



“Step up to the microphone son, and sing us a song that’ll bless our hearts”

These encouraging words by Dan’s late father, **Coleman Looper** echo intently each time Dan steps on stage to sing a “Good Ole Gospel” song.



Many of you may recall Dan’s father, **Bro. Coleman Looper**. He began in the late 50’s singing gospel music in a quartet. Later in the early 60’s he formed **The Looper Trio** and in the mid 70’s he formed a family band, **Coleman Looper & The Way Travelers**, they continued until the

mid to late 90’s. In following years was the **Coleman Looper Family** from 1997 to 2019. Incredibly, that’s over 60 years of Gospel Music heritage wrapped up in one man’s honorable dedication to heed God’s calling, and today that is being continued with Coleman and Marie’s **“Third son down, or second son up!”** ☺

Dan is in fact, Daniel “Coleman” Looper Jr. and while holding the banner high, the story and calling continues with **Dan Looper & Mountain Sound Band (DLMSB)**.

At age 15, Dan first played pedal steel guitar with the family band, Coleman Looper & The Way Travelers. Dan recalls his first tour weekend to set behind his Sho-Bud steel guitar and play, was in Atlanta, GA.

“Our first night we played - of all places - THE JOYFUL NOISE – DINNER CLUB ... followed by several churches and concerts in the area.”

That weekend back in 1979 set the pace for the next 40 years. Needless to say, Dan Looper is **“no new-comer”** to the gospel music industry arena. Although this is DLMSB’s debut album release, Dan’s historical past in gospel music has been one to also include his studio

musicianship, audio/video recording specialist, being raised on the road, living out of a suitcase, and enrolled in correspondence schools even before it was counted *“en vogue”*. ☺ Yep, Dan often declares ...

“I may have more miles on me than a used car lot, but with the Good Lord’s help, I’m raring to go like a new Corvette!” ☺

In 2014, after moving to Ohio, Dan and Renee (his wife) couldn’t continue cameo appearances with the Coleman Looper Family living almost 400 miles away. Later in that same year, Dan and Renee began to accept request for appointments, to go and minister, whether in song or spoken word, just **“Mind the Lord”**, and that’s exactly what they did. They felt the Holy Spirit leading them as they saw many blessed, encouraged, rededicated, uplifted, strengthened, and born again.

Dan emphasizes: **“Jesus said... If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me. John 12:32”** and this propelled them into forming a group. **“It seemed we weren’t doing enough for Him, (Jesus). He has been so good to us, helped us when we couldn’t help ourselves, loved us when we were unlovable, encouraged us when we wanted to give up. It just didn’t seem right setting idle and waiting for something to happen.”**

Dan and Renee prayed, seeking God’s will and guidance, that’s when they were led to form the group **Dan Looper & Mountain Sound**. It seemed everything fell pretty much into place. **“It had to be God!”** In reflection, Dan recalled a statue he had seen while on base at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL where he worked for some time...

“Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; (Lord) send me. – Isaiah 6:8”

Dan Looper & Mountain Sound (DLMSB) consists of a live 6-piece band and vocals. Each band member played on the **New Debut Release Album** entitled **“The Lord Will Provide”**. That’s unique, especially in today’s recording atmosphere, but Dan wanted each to share their God given talent and to deliver “their style” so that the same sound they have on record is the same when performing live. **“What a great opportunity to lift up the name**



of Jesus, I feel they accomplished a great work, and I’m very excited for them” says Dan Ward of Hitmaker Studios. The group had prayer before, during, and after each song was recorded, continually seeking God and wanting Him to anoint each song with the spirit. **“We feel that our prayer was answered, we trust you will too.”**



Dan’s wife, **Renee (Cook) Looper** plays piano in the band and on the New Album. Renee started playing early in life with her family group, the **Tony Cook Family**. Prior to this, as a pre-school age child, Renee had steadily lost all hearing, she had been diagnosed as “clinically deaf.” At night she would experience horrific pain in her ears. One night before a scheduled surgery, Renee was prayed for at a church service. The next day, at age 5 years old, the surgeons decided to examine her ears one last time before proceeding with the difficult surgery on both ears. They were astonished! Renee says all she can remember is the doctors came out and told her parents they could not find any abnormalities or anything wrong with her ears, hearing, inner-ear, etc. In fact, by all indications a “complete healing had occurred”. Fast forward a few years... In her family band Renee played the BMI pedal steel guitar at age 12, and later mastered the dobro resonator guitar playing on several albums. During one recording session in Kentucky, Renee recalls playing in-studio when Mr. **Hobert and Dorothy Skaggs** (Ricky Skaggs’ parents) came over to visit with the family during the recording session. After a full day of recording, and somewhat worn to a frazzle, Renee said the next day, while at home the telephone rang, and it was Hobert calling her directly. Renee could have just about fell over, right there on the floor. Her father, Tony encouraged her to take the call, Hobert said... **“Little lady, I wanted to say... you are doing really good on that dobro, And you have a great talent. I just wanted to call and tell you to keep it up, and keep after it.”** This really encouraged Renee, she was so

