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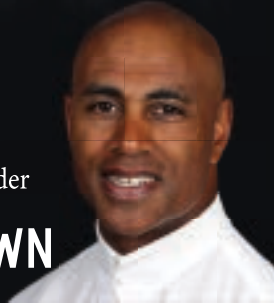


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God Bless,

from the Christian Cross Festival Team

<i>Brett Simonsen</i>	<i>Jeff Borer</i>	<i>Cheri Wichman</i>	<i>Sara Gadeken</i>	<i>Emma Meisenheimer</i>
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**2. BELIEVE** that God loves you, despite your mistakes. He sent His son Jesus to die for us, so that you can be perfect in God's eyes.

**3. CONFESS** your faith in Jesus to others. The Bible tells us in Romans 10:9 that "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

### PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR

*God, I confess before you that I am in need of Jesus. I make a choice right now to turn away from my sin and put my trust in you. I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that He died and was raised from the dead for me, and I confess Him now as my Lord and Savior. I receive your forgiveness and ask you to come reign in my heart, fill me with your love and your life. Restore me, Jesus. Live in me. Love through me. Thank you, God. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

*If you have prayed this prayer, share this joy and meet with someone in the Prayer Tent.*

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*Saturday June 6th 2026*

- 1:55P OPENING PRAYER
- 2:00P OUTCRY COLLECTIVE
- 3:05P NORTH FORK REVIVAL
- 4:10P THE BAND JAREN
- 5:30P SEAN RODRIGUEZ
- 6:50P LEANNA CRAWFORD
- 8:25P RON BROWN (Speaker)
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**Rend Collective** is a Northern Irish Christian folk-rock worship band formed in Bangor, Northern Ireland. Known for their energetic, joy-filled approach to worship music, the group blends folk instrumentation, congregational worship, and themes of celebration and faith. The band first emerged from a young adults ministry at Bangor Elim Church and grew from a small worship community into an internationally recognized worship collective.

Rend Collective is best known for songs including “Build Your Kingdom Here,” “My Lighthouse,” “Counting Every Blessing,” and “Rescuer.” Their music combines acoustic folk influences with modern worship and has been featured widely in churches and Christian radio around the world.

Fronted by Chris Llewellyn, the band emphasizes authenticity, community, and joyful worship, often describing themselves as a “celebration band.” Over the years, they have toured globally with artists such as Chris Tomlin, MercyMe, Kari Jobe, and others, while releasing multiple successful albums through Capitol CMG and their own Rend Family Records.

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Their recent music continues their signature folk-inspired worship sound, including FOLK! which reflects a return to their roots and organic style of worship music.



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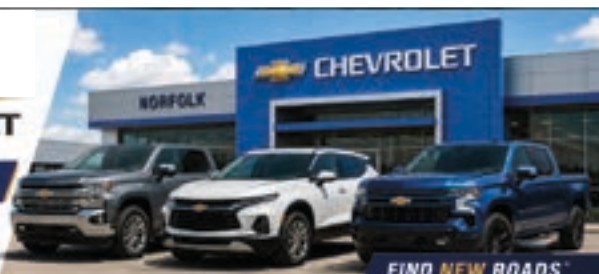
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However, for singer-songwriter **Leanna Crawford**, playing guitar and writing poetry as a teen was her artistic vehicle to navigate her faith, relationships, and questions in a world of insecurities and difficulties.

Now a happily married artist on the rise in Christian music, Leanna released her major label debut album *Still Waters*, featuring songs like "Truth I'm Standing On," "Mean Girls," "For Heaven's Sake," and "Rest."

Each song on *Still Waters* feels like a journal entry fused with Crawford's personal reflections and experiences. Her music blends personal storytelling with messages of grace, and encouragement.

"My prayer is that this album becomes a vessel of hope and grace," says Crawford. "I want listeners to feel seen, understood, and hopeful through these songs – and as a result, encounter the transformative love of Jesus."

