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## Words from Will....

Greetings wonderful supporters! I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the continuous support you have shown to me personally and to the YPOP ministry through the years. It's with your love that I am able to continue ministering through music, in hopes that it has and will make a difference in the lives of others.

I am excited about what God is doing with the ministry. We are embarking on new projects and ways of keeping our supporters up-to-date with 'all things YPOP', as well as our outreach ministry. One of those projects is this newsletter. We are launching a new and improved newsletter in which you can find exciting and pertinent information about Will & YPOP, gospel industry news and issues that are relevant to Christians

as we navigate through this life. The newsletter will be published quarterly and distributed via email and eventually in print.

We are beginning new things in 2008, as 2008 is the year of new beginnings. We continue to believe in the manifestation of God as we have been faithful to His word. Those new beginnings include touring, community projects, the release of our sophomore CD and being featured in national publications.

Keep supporting us as we continue to do what God has commissioned us to do.

Peace and Blessings

## Who Is Will & YPOP

William Myles & YPOP are an up and coming contemporary gospel group that is soon to join the ranks of other great talents born and raised in the soulful and faith – filled state of Mississippi. Will & YPOP are based in Meridian where they began the evolution from a community based outreach program sponsored by the local Boys and Girls Club to the extraordinarily skilled and talent group they are today.

The Boys and Girls Club Mass Choir originally had 70 members, but this number drastically diminished when Will was spiritually led in a different direction with a redefined purpose. Will understood that he and YPOP were called to be ambassadors, who were sold out for Christ and would be willing to share themselves in order to reach the unreachable.

Will & YPOP have shared the stage with gospel greats such as: Donnie McClurkin, Vickie Winans, Martha Munizzi, J Moss, James Hall, the Tri – City Singers and Keith "Wonder Boy" Johnson. They have performed on the Bobby Jones Gospel Show, in a Verity Records Showcase and are featured in several gospel trade magazines. The group has also built a wonderfully supportive fan base within MS and is starting to build in other states as well.

Will & YPOP will be releasing their 2<sup>nd</sup> CD this summer and feel that this CD will catapult them into national recognition and also allow their music to minister to those that need music that is reflective, relatable and brings about an understanding of who God is and what His purpose and plans are for His people in order to build a strong and solid relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



## Vision Statement

Our vision is to flourish as a gospel singing group in which each member recognizes, embraces and has a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We endeavor to prosper as a loving, caring and praying group of young people by sharing the word of God through recorded music and live performances. We envision a ministry in which each member feels free and motivated to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling the great mandate. We will encourage and inspire one another individually through music, prayer and active love.

## Mission Statement

To Assert, exemplify and distribute the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through song to churches, our community and throughout the world.



Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" (Rms 15:1 -2)

YPOP Ministries, Inc. is preparing the way for youth in the community to experience the fine arts, in order to discover, develop and explore their creative minds. This project will give our youth an alternative to the streets, which is always a great option. We believe that the fine arts can make a difference in the life of a young person that goes beyond singing. The fine arts have the ability to have spiritual, educational and social impact on the lives of young people and strengthen our communities as a result.

In search of a way to make a meaningful difference in our community lead YPOP Ministries, Inc. to step up and offer something that gives inspiration and hope to our youth. "Chance @ Music" is an afterschool music program that was discontinued due to the lack of funding. Knowing how important this program is and the impact it will make, has reignited the passion for our ministry to begin raising capital through private donations and grants in order to fully fund the project and render other services our youth are so desperately in need of. If you are interested in helping us in this endeavor please contact William Myles at [MylesYPOP@yahoo.com](mailto:MylesYPOP@yahoo.com) Your support is essential to the success of the program and making a difference in the lives of our youth.

### Make Your Vote Count

by Richard L. Scott

We are right now in the mist of one of the most exciting presidential races in recent history. With all the excitement that is being generated, the mantra of Vernon Dahmer, Sr. is still true "If you don't vote, you don't count!" Merely voicing your opinion does nothing to change your community, your city, your state, or your country until you take the time to get registered and actually make your voice heard by casting your ballot for your candidate of choice. More important than who you vote for is that you actually vote. By voting you are exercising your "right to vote" as an American citizen and to participate in the election process of choosing who you desire to represent you. Don't vote solely on what you have been hearing others say about the candidates, find out as much as you can about the candidates and strive to become an informed voter. At the end of the day only you can live with the choices you have made and remember the words of Vernon Dahmer, Sr., "If you don't vote, you don't count!" Get informed, get involved, and get counted!