shocked that **Ricky Skaggs’** parents would call to encourage her. Later on Renee began working weekly at the **Renfro Valley Music Barn** in Renfro Valley, KY as a band member. But her heart wasn’t content, and life turned for the worse. So for years, depressed, and at the point of giving up, Renee never picked another instrument, or played another song for over 20 years. It seemed all was lost. But miraculously, God knows just where we are, and what we are going through, even if we don’t think anyone cares, **He Cares For You!** One day Renee began to seek the Lord, calling upon Him to enter her life again and change her circumstances, to right the wrongs, to take her and mold her into what He would have her to be. After rededicating her life, she felt this scripture enter her heart... **And in all things, whatsoever ye shall ask, in prayer believing, ye shall receive. – Matthew 21:22** “This is a daily scripture I call upon and have seen God move in mighty ways especially when we place our trust in Him and Him alone” Renee said.



Renee and Dan married in 2009 and make their home in Southwest Ohio. She is a beautiful and sweet person, but the best accolade of all is... Renee is gloriously saved! And... she gives all glory and praise to God for everything in her life! Renee and Dan have 4 children, 2 grandchildren, and one on-the-way. Of course we have to mention their **“very opinionated - but big hearted”** schnauzer, **Bella**. ☺ Renee knows you’ll agree... **“God is Good, and He’s Good All The Time!”**



Heath Cook plays bass guitar in the band and on the New Album. Like his sister Renee, Heath started playing with the family group at a very young age of 11, the **Tony Cook Family**. Brother Tony and Sister Joyce, Heath and Renee’s parents, evangelized and sang the gospel for many years. They recorded several albums and Heath was always ready to play bass and travel wherever God opened the doors. Heath’s life and testimony is one of endurance, keeping the faith, and an example of God’s faithfulness. Through the struggles of life and the uncertainties that come with it, Heath admits “If it hadn’t been for the Lord by my side, there’s no way I could have survived.” Heath and his wife Annette were married 23 years when God saw fit to call her home. It was difficult to say the least for some time afterwards, but God is faithful. He was reminded of scripture **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. – Proverbs 3:5-6”** Amen! Heath did just that, and God brought him **“Through It All”**. Later on, after some time had passed, Lady Lynn entered Heath’s life and they were married in 2019. Heath and Lynn love traveling and

working for the Lord anyway they can, displaying a true testament of God's goodness. **"It's amazing how God can heal and renew our heart, soul, and mind when we trust in Him."**

David Haning plays lead guitar in the band and on the New Album. David has dedicated many years to gospel music playing in such bands as The Dalton Gang, Tony Cook Family, The Hanings, and many more. The following is **Dave's testimony**: "God saved me at the age of 12 laying under a pew down at a little Baptist Church in Spring Valley, Ohio. I started playing guitar at the age of 6. It was "God taught" from the beginning. Following that, I progressed to the bass guitar, and later drums, and then a little later on, I started playing pedal steel guitar. In my teen years, I began to write songs and to-date have written about 20 or 30 songs.



"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:7



Heathy Cook, the youngest member of the group, son of Heath and Annette Cook, plays drums in the band and on the New Album. Heathy joined DLMSB in 2015. With various responsibilities it would be later on that he was able to dedicate as full-time percussionist. It makes us most proud of Heathy in knowing that in 2017 he gave his heart to the Lord. He surrendered all, and God gloriously saved him. Since that time to present day, Heathy says **"God has continuously blessed me, including many opportunities to share the gospel. My wish and prayer is, that as a group/band we are led by the Lord to bless any listening ear."**



Dan Looper & Mountain Sound are excited about the release of their **New Debut Album!** The title cut, **"The Lord Will Provide"** is definitely a song for the present times we live in. With so much uncertainty from day to day, though the way may seem bleak, hopeless, or at a total loss momentarily, God will provide in order to get His will

accomplished. If you have the opportunity to attend a singing, concert, service, or theme park where DLMSB is playing, you will not be disappointed!

The enthusiasm, stage presence, and love shared in testimonials, song, and stories, is a must see!

"I am so very thankful for the gifts and talents God has entrusted with the band and me. I firmly believe it's our duty to use whatever tools the Lord provides for the up building of His Kingdom. My band and I are blessed to bring these songs of inspiration to you.



It's our prayer you are equally blessed as each song truly ministers its own message in song. Each are hand-picked songs of faith, inspiration, and true-life hardships, and victories, all lifting up the name of Jesus pointing towards a better way of life! Why would anyone not want to have a better way of life? Harden not your heart, seek Him friend, while He may be found. Jesus is your ticket to Heaven!"
– Dan Looper

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