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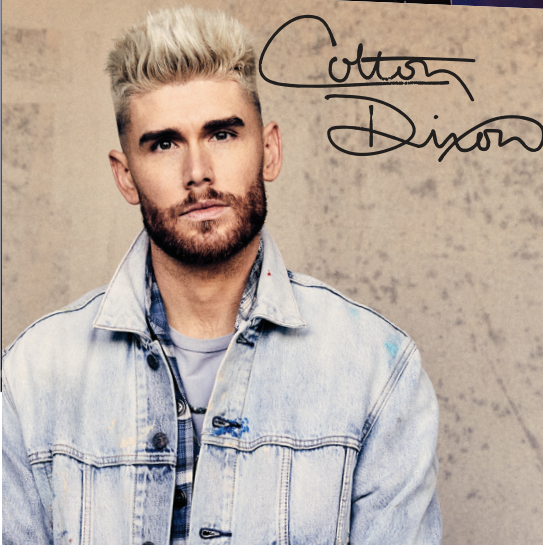
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On behalf of the Christian Cross Festival Team, we want to welcome you to the **20th annual Christian Cross Festival!** It is amazing to see what God has done with this event over the years, and how so many have gained a closer relationship with Him. This festival is an outreach to promote Christian fellowship and unity in the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to glorify Jesus Christ through Christian music, testimony, and other talents as He provides.

God Bless,

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1. ADMIT to God that you need a Savior. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

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.

What do I do next?

- Tell someone about your new faith in Christ.
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Saturday June 7th 2025

- 1:55P OPENING PRAYER
- 2:00P JOSEPH O'BRIEN
- 3:00P HALEY JONES
- 4:00P SEAN RODRIGUEZ
- 5:30P CADE THOMPSON
- 7:00P COLTON DIXON
- 8:30P Dr. ALEX HIMAYA(Speaker)
- 9:30P MAC POWELL
- 11:10P FIREWORKS!!!

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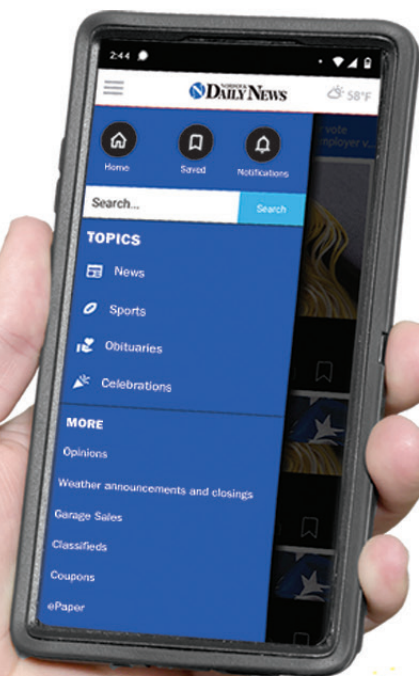
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MAC POWELL

We're honored to welcome Mac Powell—a true legend in Christian music—as our 2025 headliner for the Christian Cross Festival in Norfolk, Nebraska. Known for his powerful voice, Southern soul, and unwavering love for Jesus, Mac has spent over 30 years inspiring audiences around the world to draw near to God.

Originally from Alabama, Mac moved to Atlanta, Georgia, as a teenager, where he co-founded Third Day, one of the most iconic Christian rock bands of all time. Over their nearly three-decade run, Third Day became a pillar of modern worship music—selling more than 10 million albums, earning 4 Grammy Awards, 24 Dove Awards, 1 American Music Award, and a place in the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

After the band's farewell tour in 2018, Mac began a new chapter—stepping into a solo career that blends his Southern rock roots with gospel truth. His debut solo Christian album, *New Creation*, released in 2021, debuted at #1 on the Top Christian & Gospel Albums chart, featuring the hit singles “River of Life” and “New Creation.” His latest project, *I Love Jesus*, dropped in the fall of 2024 and continues his bold, joyful message of salvation and grace. With songs like “Like It’s Nothing” and “Good News,” Mac returns to the basics: Jesus saves, and we are made new in Him.

But Mac is more than just a musician—he’s a storyteller, worship leader, husband, father of five, and follower of Jesus. His ministry is rooted in authenticity, humility, and a desire to see lives changed by the power of the Gospel.

At this year’s Christian Cross Festival, Mac Powell will lead us not just in music, but into a moment of revival and renewal. Through every lyric and testimony, we invite you to encounter the love of Christ and let His truth echo in your heart.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

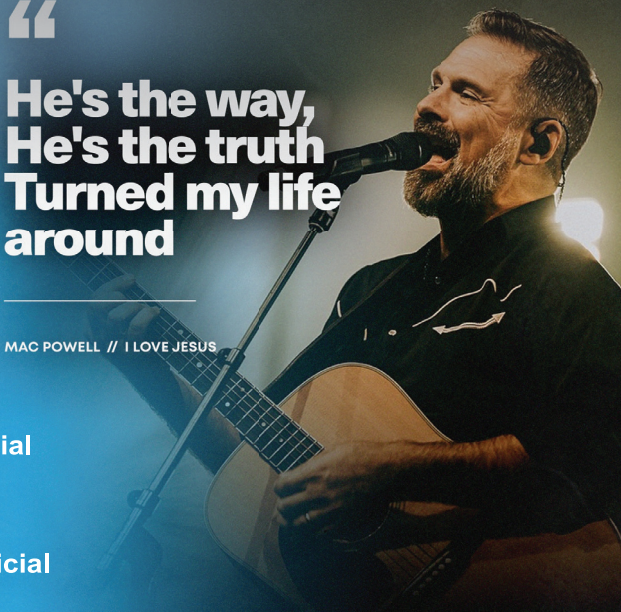
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Colton Dixon first captured hearts as a finalist on American Idol and has since become a force in contemporary Christian music. Known for his powerful vocals and inspiring lyrics, Colton's debut album *A Messenger* was the No. 1 selling album by a new Christian artist and launched a string of hits, including "More of You," "Through All of It," and "Miracles."

