

# Walking in the Light of the Lord

Claudette Blake steadfast as Ambassador for God



Atlanta — Claudette Blake knows that she has been chosen for a very important mission for God—to spread the good news about Jesus through the universal language of song—praising for as long as she has breath in her body. A sample of her creative style will be featured on the FIA Gospel label CD entitled, “Praise Pleases Him.” While she compares her style of singing to Shirley Ceasar, her songs on this CD, which she co-wrote, clearly reflect a determination to define her own style. She is committed to make certain the songs capture the true spirit of “spreading the word.”

Her voice reflects a very calm and soothing tone when talking with her, however, it ignites a more dynamic and unforgettable resonance when she sings for the Lord. A gifted lyricist as well as a singer, Claudette’s singing talent evolved during her childhood years when she and her seven brothers and sisters sang regularly for her father’s church. She and her siblings also performed in their own group, *The Davis Singers*. They gained popularity as they traveled to churches as very young children singing gospel selections such as “It is No Secret What God Can Do” and “I’m Gonna Trust Him.” These songs pricked her heart and she has been an ambassador for God ever since.

Originally from Saint Louis, Missouri, she has directed and sang in choirs since childhood. The days of singing Christmas carols at her dad’s job is a favorite memory of her first time singing solo. “When the second verse to one of the songs was started, I realized that my siblings had stopped singing, but I continued. Alas--my first solo!” admits Claudette. This was a turning point in her life that helped her to understand her true abilities to praise God through song. Since that time she has developed her own style which is primary traditional gospel, but her range varies from contemporary, R&B, jazz /pop and some hip hop.

It is also evident in the words to the song “Faithful in the Few Things”, from the new CD that she is an accomplished lyricist and she is adamant about making certain she is “singing the songs the way God would want her to sing.” Also, the uplifting delivery of “God All By Himself,” gives the listener a true reflection of how she has been blessed and she knows that He is real. She feels that it is important that her songs are remembered once people hear the words. While she does not consider herself to be a good orator, she says that it is her music that should be the “overarching communicator for her.”

Claudette has appeared at events and churches primarily in Saint Louis which includes Prospect Hill, Leonard Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church where her father is a Pastor. She recently sang at Beulahland Bible Church in Macon, Georgia and on the local Atlanta television show Big Red’s *Don’t Worry, Be Happy*. Upcoming appearances include *Showtime at the Apollo* and *The Atlanta Braves Game*.

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