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Gospel Music and Good Home Cooking at Silver Dollar City's *Southern Gospel Picnic*

*Festival features award-winning entertainers,
sensational singing & a picnic feast
August 28- September 7*

(Branson, Mo. 07/08) From Southern Gospel singing to a traditional home-cooked spread, **Silver Dollar City's *Southern Gospel Picnic*** features great harmonies along with a savory southern picnic of *Chicken & Fixin's*. For 11 days enjoy majestic melodies and soul-stirring songs from **performers including Dove Award winners, Hall of Famers, and top recording artists with over 300 performances during the festival, running August 28-September 7.**

The park will resound with the sweet sounds of favorite southern gospel groups on stages by day and night. Some featured artists include **2008 Dove Country Album of the Year winners, The Isaacs, along with other award winners The Martins, Jeff and Sheri Easter, Gold City, The Kingsmen** and the Grammy winning, most well-renown quartet in gospel history, **Jimmy Blackwood & The Blackwood Brothers**. Performances throughout the day are followed by *Southern Gospel Nights* concerts each evening in the park's 4,000-seat amphitheater.

"*Southern Gospel Picnic* for 2008 will feature our best line-up ever," stated SDC entertainment coordinator, D.A. Callaway. "It's eleven days and nights of exciting and inspirational performances by many of today's most popular Southern Gospel groups from the traditional harmonies of Gold City to modern sounds of Brian Free & Assurance."

A very special addition for this year is an advanced screening of **Billy: The Early Years**. The film tells the story of the early years of legendary American Evangelist Billy Graham with showings August 30th and 31st at the park.

Where there is Southern Gospel music there is fried chicken and *Southern Gospel*

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Picnic is no exception. The **House of Chicken and Fixin's** located on the square features our slow roasted apple-glazed chicken, delicious smoked barbecue chicken, and southern fried chicken with favorite fixin's from au gratin potatoes and coleslaw to apple pie.

To learn more about creating all-American style meals, Silver Dollar City proudly presents its ***Culinary & Craft School opening September 11***. Class information is available online; including special event showcases, feature expert instructors, hands-on demonstrations, sampling, take-home recipes and gift bags with extras such as cookbooks, all for a cost of \$10 per person.

Silver Dollar City, an 1880s-style theme park located near Branson, Missouri, presents six world-class festivals from April through December. The park also features over two dozen rides and attractions, a dozen restaurants and over 100 demonstrating craftsmen.

Throughout the Southern Gospel Picnic festival, the park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (August 30 & 31 9a.m. to 8p.m.). For festival and ticket information, call 1-800-831-4FUN. Information/schedules can be found at www.silverdollarcity.com.

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