

GOSPEL MESSENGERS

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NEWS RELEASE INFO: Take or leave any info as follows as desired. The stars * indicate paragraphs most frequently used.

The public is invited to a free evening of Bluegrass Gospel music by Gospel Messengers,(Jim & Marilene Atnip & family) date of _____ beginning at _____ PM , at the _____ Church, address: _____

Directions to church:

*** The Atnip family lives in Cody, WY. Their concerts consist of Bluegrass Gospel style music with (banjo, (?) –banjo only if Ben comes) mandolin pickin’, violin fiddling’, Dobro, rhythm guitar, acoustic bass, and “yodeling”. Their 10 children range from ages 4- 26 years old and the children are the vital part of the ministry and music.**

They have home -schooled all the children. **They moved in 1984 to Wyoming.** The oldest children have graduated from high school and have local jobs or careers. The children have each accepted Christ individually and love and honor Him. Benjamin is completing his college bachelor’s degree in Aviation Science and is a busy flight instructor and corporate pilot based in Cody and Married Alyssa Richard on May 1, 2010. Kimberly married Kevin Sorrell from Edmond, Oklahoma in April, 2009, and they now live in Edmond, Oklahoma. They help the family sing in some Oklahoma area prison services and more, if possible. Joseph, & Duane work in the family construction business, and Julie works in elderly care, while Karissa is a para –substitute school teacher in Cody and does home care also. Several of the older children also have assisted other Bluegrass bands (as fill in musicians for bands in Wyoming & Montana), and have won awards on their instruments.

The Atnips have hosted prison ministries to Cody since 1991. About 1997 was the family’s beginning of musical training together & individually. They also began a non-profit organization in 1998 called “Gospel Messengers” which hosted other ministries (largely musical groups) to non-denominational festivals in Cody, Wyoming . Since the year 2000 they have helped in prison ministry crusades during the winter, as a family .

*** In the year 2003, Gospel Messengers, (Atnip Family,) have won Regional (15 states), as “Bluegrass Artist” of the Year. Following that, in Oct. in Branson, MO, Gospel Messengers was voted International award for “Bluegrass Artist” of the Year 2003 by the Country Gospel Music Association.**

The family band fills requests for organizations in Wyo. Jim (Dad) & boys operate a general contracting business in Cody. .Jim is a Gideon in their local camp.

They have completed their third recording. Tapes & CD’s are available after concerts for freewill donations.

*** Of the children’s in the singing team, their names & ages are:**

Joseph & Julie (twins) - 22, Karissa-19, Duane-17, Kaylena-14, Luanna-11, JaLynn, 8 and David-4 years. All help with a variety of vocals. Joseph- mandolin, Julie-bass & yodeling, Karissa -fiddle, Duane –Dobro and banjo, Kaylena & Luanna - violins. Jim (Dad) plays rhythm guitar, Marilene (Mom) acoustic bass fiddle.

The family website is: www.atnipfamily.com -----please see schedule