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## Make History with Zondervan

Christian book and Bible publisher Zondervan (Grand Rapids MI) is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the publishing of the **New International Version (NIV)** Bible by **CREATING THE FIRST HANDWRITTEN NIV BIBLE** - Zondervan is calling it **America's NIV**.



 **COMING TO 4thFridays - Dearborn - April 24th, 5-9pm**  
[www.theCampOnline.org](http://www.theCampOnline.org) 

Zondervan has a team traveling all across Michigan holding events at churches, universities and prisons. At these events they invite people to handwrite verses (one verse per person) in **America's NIV**. When all 31,173 verses are written, the Bible will be published and sold in the fall of 2009 - **featuring everyone's handwriting**. Every contributor's name will be included in the index as well, so every person is credited for the verse they write. In addition, the two original handwritten manuscripts will be auctioned off for the International Bible Society and offered to the Smithsonian Institute for display.

7,000 more verses need to be written. **So we have invited Zondervan to come out to 4thFridays to allow all of you to contribute to this project.** We're also inviting church groups to come out and help Zondervan reach their goal. Zondervan will be at 4thFridays from 5-9pm. **So come a little early this Friday and make history. Click [here](#) for larger view poster.**

### A Message from:



### The Executive Director

We see in the Scripture the apostles themselves fixed their eyes on the invisible and in turn they encourage us to fix our eyes also on the invisible – the unseen<sup>1</sup>. At our fellowship we are able to ask questions during the teaching and after a reading of these passages it is inevitable

that someone will ask, "How can we fix our eyes on what is invisible or even on Jesus - unless we use an artist's depiction?" Are we to try *real hard* to strain to imagine that we *can see* the invisible or are we to try to strain with our physical eyes the Lord Jesus? No, that is not what we are to do. Such behavior would be absolutely futile, because that is not the way it works. We can not conjure through our will power the invisible to be seen. So how does it work?

The definition of faith is clear. Faith is being sure of what one hopes for and certain of what one cannot see<sup>2</sup>. Furthermore, we are taught that we are to live by faith and not by sight<sup>3</sup>. Also, that without faith we cannot please God<sup>4</sup>. Faith is something that gives evidence to what cannot be seen. So, faith is the answer!? Yes it is, but we are to be sure that our faith is as it says in Ephesians is not of ourselves, but a gift from God<sup>5</sup>. We should want the faith the God gives us. Not faith that we conjure ourselves - that kind of faith is not true faith.

We should look at the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. We should also search out the heroes of faith in the New Testament. And then ask the Lord to allow us to clearly

<sup>1</sup> Respectively, 2Corinthians 4:18; Hebrews 12:2-3

<sup>2</sup> Hebrews 11:1

<sup>3</sup> 2Corinthians 5:7

<sup>4</sup> Hebrews 11:6

<sup>5</sup> Ephesians 2:8-9

understand how they lived out their faith. If we dare, we should ask the Lord to give us that same kind of faith.

### *Something to think about...*

## Red Letter Records

We are so happy to announce that the Red Letter Records downloads website is up and running and the **Body** project is now available. Red Letter Records is a proud sponsor of the CAMP. Visit



Visit [www.redletterrecords.com](http://www.redletterrecords.com) and download the **Body** project for FREE - 15 great songs by 11 great artists. Watch the [video](#) featured on YouTube. Featured artists: Beth Stalker, David Ivey, Kelly Eldridge, William Reynolds, Rufus Harris, Dan Mleczko, Sarah Dalton, Therese Maynard, Rhonda Welsh, Kim Margerum and Larry Hover. Browse the site and purchase music downloads for only .99 cents. Thank you in advance for supporting these fine Christian Artists.



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## March Highlights

### OUR MONTHLY SHOWCASE: *4<sup>th</sup> Fridays*

4F in March was great. It was our 7-year anniversary show. We featured Mo Jones and David Ivey.

### Mo Jones

House band bassist Mo Jones was first up. He shared songs from his latest CD – *Mo Jones Bass*. He performed intricate tunes on his 7-string bass and shared his story of how God healed him from carpal tunnel. Mo spoke of how intense the



condition was that often he couldn't even hold a cup. When the Lord healed him he explained how his wrists burned for 45 minutes and then he didn't have the condition any longer. As he shared his story he choked up and commented about how he always gets choked up when he tells others what God had done for him. It was truly a moving moment. Mo spoke of how through it

all he has learned to trust the Lord even though he doesn't always understand His plan for his life. After his set, he received a standing ovation.

### David Ivey

David is a *4thFridays* favorite. He always manages to engage the audience and gets them to sing and clap along. He never fails to bring some of the finest musicians around to perform with him. His world-class band included: bassist - Terrance Palmer – an artist in his own right who performed at *4thFridays* last year. Also performing with David was: percussionist Mark Whitsett; background vocalist; Terrie Taylor; drummer: Nate Winn and keyboardist: Demetrius Neighbors. Dave shared songs from his two releases –



*The Bottom Line* and *Your Today*. He encouraged the audience to be obedient to what the Lord has called them to do. He talked about how when he was performing with National Gospel

artist - Fred Hammond he was more comfortable behind the scenes as his background vocalist. But then the Lord told him it was time for him to step out and sing the songs he had given him. Now David is doing just that and doing it well. We look forward to having him back soon.

### rufus harris

Rufus and band (Jeannine Gardner-Washington (drums); Martin Stuart (keyboards); and Mo Jones (bass) were great – They performed well opening and closing out the show. They performed: *How Do You Read It?*; *No Compromise*; *Not Black or White* and *Risen*.



**Here's what's coming up  
This Friday!  
April 24th**

**Jazz Band - Zamar**

Zamar has been together for over a decade writing, arranging and best of all, performing music. The members of Zamar, though not related, are brothers bonded by the love of music and the conviction to spread the good vibrations of love, joy and peace through their music. Zamar has shared the stage with Wayman Tisdale, Paul Taylor, Tim Bowman, Darren Rhan, Penny Wales, and have performed at venues such as Seldom Blues, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Pontiac's *Arts Beats and Eats*, Ohio's Rids and Jazz Festival, Detroit's *Java and Jazz*, Grand Rapids *Summer Celebration*, Ann Arbor's *African American Jazz Festival*, *The African World Festival*, Campus Martious. They'll take you on both a spiritual and musical journey. Don't miss them this Friday! For more information about Zamar, visit: <http://www.zamariop.com>



**Chuck Tocco**



This gifted singer, songwriter and guitarist from the downriver area is new to the *4thFridays* stage. His great vocal ability, creative melodies and insightful lyrics make him one of the most unique artists in the area. He will share songs from his new release "Louder than Audible" at *4thFridays* this week. We know you are sure to enjoy him. Don't miss it.

**Coffee** – The Coffee Brew mister invites you to stop by the coffee table to enjoy this month's flavor of the month: caramel apple.

**Raffle** - With admission, you'll receive a ticket for our raffle. The drawing is held near the end of the show. You can win music and coffee in a little blue jean tote.

**INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRY:**

**One Day with God Camp**



**Forgiven Ministry and Prison Fellowship** will present an in-prison event called **One Day with God Camp** at Huron Valley Women's Correctional. Children will go into to prison to spend a day with their incarcerated parent. 200 volunteers are needed to help with this fun-filled day. Opportunities are available to volunteer inside the prison or at a nearby church to work with the children's caregivers. If you would

like to volunteer, call 248-886-0881. Click image or [here](#) for more information.

**Operation Starting Line - in-prison events**

Prison Fellowship will once again be presenting OSL in-prison opportunities. Independent Christian artists Sonnie Day, The Gideon Crew, and Rufus Harris will share at four prisons in two days – May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. Prisons include: **Michigan Reformatory in Ionia; Muskegon correctional; Thumb Correctional in Lapeer and Mid Michigan in St. Louis, Michigan.** If you would like to attend any of these events, please call: 248-866-0881

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in Milan**

**3mm** is a unique opportunity for the CAMP to work in conjunction with Prison Fellowship doing Prison Ministry at the only Federal Prison in Michigan. Every third Monday of the month from 6-8:30pm, the CAMP brings in gifted musicians, poets, comedians and speakers to this Milan facility. If you would like more information, contact the CAMP at: 248-872-1197 or Prison Fellowship at 248-886-0881. You will be required to attend an orientation in order to participate in this event.

**FESTIVALS**

**Storytellers 2009 - During Arts Beats and Eats**

Join us at Storytellers in Pontiac Labor Day weekend in Downtown Pontiac. Hear great music by CAMP artists under the shade. Admission is free. The date will be Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Details coming soon!

Also, we will be staging impromptu concerts around the Metro Detroit Area.

## **MEDIA**

We explored a new internet network to visually showcase independent artists over the web. Our hope is to have it launched by early 2009. We'll keep you posted.

## **ARTIST RESOURCES**

### **CAMP Community**

Stay tuned for information regarding a new fellowship called CAMP community where independent artists connect and are encouraged and inspired.

### **Other News - local artists on WMUZ FM**

**Sarah Dalton** has officially released her new CD – Like a Child. Visit [www.sarahdalton.com](http://www.sarahdalton.com). Her release party was a tremendous success. She will be featured on Shannyn Cadwell's show on WMUZ FM radio on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

**Paul McKenzie** will also be featured on WMUZ's Bob Dutko show on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. He'll be discussing scripture memorization and memory techniques. Please plan to tune in to support these gifted independent Christian artists.

### **JustRadio.NET**

New artists have been added to the radio station. Log on to [www.JustRadio.NET](http://www.JustRadio.NET) and hear great music by independent artists who are Christian while you work or play.

### **Ways to Give...**

You can give financially to the CAMP, via eBay, by giving flowers, or by donating your used vehicle. Please help today so that we can keep all of the programs going.



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Come check out 4thFridays

This month in **Studio A**

At the *beautiful*

## **Ford Community & Performing Arts Center**

15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI  
between Southfield & Greenfield Roads

Doors open at 8pm/Show starts at 8:30pm

Admission: \$10 (checks and money orders accepted)

Please make them payable to: "The CAMP"

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