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ASOUTHERN GOSPEL GROUP with roots in rock, folk and the classics?

Absolutely, if you're Praise, Incorporated. This award-winning quartet from Benbrook, Texas, has a deep love of God; and the call to lead people to His throne takes precedence in the lives of these Fort Worth-area men.

The past year has been a busy one for Praise, Incorporated. This full-time group sang 227 dates in the last 12 months, and their strong vocals and solid harmonies were put to work on their latest recording project, *City on a Hill*, a Lamon label release.

Church and worship music are an integral part of the backgrounds of each member of Praise, Incorporated. While these singers may have cut their musical teeth on songs of the faith, they also exercised their talent in other genres.

Steve Sam, Praise, Incorporated's owner-manager-lead singer, sang with a rock band as a teenager. After attending college on a vocal scholarship, he earned Southern Gospel experience with several regional groups. Ron Higgins is the group's classically trained tenor. He has performed with various ensembles across the country and abroad, including Russia. Baritone Mark Sargent can claim having sung in church all his life. His parents are the source of his training in great harmo-

nies. Salvation brought folk musician Greg Bares to gospel music. This bass singer began his music career early, taking music lessons as a child.

Praise, Incorporated participates in a variety of events, including concerts, church services and revivals. Additionally, in the past two years, they have provided Sunday morning chapel music at National Street Rod Association shows across the country.

In fact, it was a recent appointment with an NSRA show—and an ailing tour bus—that demonstrated how God is ultimately in control, works everything for His good and is worthy of praise. Mechanical problems stranded the group hundreds of miles from the event but positioned them at a very small church in time for worship. They made new friends in the Lord, secured another singing engagement and received help getting their sick bus to the garage. What could have proved a safety hazard on the road became another opportunity to sing and give Him praise, reassuring the guys they had picked the right name for their group. **by RHONDA DELPH**

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