



Black History Month

February 2012

Did You Know...?

- **Andraé Crouch...**
 - Signed the Winans. They were the first group on his gospel label?
 - Received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2004?
 - Has two (2) hymns that are in the national hymn book? (The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power; Oh It Is Jesus)
- **Byron Cage...**
 - Once sang background with the group Commissioned?
 - Won 5 Stellars for his debut breakout CD with Gospo Centric Records (single:"The Presence of the Lord")?
- **Marvin Sapp...**
 - "Never Would Have Made It" Spent almost a year at #1 on the Gospel Billboard Charts?
 - Was introduced to the gospel community by Fred Hammond as a six year member of the vocal group Commissioned?
- **Isaac Carree...**
 - Started his music career in 1990 when he received the opportunity to sing with John P. Kee and New Life on the hit song *Wave it Away*?
 - Founded the contemporary male gospel group Men of Standard?
 - Has been a background singer for Kirk Franklin since 2005 (*Hero* Album)?
- **Pastor Charles Jenkins...**
 - Is the senior pastor of an 8,000-member church, the legendary Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, IL?
 - Is a Grammy award songwriter (2006) with Israel Houghton and New Breed Live - South Africa album?
 - Filled a key role on newly elected Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Transition Team in addition to roles that include the Board of Trustees for The City Colleges of Chicago, Clear Channel Chicago Advisory Board, Illinois Attorney General Advisory Board and the Daystar School Board of Directors?
- **LeJuene Thompson...**
 - As a young girl, she met and was mentored by singer and worship leader Nancy Carree Wilson (mother of gospel artist Isaac Carree)?
 - In the early 1990s, she put together a gospel group, The Promise, which released an album on the national Christian music label, Word Records.
 - Was a featured singer with the award-winning, gospel chart-topping group, Donald Lawrence and The Tri-City singers?
- **Cynthia Simon**
 - Is a 20 year Cancer survivor?
 - Toured with The Bob Hope Celebrity Showcase performing before thousands of men and women serving in the United States Army?
 - Has performed on stage with gospel greats including: Fred Hammond, Donnie McClurkin, The Jackson Southernairs, Rev. James Cleveland, BeBe & CeCe Winans, Shirley Caesar, Walter Hawkins, Edwin Hawkins, and others?