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## SEAN RODRIGUEZ

A next-generation pastor-turned-singer-songwriter, Sean and his young family took a leap of faith in 2022, leaving behind the familiar landscapes of Colorado to plant new roots in Nashville, TN.

Sean creates Christ-centered music that not only inspires but ignites hope in the hearts of today's generations as they journey toward God.

"I want this music and its message to encourage as many families as possible right now," Sean shares. "But even more than that, it's my prayer that the seeds planted today will lead to incredible growth tomorrow. When I was pastoring, helping families grow in their purpose was always the goal. Music has the same mission, God has just allowed me to walk it out on a broader scale thanks to the platform He has given me."

SEAN RODRIGUEZ

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Fronted by lead singer/songwriter and guitarist Jaren LaGore with electric violinist and vocalist sister Jade LaGore, The Band JAREN gives a new and fresh take on Christian music with rocky roots and superb vocals. Individually, their accomplishments range from Carnegie Hall performances to winning multiple music awards. Combined with their passion to bring wandering hearts to the Lord and their unique, creative arrangements, they focus on creating music for their own generation. "The Lord has called us to enter this journey not individually, but together." Since 2022, the girls have toured the country playing main stage festivals and bringing in thousands of audience members to their Christmas tour every year.

They have been named "Artist to Watch" by both CCM Magazine and Today's Christian Entertainment. With solid spots on playlists such as "New Music Friday" and "Women of Faith", they've also landed the cover of Pandora's "New Christian Music Now" and Spotify's "Christian Alt" playlists. As they continue writing, recording, and touring, The Band JAREN is poised to become one of the defining voices of modern Christian music.



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## Outcry Collective

"Outcry" represents a people crying out to God in humility and surrender, longing for more of His presence.

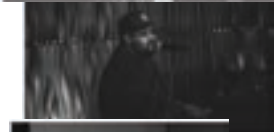
"Collective" reminds us that worship is something we do together. We gather, we unite, and we worship Jesus, our Savior.

**Psalm 34:17**, "When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles."

Outcry Collective is a group of worship leaders, creatives, and musicians from Sioux Falls and the surrounding areas, united by one purpose: to lift high the name of Jesus and awaken hearts to His presence through passionate, authentic worship.

We are a movement of friends who love Jesus, sharing the hope we have in Him with this generation and the next.

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## SPEAKER

### COACH RON BROWN

*Fullbacks & Returners Coach, University of Nebraska Football  
Fellow, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Hall of Champions*

Ron Brown was adopted from an orphanage in New York City. Two people old enough to be his grandparents took him in and gave him a new name. That experience became one of the defining spiritual pictures of his life. Coach Brown draws a direct connection between his own adoption and the Gospel: "That's what the Bible talks about when it talks about God adopting us. We were foreign at one time, and God adopted us. We were chosen by the grace of those people. Spiritually, men and women don't choose God. He chooses us."

For years, Coach Brown has used the game of football to raise up young men of stature, humility, and strength of character through faith in Jesus Christ using sports as a parable to teach young people about who they can become when they surrender their lives to Christ. Coach Brown sees himself not just as a football coach, but as a missionary, positioned by God to rescue young men from the kingdom of darkness into a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Brown has a long association with Husker football, serving as an assistant coach for 24 seasons (1987–2003 and again from 2008–2014), part of three national championships, and coaching more than 40 academic all-conference players and nearly 40 players who went on to professional careers. He currently serves as the Fullbacks & Returners Coach at the University of Nebraska. Brown also spent four years (2004–2007) as the Nebraska State Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is a member of the FCA Hall of Champions.

Sensing a specific call from God to the state of Nebraska, Ron has a deep passion to see the men and young men of the state fully live out their faith in Jesus Christ, taking Bible study into the city square. He founded FreedMen Nebraska, a ministry dedicated to men's spiritual growth, through which he has organized large-scale faith gatherings including the "FreedMen Conquest" conference, to mentor and inspire men and boys to live boldly for Jesus Christ.

