

## The Johnson Family Quartet History

The Johnson Family Quartet features the two youngest professional singers in Southern Gospel music on the West Coast. Ben will be 16 in April 2009, and his sister, Bonnie Sue, is 17. They have been singing as a quartet with their parents, Don and Beth, after winning the Western States Gospel Music Association's Talent Showcase for 2002. This began their love for Southern Gospel music.

It all began in the car, when Bonnie and Ben were just learning to sing the old hymns of the faith on the way to church. Since that time, they have had the joy of singing to audiences throughout the West Coast primarily, but not exclusively. In the summer of 2005, the Johnsons had the opportunity to attend the prestigious Ben Speer's Stamps-Baxter School of Music in Nashville, TN., where in trio form; they were honored with singing on the coveted closing program. The quartet enjoys singing for churches and various banquets. Community events such as "Christmas in April" (an event for the purpose of helping those with housing needs) have enjoyed their energetic and positive musical entertainment for their auctions. Nursing homes/charitable events, 4th of July celebrations, community Christmas programs and conventions are also on their itinerary. This family group had the honor of singing for The Great Western Gospel Music Fan Festival in Fresno in 2007 and 2008 to an audience of thousands of people in the Save Mart Arena at Fresno State University. The quartet has been extended the invitation to sing again in April/May of 2009. Bonnie has been featured as a soloist as far as Houston, Texas. At age 13, Ben had the distinct privilege of traveling for a month with the Hall of Fame group, The Weatherfords, on an extensive tour of the Midwest, Northeastern states, and Canada. The Johnsons travel weekly, filling about 70 dates per year.

The Johnson Family Quartet was accepted for membership into the Western States Gospel Music Association in 2004, and are proud to be affiliated with this fine organization. With 3 CD projects completed and the experience of travel, radio and television studio work, the Johnsons are grateful to the Lord for their successes, and are delighted that the King would see fit to use them for spreading His gospel through this fantastic style of music, anywhere He allows them to share. Their musical style is decidedly Southern Gospel with a hint of country. Tight 4-part family blending is a hallmark quality of this group, as much sought after by discriminating audiences who enjoy this style of harmony.

The Johnsons are careful to give God all the Glory, and they feel blessed to get to have all the fun!