

# TRAVIS COTTRELL

## *JESUS SAVES*

On June 2, 2009, Travis Cottrell will release his highly-anticipated worship project *Jesus Saves LIVE* through Indelible Creative Group. *Jesus Saves LIVE* is a 14-track fully orchestrated (with 4 new worship songs) project featuring the Woodstock Baptist Church 300 voice choir along with 7000 live worshippers in one extraordinary evening of worship in Atlanta, GA. Complete with a bonus DVD that includes behind the scenes footage and segments with world-renown teacher Beth Moore and best-selling author Max Lucado, *Jesus Saves LIVE* also features ten brand new recordings by Travis. In addition to Lucado and Moore, award-winning artist Cindy Morgan joins Travis to round out this powerful new worship package from Indelible Creative Group.

Having a heart for unity among God's people, Travis has often been likened to a bridge, crossing the boundaries of denominations and filling in the gaps that separate the Body of Christ from one another. "God has given Travis what I believe is a gift of favor with audiences and congregations," says author and speaker Beth Moore. "His approach permeates every denominational wall. His warm yet powerful style engages even the most resistant group into irresistible worship."

"There are few people who take me to the place of worship like Travis Cottrell," explains Reverend Dick Hill, worship pastor at Champion Forrest Baptist Church. "When I'm in the room where he sings, I find my eyes closed and my soul opened. Many times in my office I worship with his CD during devotions. There is tenderness...joy...and awesome strength in Travis' voice...showing not just the versatility of a voice, but the deep passions of a soul."

Travis had his own plans when he came to Nashville in 1990 from Boone, North Carolina. He would finish school at Belmont University with a vocal performance degree, pursue an exciting career in the music industry, and be rich and famous in three years-or-less! But God had another plan in store. He graciously met Travis at a crossroad and led him down a life-changing path.

After graduating with a church music degree from Belmont in 1992, Travis began to write songs. His first song, "It's only Thunder," landed on Larnelle Harris' *I Choose Joy*. His next published work, *Waiters: A Youth Musical about Waiting on the Lord*, became the year's best-selling youth musical. He continued to write, and was working as an editor at a music publishing company, when out of the blue, the church he attended lost its minister of worship. At the church's request, Travis spent the latter part of '94 and most of '95 as the worship leader for Two Rivers Baptist Church, a 6,000-plus-member church in Nashville. It was during this providential season that God began to stir Travis' heart about worship.

God showed Travis John 4:23-24, which says, "A time is coming and is now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and truth." Travis began to understand that God had not created him only to be a singer, or even a worship leader, but to be a sincere worshiper of the most holy and high God.

"The opportunity of leading worship at Two Rivers Baptist Church that Dr. Jerry Sutton gave me was a blessing," says Travis. "The working with that church body, choir, orchestra, and drama ministry was an

unspeakable experience. In planning worship, I began to learn at an early age how important it is to try to be sensitive to such a diverse group of people of ages and experiences.”

Travis’s worship experience has grown into an incredible journey for him, and has created some of the best-loved music across the world today. Last year, *Ring the Bells*, Travis Cottrell’s debut Christmas project rapidly reached #3 on the iTunes Holiday Music Chart. Highlights on the project included a duet with Curb Records’ GMA Dove Award 2008 Female Vocalist of the Year, Natalie Grant on the title track “Ring the Bells,” which was co-written by Ronnie Freeman and GMA Dove Award 2008 Songwriter of the Year, Cindy Morgan.

Also, with *Ring the Bells*, Cottrell partnered with Operation Freedom Bell, which brings hope, encouragement and Bibles to U.S. Soldiers who are serving overseas. The purchase of a solid-brass Freedom Bell provides an American soldier with a “Thank You To Our American Heroes” New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs.