it. After home, unpacked, cleaned up, and our family has crawled into our bed, we pray over the evening, discuss the blessings, count the money, and pray again over the money. We want to be good stewards of what is given to us in money, in talent, in blessings, and in grace. We pray, we praise, and we give thanks.

Q. Do you have your own equipment? **A.** Yes. We are completely equipped to be at any venue from a sanctuary, auditorium, or recreation hall, to a park, or pavilion.

Q. What types of songs do you sing? **A.** We sing contemporary Christian songs nearly all of our concerts. But some senior centers, women's groups, and campgrounds have requested to also include a little Disney, Broadway, show tunes, and art songs.

Q. Where do you get your messages and skits?

A. We spend a lot of time in prayer and listen to God. We write what God tells us to write. While proofreading we frequently think, "This is good! It didn't come from me. It's all God."

Q. Who do we make a check payable to?

A. For any money that you prayerfully feel led to give to The Devine Inspirations, please make the check payable to Adam Devine. A business account requires a minimum balance be kept in the account. We take any payment to us very seriously and do not believe it to be good stewardship to hold money in an account that requires a minimum balance instead of using it to minister to more people. Therefore, we opened a personal account for The Devine Inspirations in Adam Devine's name. The bank will only cash checks written payable to Adam Devine.

The Devine Inspirations Gift Shop -- Our children make crafts and sell them at some events and craft fairs. All monies earned is given to world missions.

Cole says, "Last year, we raised \$400 and gave it to Life Outreach International to make shoes for people who need them. They made 110 pair of shoes to give to children in Africa and South America."

This year, the gift shop has earned \$600....with the Christmas season still ahead of us.

Thank you, children, for your hard work making crafts, keeping inventory, and merchandising the gift shop. We are so proud of your serving and generous hearts.



***** Christmas Eve Traditions Concert *****

NOW BOOKING FOR 2016

Some dates fill up fast. Contact us soon for your choice date.

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, wreathes, 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 65 minutes)

Christmas Eve Traditions includes:

-- drama -- ten songs -- two dances -- Bible reading -- numerous poems and prayers

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