

Karen Peck and New River

The name of Karen Peck has become synonymous with Southern Gospel Music. Her flawless, delightful soprano voice has made its way into the hearts of Gospel Music lovers across the country and garnered an unprecedented 11 Favorite Soprano Fan Awards from the readers of The Singing News Magazine, one of Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publications.

The youngest of three daughters, Karen was exposed to the traditional sounds of Gospel Music at a very early age.

Her parents often took Karen and her sisters, Susan and Sandra, to the all-night sings in Atlanta, and these concerts left an indelible mark on the youngsters who made a pact that someday they would share a musical ministry of their own.

One of the groups often featured at the Atlanta concerts was The LeFevres, who later became known as The Nelons. It would be a mild understatement to say that Karen had aspirations of singing with this talented musical group. In fact, that aspiration became her greatest desire, and in 1981, this dream became a reality when Karen was invited to travel with her favorite group. She remained with The Nelons for 10 years, gaining the respect of industry peers and fans alike with her exceptional vocal ability and caring personality.

Finally in 1991, the realization of yet another dream came to pass when Karen and sister Susan, with Karen's husband Ricky, organized the musical entourage of Karen Peck & New River. With appearances on such prestigious stages as Opryland Theme Park, Dollywood and Six Flags Over Georgia, New River has firmly established their place at the forefront of Southern Gospel Music. Over the past decade they have been featured on many television networks with appearances on TBN's Praise The Lord, the Grand Ole Opry Live and the popular Gaither Gospel Hour. In recent years, the group has enjoyed many individual and group honors and accolades. They have received numerous industry and fan award nominations, and have consistently enjoyed radio airplay at radio stations nationwide. Hit releases have flowed their way in bunches, and they have even enjoyed several Number One releases. Just a few of the popular hits include "God Likes To Work," "Daddy's Home," "When Jesus Passes By," "Christian In The House" and "God Still Answers Prayer."

No doubt, their latest recording released by Spring Hill Music Group will spawn even more radio success. The first release from that recording, "Four Days Late," has already climbed onto the Top 80 national radio charts. The recording, "A Taste Of Grace," is classic New River, as it offers musical diversity enjoyable to listeners of all ages. "We feel like the songs on this recording represent where we've been personally and with the ministry as a whole," Karen relates. "This recording conveys the importance of complete trust in the Lord. Regardless of our wants and desires, God is always taking care of what's best for us. Even when we feel like He's late, He's always right on time. We believe this project will be an encouragement and offer hope to all believers."

Today, Karen and her sister Susan are joined vocally by John Darin Rowsey, who sang with New Journey for more than a decade. John joined New River in January of 2000 and brings his smooth vocal ability to New River, as well as his gift of songwriting. His songs have been recorded by such popular groups as The Gaither Vocal Band, The Talley Trio and The Pfeifers, just to name a few.

New River sets a new standard for musical perfection with rich vocal harmony, soaring over a solid instrumental foundation that is shaded with the sophistication of Southern Gospel, country and bluegrass sounds. New River today stands not only as a talented and successful recording artist, but more importantly, effective messengers of God sharing a taste of Grace with the world!