With over 1 million monthly listeners on Spotify and 118 million YouTube views, his impact is undeniable. Colton's music blends high-energy pop with deep spiritual messages, resonating with fans worldwide. His single "Up + Up" became a Top 2 Christian radio hit and continues to inspire audiences with its message of hope and perseverance.

Colton has been featured on Pollstar's #1 first quarter tour, performed for crowds of over half a million, and built a dedicated following across social platforms—amassing over 1.1 million followers collectively.

Whether in the studio, on tour, or through heartfelt advocacy, Colton Dixon remains devoted to uplifting others and pointing them to the ultimate source of life and purpose—Jesus Christ.



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Cade Thompson is a rising voice in Contemporary Christian Music, blending energetic pop sounds with faith-filled lyrics that connect across generations. Signed to Red Street Records—founded by Rascal Flatts' Jay DeMarcus—Cade has delivered hits like "Provider," "Every Step of the Way," and "Good God," gaining strong momentum on Christian radio and streaming platforms.

Cade's love for music began early, from harmonizing as a toddler to leading worship in sixth grade. A mentor helped deepen his faith, shaping his calling into music ministry and his passion for leading others into God's presence.

Now based in Nashville, Cade has earned over 60 million streams, toured with top CCM artists, and released two albums: *Bigger Story* (2021) and *Empty Room* (2023). With over 16 million streams on his breakout song "Arms of Jesus," Cade continues to reach his generation with a message of hope, truth, and purpose.

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Sean Rodriguez is a pastor-turned-singer-songwriter whose journey from Colorado to Nashville in 2022 marked a pivotal shift in his ministry. Leaving behind his role in pastoral leadership, Sean embraced a new calling: to create Christ-centered music that inspires and ignites hope. His debut EP, *Jesus Will*, released under WieRok Records, features the standout single "It Is Finished" (feat. Disciple), which spent ten non-consecutive weeks at #1 on the CMW Rock Chart. The EP's title track has garnered over 2 million streams on Spotify and Pandora within its first six months.

Beyond the studio, Sean's ministry extends to live performances, including his role as a featured artist on the 2023 Winter Jam Tour Spectacular. His music is deeply personal, often drawing from life experiences and family heritage. The song "Jesus Will" was born from the grief of losing his aunt unexpectedly, while "House of God" honors his grandfather's 40-year ministry in Denver, reflecting themes of sorrow, faith, and purpose.

Sean's commitment to faith and family is the cornerstone of his music. He believes in the transformative power of worship and its ability to unite diverse communities. Through his music, Sean hopes to inspire others to embrace their God-given purpose, echoing the message of Ephesians 3:20—that God can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

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Haley Jones is a Christian singer-songwriter from Jacksonville, Florida, whose music blends gospel, contemporary Christian, and clean secular influences. Raised in a musical family and deeply rooted in church life, she discovered her passion for singing at a young age. Despite facing bullying and discouragement, Haley remained steadfast in her calling, sharing her voice through church performances and online videos.

After college, she felt a divine pull to pursue music full-time, leading to the release of her debut single, "Not Today," which resonated widely and charted at number two on the Christian iTunes chart. Her subsequent single, "Crazy Good," continues to showcase her commitment to delivering messages of faith and resilience. Haley's musical influences are diverse, including gospel traditions, the soulful stylings of Amy Winehouse, the contemporary Christian sounds of We the Kingdom, and the timeless rhythms of Motown artists like Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder.

Beyond her music, Haley is dedicated to spreading the gospel and encouraging others through her testimony, often sharing her journey on platforms like the Faith Moving Forward podcast.

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Joseph O'Brien is a Nashville-based Christian singer-songwriter known for his heartfelt lyrics and engaging musical style. He grew up in a musically rich environment; his father, Michael O'Brien, was the lead singer of the Christian band NewSong, famous for songs like "The Christmas Shoes" and "Arise My Love."

At age 12, Joseph taught himself to play the piano, igniting his passion for music. His talent gained national attention when he competed on Season 13 of "America's Got Talent," advancing to the quarterfinals with performances that showcased his vocal and instrumental abilities.

Following his television debut, Joseph continued to develop his music career, drawing inspiration from artists like Coldplay, Relient K, and Owl City. In 2021, he signed with Gotee Records, a label founded by TobyMac, and released his debut single "Give Up On Love," which marked his entry into the Christian music scene.

Joseph's music often explores themes of faith, love, and personal growth, aiming to inspire his generation to embrace their beliefs boldly. Beyond his solo work, Joseph collaborates with fellow artist Coby James on "The CoJo Show," a podcast that blends humor and faith-based discussions, resonating with younger audiences seeking relatable Christian content.



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SPEAKER:

Dr. Alex Himaya is the founding and senior pastor of BattleCreek Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma—one of the fastest-growing multi-site churches in America. Inspired by his Egyptian heritage and commitment to Gospel transformation, he expanded the reach of BattleCreek Church to Egypt and Jordan.

He leads local and international church planting efforts and founded Adopt(ed), a national orphan care ministry helping churches and families engage in orphan care. Known for his unique ability to connect personally and spiritually, Dr.

Himaya passionately shares the Gospel through innovative methods and frequent speaking engagements.

He holds degrees from Southwestern and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries and is the author of *Your Little Red Wagon* and *Jesus Hates Religion*. He and his wife, Meredith, have four adult children.

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Todd Becker Foundation

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Ministries Continued

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.

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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 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!"

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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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