## *Upcoming Performances & Events*



William Myles & YPOP are gearing up for the Summer release of their sophomore project. They are currently diligently working and strategically planning to ensure the best representation of the ministry is exemplified. The initial sales goal for the release of this CD is 1,000 units in the first month. We can only accomplish this through your support, so look for retailers to have the CD in stock (we will be sending an email with a list of retailers). We are also in the planning stages of organizing a CD release party, so be on the look out for further information.

Our annual fundraising banquet will be on **April 29th**. This event will be an invitation only affair, in which will host 150 people. The focus of this fundraiser is 'Arts: The Impact It Has On Our Community and Our Youth'. Proceeds from this event will be used to fund youth art programs and revitalize the "Chance @ Music" afterschool project.

If you would like more information regarding our fundraiser please contact William Myles at [MylesYPOP@yahoo.com](mailto:MylesYPOP@yahoo.com).

## **EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!!!**

### **William Myles & YPOP will be opening for the Hope Nation Tour!**

**The Hope Nation Tour will start in March and features national recording artists Myron Butler & Levi, Dewayne Woods, Coko (from R&B group SWV), Johnathon Nelson, Ted Winn, and Tarsha Hamilton (wife of Anthony Hamilton). Will & YPOP will be appearing on the Mississippi tour dates. Please come out and support us as we take our ministry to another level.**

- **Wednesday, April 2nd**

**University of Southern Mississippi  
Hattiesburg, MS**

- **Sunday, April 6th**

**Jackson State University  
Jackson, MS**

## Facing the World with the Word.....

Have you ever wondered if life is worth the trouble? After all it seems to be filled with heartache, disappointment and frustration. Sometimes it's just plain boring and exhausting. God understands you will sometimes feel like giving up. But He wants you to keep on going and refusing to quit until you have fulfilled the purpose for which He created you. That is determination. God knows that everyday of your life is important, worth living. One day there will be sweet rest. For now, God is urging you to set your course and be determined to see it through.

### Relatable Scripture

The bible says, "Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder". (Rms. 12:11-12)

We should realize by scriptures that God is even more determined than you could ever be to see you finish the race He has set before you.

## Gospel News, Tours and Conferences

- **Pastor Marvin Sapp in Revival** **March 12th - 14th, Meridian, MS**
- **Clark Sisters** **March 13th - Shreveport, LA**  
**March 14th - Baton Rouge, LA**  
**March 15th - Houston, TX**
- **Ben Cone III & Worship Spring Musical** **March 15, Jackson, MS**
- **GMWA Board Meeting** **April 8-11, Dallas, TX**
- **Gigantic Gospel Concert feat. Kirk Franklin, Tye Tribbet & GA, James Fortune & FIYA and the Inspirations of Shiro** **April 13th, Longview, TX**
- **Gospel Music Association Dove Awards (GMA)** **April 23rd, Nashville, TN**
- **YPOP Ministries Annual Banquet** **April 29th, Meridian, MS**
- **Stevie Wonder Gospel Tribute: Harlem Gospel Choir** **May 13th, New York City**

\* If you would like to make a donation to YPOP Ministries Inc., please send all tax deductible gifts to: YPOP Ministries Inc., PO Box 1944, Meridian, MS 39302 or if you know of anyone who would like to become a part of our mailing list, please email Will at [MylesYPOP@yahoo.com](mailto:MylesYPOP@yahoo.com) or [Osby\\_YPOP@yahoo.com](mailto:Osby_YPOP@yahoo.com)

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## Will & YPOP's Music Picks

Kirk Franklin — The Fight of My Life  
Marvin Saapp — Thirsty  
Ricky Dillard — 7th Episode: Life in Toronto  
Israel & New Breed — A Deeper Level  
The Clark Sisters — Live On Last Time  
Stephen Hurd — My Destiny  
William Murphy — The Sound: Live in Atlanta  
J Moss — V2  
Bishop Noel Jones & The City of Refuge Mass Choir — Welcome to The City  
Rance Allen Group — Closest Friend

