



Justin Rogers and Kathy Carrington

Carrington and Rogers to wed

Jimmy and Cindy Carrington of Whitehouse are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to Justin Rogers, son of Tommy and Marilyn Rogers of Beckville.

Kathy is employed at the First State Bank and Trust of Carthage. Justin is a production supervisor for Tyson Foods.

They will be married on July 21, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Henderson.

Nashville guitarist to play at First Baptist

Keith Cooper, professional guitarist from Nashville, Tenn. will appear at First Baptist Church of Whitehouse on Sunday, May 13 at 10:45 a.m.

"I am completely amazed when I realize the opportunities that God has opened up for me over the past couple of years," says Keith L. Cooper of his music ministry which is gaining worldwide recognition.

Keith's guitar style is extremely unique and blends a melting pot of styles including flamenco, classical, jazz, blues, Celtic, and even Brazilian sounds.

Anyone who has had the opportunity to witness Keith's live performance can indeed attest to his stunning command of the instrument.

His precision and artistry are as arresting to watch as his complex, yet melodic style is to hear. It is these very elements that are thrusting him into churches, seminaries, and colleges literally all over the world.

Keith has been using his talent to share a message of faith, hope, and edification for believers from the U.S, Finland, Northern Ireland, Greece and even into the heart of Russia!

Since arriving in Nashville in 1998 to study classical theory and composition at Belmont University, a school which boasts numerous well-known music industry graduates,

Keith continues to share his gift to inspire Christians everywhere.

The album "Truth of the Matter" (2002) was Keith's original debut album with Reel Loud Records (based in Appleton, Wisconsin). Since then, his album entitled "Sacred Dance" (2005)

has received numerous rave reviews from Worship Leader Magazine, christianmusic suite101.com, and other acclaimed resources. "Sacred Dance," in addition to its national radio success, was a milestone for Cooper who has now opened for the likes of Sarah Groves, Denver and the Mile

High Orchestra, Jars of Clay, and recently shared a joint concert with famed guitarist Doyle Dyke in late 2006. Last November, Keith also released a "pre-release" of his album "A

Guitar's Carol," a Christmas album featuring familiar melodies with rich moods and colors.

"God is the only One Who plans the paths of an individual. He uses our talents to further His Kingdom, and along the way you get to work with other artists in your field who share that same pursuit; the pursuit of making Christ known with what we do," says Cooper.

Keith's performance is jaw-dropping. His guitar arrangements sound as though there a two or more people playing the guitar. Many times he will lead in a worship song and then develop into a stellar guitar instru-

mental using the body of the instrument as a drum while playing the neck of the guitar like a piano.

"There is a great freedom in playing for God because He is the audience," Keith says. "When I write music, I know God's opinion is the only one that matters. If I choose to play fast, slow, loud, soft, or even untraditional, all of it is acceptable worship in God's eyes."

"My endeavor is that my life and my guitar solos would be a gift back to God. My hope is that He would continue to change me to reflect Him. Although I am still imperfect, I continue to cling to His redeeming work on the cross. May He be glorified in every note!"

Following in the musical footsteps of his father and mother, Keith has dedicated his life to using his guitar as a vehicle in which to present the Gospel. Because he strives first and foremost to make music pleasing to God, he continues to reach for a level of technical precision and musical artistry that is unmatched. And in the process of glorifying his Creator in heaven, he's turning heads of new fans here on Earth.



Join the senior fun in Whitehouse

Whitehouse Senior Citizens Center reminds all seniors that you have a place to come to eat and enjoy the company of other seniors. Come and play games, dominos, Uno, Spinner, Skip-bo and bingo. And there is always a puzzle on the table.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our last senior to join us is Violet Scanlon. She is just 90 years old. She joins in all activities and usually wins.

The mini bus brings her for a small donation each time. It would do the same for you. Don't sit around the house and grow old!

Another couple just recently came by and ended up helping with our garage sale and

delivering meals to the homebound. Welcome Paul and Dee Anderson. It is always good when someone offers to help deliver to the homebound. We always need this kind of help.

