

# THE BATES FAMILY



This award-winning family has been on the road since July of 1985. Their love for God and the fresh sounds of today's southern gospel mixed with a bit of country and praise & worship have garnered them fans of all ages up and down the eastern seaboard. They have accumulated multiple hit songs throughout their career and have appeared on the popular television show Great American Gospel, which airs on direct tv every week to 20 million households.

**Tim Bates** accidentally shot himself in the chest when he was 4yrs. Old. The bullet severed an artery in his heart in two; powder burned his lungs and damaged his voice box. The doctors said he would never talk above a whisper if he lived through it. Today, Tim is known now for having a powerful vocal presence. He also is recognized as a gifted songwriter, having the opportunity to write with some of America's most talented writers and having the privilege of some of today's gospel music artists recording his material. He also does BGV(background vocal) work at the local recording facility close to his hometown. Tim is also an evangelist, holding conferences throughout the year and their extensive touring schedule.



**LaDonna Bates** is Tim's wife and is a stroke survivor who also is involved in BGV work. Her infectious and bubbly personality will cause you to feel like you have known her forever. Her smooth vocals and sincere delivery are the trademarks of this gospel music veteran. LaDonna's heart is the young people of today. "I want to offer a clear and direct answer to what our young kids face in America today, and We never had it as bad as they do in today's times. They need to hear that Jesus loves them and will be there when the road gets hard." LaDonna is a hard-working mom who homes schools for their daughter Laykin and enjoys a great pair of sweat pants and her favorite tv shows on her days off.



**Phil Perry** comes to the ministry to sing the tenor position and resides in a small town in Central Virginia called Orange; and has been involved in Gospel Music for the last 34 years. Phil has a strong calling to see people's lives changed through the message of the cross in the songs, words, and testimony that the Holy Spirit has anointed at every opportunity given. Phil sang with several groups through the years, allowing him to develop his talent and become a seasoned artist. When Phil is not on the road ministering, he enjoys spending time with his family.

