

Tara Jackson

“Tara has a genuine heart for ministering to the church and an exceptional voice for just such a purpose,” is how Camp Kirkland describes Tara Jackson.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, and raised just outside of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Tara grew up in a ministry oriented family. With both of her parents actively involved in the church music ministry, Tara was raised with not only a love for music, but a love for the Lord. At a young age, she began singing duets with her mother, and became actively involved in the children’s choir. During her childhood, God used these experiences and other defining moments to plant a desire in her heart to deliver His message through music.

Throughout high school, being a part of state and national choral programs, along with involvement in an organization ministering to students about abstinence and dating, Tara began to clearly see the path God was beginning to define for her future ministry. However, the passion she feels for her ministry today became deeply rooted in her college years at Appalachian State University, where she took a position in the music ministry at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Boone, North Carolina.

One of her most memorable experiences while at Appalachian State University came through singing and ministering at Hebron Colony, a Christian recovery center for alcohol and drug addiction. Here, God used her voice to minister to the hearts of the program participants.

More recently, Tara has become involved with The Bridge Ministry in Nashville, TN. This ministry was founded in 2004 by Candy Christmas to reach out to the homeless and low-income population of Nashville and the greater metro area. At least twice a week, Tara faithfully sings with Candy and other local gospel artists for the Bridge Ministry. “Every week we encounter new people who have never been told that Jesus loves them and that *we* love them. Each and every week, I am amazed at how God moves among the forgotten people of our community, and changes lives right in front of our eyes.” Tara’s love for the Lord and her desire to see people’s lives changed by God exceeds even her vocal talent.

Tara aspires to make music that will reach to the heart of every individual, to see people’s lives changed by the power of God. She says, “I am committed to sharing Christ, and living my life as a testimony of how greatly God can use His children to share His love.”

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What People Are Saying...

"Tara Jackson has a genuine heart for ministering to the church and an exceptional voice for just such a purpose. I always look forward to hearing her sing and testify to God's goodness and love."

-- Camp Kirkland, Dove Award Winning Arranger and Orchestrator

"Tara Jackson is a ball of energy, with a servant heart."

-- Dennis Allen, Dove Award Winning Christian Music Composer/Arranger

"Stunning! Her voice matches her spirit- true and fresh!"

-- Kim Bindel, Morning Air Personality, Salem Music Network

"Tara has not only been gifted with a powerful voice...but...her heart's passion is to reach people with the love of Christ. She sings with more passion and heart than anyone I've heard in a long time."

-- Carol Davis, Program Director, Blue Ridge Broadcasting

"Tara possesses a wonderful talent with such an exceptional voice. She has a genuine heart to serve God!"

-- Sharon Hayes Hodges, The Hayes Family

"I remember the first time I heard Tara and thinking how awesome she is. She has such a wonderfully unique voice. It just draws you in."

-- Becca Jackson, Former Recording Artist, Word Records

"When thinking of Tara Jackson one is reminded of the Bible verse, '...shining like stars in the universe.' She is a bright light in the field of gospel music - singing for all the right reasons with an energetic, edgy sound that engages the heart, soul, and spirit of the listener."

-- Dave Briley, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur, Alabama

"Tara's music is bright and full of life. The joy of her smile matches the energy of her voice. You will be blessed!"

-- Allan Blume, Senior Pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Boone, North Carolina

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Previous Appearances

- Judson Baptist Church, *Nashville, TN*
- Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, *Boone, NC*
- Boone United Methodist Church, *Boone, NC*
- Hebron Colony Ministries, *Boone, NC*
- Victory Baptist Church, *Thomasville, NC*
- First Alliance Baptist Church, *Lexington, NC*
- CrossWay Baptist Church, *Murfreesboro, TN*
- Clearview Baptist Church, *Franklin, TN*
- “Worth the Wait” Ministry team,
with Salem Pregnancy Care Center, *Winston-Salem, NC*
- Calvary Baptist Church, *Winston-Salem, NC*
- Griffith Baptist Church, *Winston-Salem, NC*
- Family Christian Store #66, *Winston-Salem, NC*
- Hollar & Greene Produce 2003 Christmas Dinner, *Boone, NC*
- First Baptist Church, *Welcome, NC*
- Cornerstone Baptist Church, *Winston-Salem, NC*
- Mountain Brook Village, *Sevierville, TN*
- Edgewood Baptist Church, *Winston-Salem, NC*
- Oak View Baptist Church, *High Point, NC*
- Gospel Music Expo, *Tupelo, MS*
- International House of Music, *Moscow, Russia*
- Singing in the Sun 2007, *Myrtle Beach, SC*
- Hebron Colony Spring Homecoming 2007, *Boone, NC*
- First Alliance Church, *Port Charlotte, FL*
- Celebrate Recovery, First Alliance Church, *Port Charlotte, FL*
- National Anthem for 2008 Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament, *Nashville, TN*

Upcoming Appearances

- Singing in the Sun 2008, *Myrtle Beach, SC*
- Bible Reading Marathon 2008, *Murfreesboro, TN*
- Hebron Colony Spring Homecoming 2008, *Boone, NC*
- United Kingdom Tour, *October 2008*

Album Credits

Alive Forever, Integrity Music, 2005
Travis Cottrell

- “Live” Choir

Unashamed Love, Integrity Music, 2003
Travis Cottrell

- “Live” Choir

Look Up, Independent Release, 2004
Evidence

- “Live” Choir

The Gift: A Christmas Love Story
Ed Kee

Church Musicals, Inc., 2003

- Background Vocals