Mission Nebraska, which Brown co-founded, exists so "Christ may be proclaimed across the state of Nebraska, giving every individual an authentic opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel," and stewards **MY BRIDGE RADIO**, a network of Christian radio stations across Nebraska. Ron is also co-founder of Kingdom Sports, dedicated to training coaches and athletes to compete biblically. He has authored several books on Christian character and growth.

Attendees are encouraged to visit Coach Brown's ministry website, [kingdomsports.online](http://kingdomsports.online), where he and co-founder Gordon Thiessen offer a wealth of free, Scripture-based resources for coaches and athletes. The site features an

extensive video library walking through books of the Bible. Topical series on subjects like "Doing Sports God's Way," "Building Leadership Character," and "Sports Parables" are also available, along with Game Day Sermons, a podcast, and a Sunday School curriculum. [facebook.com/RonBrownKS](https://facebook.com/RonBrownKS)



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# Christian Cross Festival 2026 Ministries

## Oasis Counseling International

Oasis is a faith-based, Christian counseling agency that provides: mental health therapy, psychological evaluations, medication management, substance abuse treatment, in-home family support and peer support. Oasis has offices in Norfolk and O'Neill, and they also offer services through telehealth. No one is turned away due to finances – Oasis Counseling provides quality, compassionate care regardless of a person's ability to pay. Please stop by their table in the ministry tent for more information!  
[ocinternational.org](http://ocinternational.org)

## Christ Lutheran School

Christ Lutheran School provides a high-quality Christian education for preschool through 8th grade in Norfolk. Students have opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities including art, music, and sports. The teachers and staff are dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus Christ while partnering with families to help students grow academically, spiritually, and personally. Christ Lutheran School strives to help children develop their God-given abilities and become faithful, caring citizens in God's Kingdom.  
[www.tigers.clnorfolk.org](http://www.tigers.clnorfolk.org)

## Salvation Riders/ CMA

Salvation Riders is a local chapter of the Christian Motorcyclist Association. CMA is interdenominational and evangelistic in nature. The local Chapter leadership works closely with State leadership to ride and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the motorcycling community and around the world. Locally in Norfolk, we meet the 1st Thurs of each month at Pizza Ranch at 6:30p for dinner with a meeting at 7p. [CMAUSA.ORG](http://CMAUSA.ORG)

## Good News Radio 90.9 FM

Shining the Light and Sharing the Good News of Jesus for nearly 4 decades, Good News Radio is a local radio ministry that airs Christian music, Bible teaching, and local programming on 11 broadcast signals across Nebraska and South Dakota. They also can be streamed online. Their mission is to share the hope and Good News of Jesus Christ while encouraging listeners in their daily walk of faith. Here in Norfolk you can hear Good News Radio at 90.9 FM. To find a complete program guide, coverage map and a download of the Good News Radio App visit [GoodNewsGreatMusic.org](http://GoodNewsGreatMusic.org).

## Camp Assurance

Camp Assurance is a Bible camp just north of Belden Nebraska, serving churches in the community since the 1930s with a fun, Christ centered family atmosphere and passion for outreach. They offer summer camps for children and youth ages 7-18 and vacation Bible schools in area parks.  
[www.camp-assurance.com](http://www.camp-assurance.com)

## Todd Becker Foundation

The Todd Becker Foundation reaches out to high school youth with a powerful message about choices and consequences. Part of the outreach to high school youth is the STINT internship program, "Short Term Ministry Internship." The STINT program gives interns real-world, front line ministry experience that impacts their spiritual growth and maturity as a Christian. Visit our Big Yellow Booth or [toddbecker.org/stint](http://toddbecker.org/stint)

## Gideons International

An Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New

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Testaments. While we are known worldwide for our work with hotels, we predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices.