Welcome to Garvin Holmes. Good to see Gus Fite and Bill Kee, come back soon.

For a donation of \$3, you can eat lunch but you have to tell the center's manager, Carol Arnold, the day before so she can order your meal.

The food is good. The games are fun and the company's even better!

Seniors, this center is for you. Come and join us! The center is located at 118 Railroad Ave. in Whitehouse, 903-839-6958.

Jordan Scott makes Eagle Scout

Jordan Scott will be awarded scouting's highest rank at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May 19 in Overton. Jordan is a member of BSA Troop 456, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Whitehouse. He is the fourth scout to advance to Eagle Scout from this troop since its inception almost six years ago.

Jordan's project was to restore and refurbish the community stage at Whitehouse City Park for the local citizenry to enjoy for various park events. The 16-year-old is a junior at Whitehouse High School and active in sports. Proud parents are Gary and Margo Scott and grandmother Mary Ward, Whitehouse.

Troop 456 issues the challenge to strive to reach the honored rank of Eagle Scout. Any boy interested in scouting and at least 11 years of age may call (903)581-9600 and ask for a Scout Master to return your call.



Jordan Scott

GIVING HOPE

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people her age.

"I didn't seem to fit in anywhere," Melody said. "But during a Mother's Day celebration at church, my pastor made me feel very special and very loved."

These moms are representative of the many single mothers who struggle to raise children on their own. Even when fathers are still a part of their children's lives and financial support is there, the life of a single mom can sometimes be filled with hopelessness. That's where the Giving Hope Ministry comes in.

The mission of Giving Hope is to provide a Christ-focused ministry for single mothers in need and to identify resources to help these women reach and maintain self-sufficiency. This group stemmed from concern among WISD teachers who saw a need through their students and families and did something about it. Volunteer members are

from several different churches and different faiths. The community has supported this organization through donations, garage sales and offering their services to single mothers in need.

"What we offer these women is the love of Christ," said Amy Culpepper, Giving Hope board member and WISD teacher. "This group of women lean on one another. They share their troubles, their struggles and their joys."

"It's the support that makes this group of moms so special," said Carolyn, one of the single moms. "We all support each other. We listen to each other. We're there when no one else is."

Melody said it is the encouragement she receives that has blessed her the most. Along with the limo ride and the dinner came door prizes. Donations and prizes were compliments of Nix Roses, Holly Steifer - YMCA Massage Therapist, First United Method-

ist Church of Whitehouse, First Assembly of God Church of Whitehouse and Giving Hope Ministry.

Classic Coach & Carriage of Tyler and the Potpourri House gave the groups a really good deal on the limo and dinner.

One of these moms will be the lucky recipient of an extreme room make-over. The First Assembly of God Church and Giving Hope joined forces to offer the make-over to a deserving single mom. The announcement will be made on Mother's Day.

Every mom is a special mom. They are all special in their own way. If it is possible, share this Mother's Day with your special mom. And honor her every day with your love and respect.

Proverbs 31: 28 Her children arise and call her blessed...

31 Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.



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Inside the limo the ladies from Giving Hope Ministry prepare for their special Mother's Day dinner. The children were treated to dinner and some fun and games with the men's ministry and other volunteers at First Baptist Church.

NO MORE NEW TAXES



This May 12, 2007 you have the opportunity to decide if you want your city taxes increased for the next **20 YEARS.**

If you are in favor of the park and the 15 MPH street through the park and want your city taxes increased for the next **20** years, then vote yes on May 12, 2007.

If you **ARE NOT** in favor of the park and the street and **DO NOT** want your city taxes increased, then vote no.

VOTE NO MAY 12, 2007

No matter which way you decide
JUST PLEASE VOTE

REGULAR VOTING:

May 12, 2007 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church,
405 W. Main St., Whitehouse

Paid for by Bob Hamilton and many other concerned Whitehouse citizens.