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On behalf of the Christian Cross Festival Team, we want to welcome you to the 19th 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, from the Christian Cross Festival Team

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### **SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL** FOR YEARS TO COME

This event is only possible because of the many that have given their time, resources, and abilities. The annual festival will always be a free event. We can only do this with financial sponsors, volunteers, and free-will donations. Would you prayerfully consider donating, or becoming a sponsor of this festival? If you would like to become a partner of support, please make your tax-deductible donation payable to "Christian Cross Inc."

#### **HOW TO DONATE**

- •You may drop a monetary donation in the donation buckets at the festival
- •Visit the Information Tent at the festival
- •You may donate online via PushPay, visit christiancrossfestival.org or can QR Code
- •Mail a check to Christian Cross Festival, P.O. Box 781 Norfolk, Nebraska 68702-0781 We are a 501 C 3 Non-Profit Organization



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#### **SO, HOW DO YOU CONNECT WITH HIM?**

- 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.
- Spend time w/God daily in prayer and Bible reading
- ·Seek fellowship with other followers of Jesus

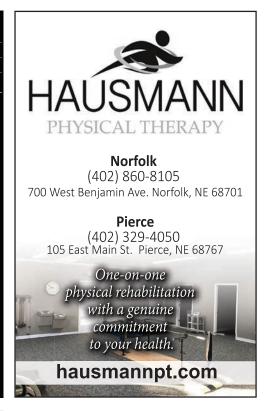
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# Schedule of events

Saturday June 10th 2023

3:00 PRE-SHOW

3:30 KJ-52

4:30 STARS GO DIM

5:45 JORDAN ST. CYR.

7:00 TASHA LAYTON

8:15 PHIL CALLAWAY (Speaker)

9:15 UNSPOKEN

10:55 FIREWORKS!!!

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**Unspoken** first came together after lead singer Chad Mattson met guitarist Mike Gomez on a mission trip in the Dominican Republic. Chad had been struggling with drug and alcohol addiction for years, and decided to go on a mission trip to re-build his relationship with God. It was there in the Dominican Republic where Chad's eyes were opened and he came to know Christ in a powerful way.

After Mike moved to Chad's hometown in Maine, the two began playing music together, and performing live shows. Bass player Jon Lowry and drummer Ariel Munoz from Puerto Rico, later joined the band and Unspoken was born. After working for years as independent artists, and opening for band's such as Casting Crowns, Third Day, and TobyMac, Unspoken released their first studio album Get To Me (June 8, 2012), a record that focuses on the journey of coming back to Christ- similar to what Chad experienced in the Dominican republic.

Their song, "Who You Are," off the album Get To Me, is about God's ability to change anyone regardless of their past. "It's a song that was written for the believer, that was written for the prodigal son, that was written for the lost, for the person who doesn't know Jesus," Chad explains. "It just says that if you come to the cross, that God meets us where were at, and that he does this supernatural life changing work in us."

Unspoken remains committed to using their music as an outlet to reach people. The band is involved with Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step recovery program for substance abuse. "In the early days of the band, God reminded me that there are thousands of singers better than me and thousands of guitar players better than Mike, but He chose us to do this for Him. We have been chosen to bring a message to the Church...wake up, find your contentment and satisfaction in Him, hang out with Him, and have a real relationship with Him," says Chad. "Yes, we love music and we love people but more than anything we want to see people reach their full potential in Jesus."





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**Tasha Layton's** 2021 smash hit "Look What You've Done" reached the pinnacle of Billboard's Christian Airplay chart and earned her recognition as one of the publication's Top 5 female Christian artists of the year. She has been featured on ABC's GMA3: What You Need To Know, discussing how past struggles have shaped her life and inspired her music; and Layton served as co-host of the 52nd GMA Dove Awards Pre-Telecast last year. Her six-song holiday EP This Is Christmas bowed in October and her guided prayer journal, "Boundless: Moving Freedom From Your Head To Your Heart," also released last fall.

In 2020 Layton was first named one of Billboard's Top 5 female Christian artists of the year on the heels of her breakthrough single "Into The Sea (It's Gonna Be OK)," which was among the biggest hits at Christian radio that year. Prior to her solo career, Layton appeared on Season 9 of American Idol and spent four years as a back-up vocalist for pop superstar Katy Perry. A South Carolina native, her voice has been heard in productions for Disneyland and Cirque du Soleil; she has served as an instructor at the National Praise and Worship Institute at Nashville's Trevecca Nazarene University; and Layton is featured in pro-audio company TC Helicon's book, "The Ultimate Guide to Singing."

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**Phil Callaway** is the best-selling author of 30 books, including Making Life Rich Without Any Money, I Used to Have Answers...Now I Have Kids, and Laugh Like a Kid Again. His inspirational comedy is popular with corporations and at churches, conferences, and health care events. Phil hosts the daily hit radio show Laugh Again, which airs on 400 stations around the world. He is a frequent guest on radio and TV, and his humorous stories on family life have been featured in hundreds of magazines worldwide. Still, he insists that his

greatest achievement was convincing his wife to marry him. Phil and Ramona live within driving distance of their 3 kids—and 14 grandkids, one of whom said, "You're funny. We're gonna keep you."

For great deals on Phil's books and free fruitcake (best before '82) visit www.philcallaway.com Phil's popular radio program: www.laughagain.ca or www.laughagain.us facebook.com/philcallawaybooks twitter.com/philcallaway

#### **Christian Cross Festival 2023 Ministries**

#### **Oasis Counseling International**

Oasis is a faith-based organization, distinctly Christian in perspective, that provides mental health counseling, psychological evaluations, medication management, substance treatment, in-home support services and a free family to family mentoring program. Office locations are in Norfolk and O'Neill, and offers therapy services in Spanish and through telehealth. They provide quality. compassionate care regardless of a person's ability to pay - no one is turned away due to finances.

#### **Christ Lutheran School**

Offering a high-quality education program for preschool through grade 8 in a Christian based setting. They offer several extracurricular programs in art, music, and sports. The staff and teachers are dedicated to the teaching that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior of the world. The school partners with families to develop God-given abilities in students so they can grow in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and live as effective citizens in His Kingdom. tigers.clnorfolk.org

#### Salvation Riders/CMA

A local chapter of the Christian Motorcyclist Association; evangelistic and interdenominational. The local Chapter leadership works closely with State leadership to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the motorcycling community and around the world.

#### **Orphan Grain Train**

Orphan Grain Train has shipped more than 4,000 loads of humanitarian aid and food to 69 countries and 37 states. Nearly \$42 million worth of aid is delivered yearly. Having 28 locations throughout the US, OGT depends upon 3,000 dedicated volunteers. Out of all donations, 98.2% go towards OGT's mission.

#### Good News Radio 90.5 FM

Shining the Light across northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota. Christian Music and talk radio proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

#### **Camp Assurance**

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 as well as vacation Bible schools in area parks.

#### **Todd Becker Foundation**

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

#### **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

God has been disinvited from our culture, putting our communities and especially our youth at risk. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes ENGAGES with Coaches, the greatest influencers of our youth today (outside of the home). FCA then EQUIPS them to become "Coaches for Christ" and EMPOWERS them to be disciple makers in their ministry field of sports. FCA helps coaches lead their athletes to Christ. In Northeast Nebraska FCA is trying to reach 64 campuses, 1,400 coaches, and 25,000 students.

#### **Camp Witness**

A Bible Camp that is Christ-centered, and non-denominational, located in North Central Nebraska that has been sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1944.

# Northern Nebraska Special Youth Challenge (SYC)

A Christ-centered ministry with a passion to share Christ's love to all while also sharing our love of the outdoors with special needs youth. Our mission is to empower special needs youth to enjoy hunting and shooting sports by helping them

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overcome barriers found in the outdoors. We are able to do this through the use of special methods, equipment and the assistance of volunteers who desire to share their passion for the outdoors.