### Young Life

Young Life's mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus and help them grow in their faith. Leaders go where kids are and build authentic relationships. This opens the door to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and walk in friendship with each youth regardless of their response. Young Life has been in Norfolk for over 40 years and uses fun, adventurous, life-changing, and skill-building experiences to reach youth.  
[norfolkarea.younglife.org](http://norfolkarea.younglife.org)

### Norfolk Rescue Mission

Serves the hurting and the homeless of Northeast Nebraska on their four building campus, providing emergency shelter, meals, recovery support, and compassionate Christ-centered care for men, women, and families in need. Through faith, outreach, and community support, the Mission works to restore hope and transform lives.  
[norfolkrescue.org](http://norfolkrescue.org)

### Compass Nebraska

Nebraska-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children, families, and individuals through a range of compassionate services. With a focus on Foster Care, Family Support Services, and Counseling, Compass walks alongside those in crisis - offering hope, healing and practical resources.  
[compassnebraska.org](http://compassnebraska.org)

### Ratio Christi

Ratio Christi (Latin for 'The Reason of Christ') is a global movement that equips university students and faculty to give historical, philosophical, and scientific reasons for following Jesus



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Christ. The local chapter meets on the Campus of Wayne State College. "We exist to keep students strong in their faith so they can withstand the challenges they face as they go out into the world!"

### Norfolk Area Right to Life

Works to help restore legal protection to innocent human life from fertilization through natural death. Works to educate the public by creating and funding pro-life billboards; distributing voter guides and educational materials at events; organizing pro-life activities including Life Chain, walks for life and pro-life speakers; assisting in state and federal level pro-life initiatives; and conducting local fundraising events.

As a local affiliate of Nebraska Right to Life, we are connected to our state and

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national organization's unified educational and legislative efforts. We rely on volunteers to carry out our activities. *For more info or to get involved:* [nebraskarighttolife.org](http://nebraskarighttolife.org)  
[norfolkarearighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkarearighttolife@gmail.com)

### Zoe Care Pregnancy Center

ZoeCare Pregnancy Center provides compassionate, life-affirming support and resources for women and families facing pregnancy-related decisions and challenges. Their services include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting education, counseling, material assistance, and ongoing support designed to empower individuals and families with hope, care, and encouragement. The free services provided at ZoeCare empower mothers and fathers to courageously choose life. There is no judgment, no shame, just an honest conversation and a hand extended that says we will be there for her. [zoecarepregnancy.org](http://zoecarepregnancy.org)

### Camp Luther

A Christ-centered ministry that creates and renews disciples of Jesus Christ in the beauty of God's creation. Since 1967, we've served youth, families, congregations, and individuals with special needs through intentional, Spirit-led programming rooted in Scripture and relationships. In a noisy and increasingly secular world, Camp Luther offers a sacred space for rest, renewal, and transformation—equipping God's people to know Christ more deeply and share His love more boldly. [www.camluther.org](http://www.camluther.org)

### LifeLight

LifeLight exists to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music, festivals, outreach, and community ministry. Through family-friendly Christian events, live music, worship, teaching, and service opportunities, LifeLight encourages people of all ages to grow

in faith, build community, and experience the hope and love of Christ.  
[lifelight.org](http://lifelight.org)

### Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (Kairos) is a lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry in which men and women volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to prisoners and their families. The Kairos programs take the participants on a journey that demonstrates the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Kairos Prison Ministry is Christian in nature, although no religious affiliation is necessary to be a participant. The programs involve a structured model that includes the weekend experience, followed by guests or participants gathering regularly for accountability, support, and prayer.  
[kairosprisonministry.org](http://kairosprisonministry.org)



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# SCRIPTURES FOR YOUR LIFE

Life can be both beautiful and difficult, with different seasons ushering in a variety of emotions, victories and struggles. Luckily, there's plenty of insight in the Bible to guide us through the difficult times, with uplifting Bible verses and story-driven inspiration in the Bible that can help us reflect on all we have to be grateful for.

Here are some inspirational Bible verses that you can rely on as you navigate through life and praise God for all He's doing:

**Proverbs 3:5-6** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

**Joshua 1:8-9** Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

**Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**Jeremiah 1:5** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**John 16:33** In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

**Colossians 3:23-24** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

**2 Cor 4:16-18** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**Esther 4:14** Perhaps you were born for such a time as this.




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