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### Our History

While their family ministry and musical heritage spans over 40 years, it wasn't until 1992 that the Keffers stunned Southern Gospel radio and fans alike with their national debut. And in the years since, they've continued to garner much attention with their unique blend of family harmony with a youthful approach. In the past 28 years of their full time traveling ministry, the Keffers have enjoyed a wide variety of ministry opportunities. Whether it's in a revival meeting, a family life conference, a concert, or a praise gathering, one thing is certain, the name of Jesus will be exalted and His saints will have a good time in the Lord! The Keffers have enjoyed tremendous success in Southern Gospel radio. From their very first national release "Jesus Came In" to the more recent "Love Was the Lamb" and "The Hand of God" they have been blessed to see each one climb nationally on the gospel charts. As well as their success in radio, The Keffers are seen regularly on Gospel Music Television. They have released many first class recordings and are currently enjoying the success of their current album project, "Proclaim The Cross" with 13 brand new songs all from the pen of Amy Keffer Shellem.

Amidst the hectic 200 date touring schedule the Keffers encounter each year, they are a devoted family who also enjoy spending time with family and friends at home in Nashville, GA. Gary and wife, Linda have enjoyed 40 years of marriage and are thankful for their two married children, Amy and Paul. They are also enjoying the blessing of now being grandparents to 6 beautiful grandchildren Emily, Ethan, Elijah Carlie, Chloe and Cody. The love and devotion to their Lord and ministry are what sustain the growth and strength of this family.

### Our Family

**Gary & Linda Keffer:** Having pastored and co-pastored for 14 years before beginning their traveling ministry in 1984, Gary has a special insight and understanding into what the church is facing today. Gary sings bass and mixes his many years of preaching experience and humor together to be a wonderful emcee for the group. Through his humor, hard hitting challenges and heart-touching encouragement, Gary is ministering like very few in America today. Linda has been blessed with a great spiritual heritage. Being the daughter of a well respected man of God who founded and pastored the same church for 42 years, had a great impact on Linda and gave her a unique passion and love for ministry. It was as a young girl in her father's church that she and Gary met, and later married. She is definitely the mainstay of this family. Her crystal clear voice, coupled with her heartfelt sincerity and love for her family as well as others, gives her an appeal to people everywhere.

**Mike & Amy Shellem:** Amy is the daughter of Gary and Linda and is a gifted singer, songwriter and musician and writes most of what the family sings. As a staff writer for Daywind Publishing, she has seen her songs recorded and sung by many well known artists. God has also opened wonderful doors for her music to enter the church in the realm of choir octavos such as "He's Already There", published through Genevox Music and "One Look At the Cross" with Alan Publishing. Her song, "The Blood Cried Out" was nominated in 2002 for a Dove Award. Her sweet spirit and love for the Lord have made her one of the most insightful, powerful, and biblically on-line songwriters of our day. In 2002 after years of waiting for God's best, she and Mike Shellem were married. He also has had a rich heritage in ministry. Having been a youth pastor for many years, as well as being a talented musician and singer. Mike and Amy are the proud parents of two beautiful little girls named Carlie & Chloe and a little boy named Cody. You will be blessed by their beautiful family.

**Paul & Jessica Keffer:** Paul is the son of Gary and Linda. He began singing and playing the bass guitar with his family when he was 9 years old. He is one of the premier lead singers of our day. He has been blessed with many abilities that make him very capable of the task of carrying out much of the behind the scenes operation of the ministry. Pastors, promoters and church leaders find him very easy to work with. After spending most of his life on the road, God saw fit to send a beautiful young woman into his life. He and Jessica were married in July of 2000. She is a glowing Christian and has been a real blessing to the ministry as well. Whether it's from the platform or behind the scenes she's a wonderful help and support to Paul and a blessing to all who encounter her. God has blessed their home with four children Emily Grace, Ethan Taylor, Elijah David and Ellianna Faith. God is using this young family in a powerful way.

### Our Purpose

While having traveled in all 50 states across 24 years of family ministry and having appeared in some of the greatest churches in America, the Keffers greatest desire is to be a family sincerely dedicated to what the Lord has called them to do. Each member of the group lives and believes what they sing. When you put it all together you have a family dedicated to seeing souls saved, Christians encouraged and the Gospel message spread.