

I received a note from **Michael Adler** about "**Israel Houghton**'s new Christmas album.

"It's called *Nutcracker Suite 1 and 2*.

We've edited it and are doing a

combination of those two with

band and dance and calling it *Nutcracker*

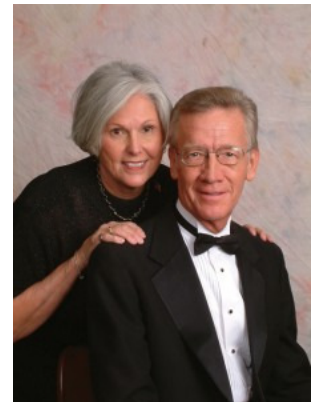
*Ballet Meets Nutcracker Hip Hop*.

It should be fun."



### Bill Green Retires

**BILL GREEN** was recently honored by Oklahoma Baptist musicians he steps down as director of The Singing Churchmen and The Singing Churchwomen. Approximately 400 friends and musicians gathered at the Oklahoma City Convention Center on October 30 to celebrate **Green's** 19 years of the two singing groups. **Green** has directed The Singing Churchmen for more than a third of the group's history. **Green** began his service after a 1991 plane crash that killed leaders of Oklahoma Baptist musicians that led to his coming to serve as Director of Church Music for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. During his tenure **Bill Green** led The Churchmen on many trips to other areas of the world including Russia, China, Australia, Armenia and Israel.



**Lillenas names John Jennings  
new director of sales and marketing**



Kansas City, Missouri

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Lillenas Publishing Company has announced **John Jennings** as the company's new director of sales and marketing. In his new role, Jennings will be responsible for all aspects of sales management, general marketing, online and digital marketing, and event marketing and sales. **Jennings** will also be an integral member of the newly formed Nashville-based creative development team, led by **Dave Clark** and **Emily Higinbotham**.

Regarding his new position, **Jennings** said, "I'm thrilled to be a part of Lillenas Publishing Company. Lillenas has a rich history and has been a leader in evangelical church music publishing for over 85 years. I am grateful to Nazarene Publishing House President **Dr. Hardy Weathers**, Lillenas Publishing Company Director **Tim Curtis**, and the rest of the Nazarene Publishing House executive team for the opportunity to help lead Lillenas into future success."

Jennings has been involved in the Christian music industry for over 15 years. For 12 years he was employed by Word Music, a division of Word Entertainment. During his tenure at Word, he held positions in direct sales, event management, marketing, and product development. Most recently, Jennings was the executive director of marketing and oversaw the development of Word Music's choral book product line.

**John** and his wife, **Shelley**, along with their newborn daughter, live in Nashville, TN.  
--[Lillenas Publishing Company](#)

## Save the GMA Concert

Facing financial woes and personnel cuts, the Gospel Music Association (GMA) held a "Save the GMA Concert" last month raising over \$350,000 for the music organization. The event was called "The Concert of the Decade" included some giants of Contemporary Christian Music including **Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Point of Grace, MercyMe, Casting Crowns, Jason Crebb, Natalie Grant** and others.

It was reported that more than 350 people attended the dinner at \$1,000 per person (1,000 X 350..that figures) to help the struggling association. A live webcast of the show drew 10,000 viewers making it one of the largest Christian music events ever streamed.

All artists and event producers donated thier time and expenses and also purchased tickets themselves.

**Gospel Music  
Association CEO,  
John Still, steps down**



**John Styll**, who has headed the Gospel Music Association (GMA) for several years has stepped down from his position to help the financially-strapped organization. **John** has been an important figure in Christian music even before GMA.

When asked about his decision he is reported to have said: "We're implementing a plan that I drafted and recommended to our GMA Board last week, and we all agree this is a fiscally responsible direction to go," said **Styll**. "We've been tightening our belts for some time in this economy and now we're at a point where I think it's wise to take my own salary off the books. I remain a permanent board member of the GMA and look forward to continuing our work. There's much to be positive about - the popularity of our music form, the dream of our future Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville - but we have to ride out this economic storm a while further."

Rebecca St. James stars in new  
movie

Written by Various Submissions

Dove and Grammy Award Winner, **Rebecca St. James** is starring in a new movie, *Sarah's Choice*, due to be released soon.

**St. James** plays the role of Sarah Collins, a "young woman on the rise," up the ladder of success in career and relationship, when she suddenly finds herself pregnant.

In the story, her character must weed through the many differing opinions being thrown at her regarding her situation, and is unsure of what to do; when she receives some prophetic insight from God.