#### **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 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 Nofolk for over 40 years, and uses fun, adventurous, life-changing, and skill-building experiences to invest in our youth.

#### **God Every Moment**

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#### Mercy Meals

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Jonah Sorrentino, better known by his stage name KJ-52, is a Christian rapper from Tampa. Florida. "52", which is pronounced "five two", is a reference to the Biblical story of Jesus feeding the multitude with five loaves and two fish. KJ-52 has won four Dove Awards, three in the "Rap/Hip Hop Album of the Year" category, and additional honors from Behind the Music. He has rapped in the Newsboys cover of "Jesus Freak," and rapped in the tobyMac remix of the song "One World" on the album Hip-Hope. He released his independent album "Jonah." Following release of the album, KJ-52 began working on an independent documentary about his life with filmmaker Denver Bailey. The film was released alongside KJ-52's second independent album titled "Jonah Pt. 2" in 2018. In 2019, KJ-52 released What Happened Was, a joint album with CHH producer and 2019 Rapzilla Freshman, PoetiCS. The project was coupled with KJ's first book, also titled What Happened Was. In 2020, he joined the pastoral staff of Christian Life Fellowship in Cape Coral, Florida.

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Stars Go Dim formed in 2007 as a mainstream popband. Today it's the moniker for Christian pop artist and songwriter Chris Cleveland. After years at the helm of an acclaimed independent secular band and more than a decade leading worship at Tulsa's Asbury United Methodist Church — one of America's largest congregations Cleveland found success in the Christian format with his self-titled debut album. The singer has garnered multiple International #1's and Top 5 hits at pop and Christian radio, including the massive No. 1 radio smash in the U.S. with "You Are Loved." Chris and his songs have been nominated and won multiple awards, including CMT, NSAI, Listener's Choice Award, ASCAP, & Billboard songwriting award winners, and Dove Award nominated. In addition, Chris has toured the world, written, and played with many of the biggest artists in pop and Christian music in the last 15 years, including: Justin Bieber, John Mayer, The GooGoo Dolls, Elton John, Billy Joel, Jason DeRulo, The Fray, Natasha Bedingfield, The Roots, Lauren Daigle, For King & Country, Bethel Music, Maverick City and countless more. His newest project, Grace In The Wilderness, released in the spring of 2022, with the first single, Yes He Does, quickly becoming another international #1 radio single. Chris also continues to write songs recorded by many of today's biggest artists and worship groups.

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It was when Jordan St. Cyr was a teen and served with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) that he found the inspiration to pursue music as a career. He eventually released an EP, and in the years that followed, he has released more music and received numerous life-changing opportunities to work alongside talented songwriters, producers, and artists, all of whom have encouraged him along his journey. St. Cyr dropped his first full-length self-titled album in the spring of 2022 with Seattle-based label, BEC Recordings. The project features the chart-climbing radio hits "Fires" and "Weary Traveler" - both of which



offer a pursuit of hope, even in our darkest moments, to know that God gives us stories to share and encourage one another through our fires and weary travels, to give us strength in the midst of them. In 2022, he became a two-time GMA Dove Awards nominee, being recognized for Best New Artist and for Short-Form Video Of The Year ("Weary Traveler"), followed by sweeping the GMA Canada Covenant Awards with six wins. He was recognized as Artist of the Year, Album and Male Vocalist of the Year along with Best Pop Song, Live Music Artist, and AC Artist of the Year.

"God has walked my family through so much these last few years," he shares about his music. "We've been gifted a deeper understanding of what pain and suffering can bring about, and I believe the message of my songs is a gentle reminder of our desperate need for a faithful God. No matter what our current reality is, we can know with assurance that the present-working power of Jesus is with us every step of the way. My prayer is that my songs would bring comfort and joy to those who hear them. I pray that listeners would be more hopeful and open to the depths of God's love for them knowing that their circumstances are not a reflection of how God feels about them. Rather, their circumstances would reveal the closeness and nearness of the Holy Spirit."

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