

This Little Light of Mine

Plantation Singers Newsletter



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Welcome to Our Newsletter

Hello Friends,

The end of the year is fast approaching, and the holidays are almost upon us. As usual, we are having to double time to keep pace with our busy schedule. We have several performances coming soon that you can attend. The performances are free and open to the public. So please check out our upcoming events calendar on page 3 of this newsletter or go to our website for more up-to-date information on our performance schedule.

Our featured article in this publication of the newsletter is about Charleston, SC. Because both the Plantation Singers and the Righteous Blends are Charleston-based groups, we thought that folk like yourself would like to know a little more about the place known as "The Holy City." Charleston got its nickname because of all the religious impact it had in the past. Church Street, one of the major streets in downtown Charleston, is overflowing with many different church denominations, hence the name.

Besides tourism, Charleston is also considered a place of spirituality. Men and women of many different faiths are encouraged to come to "The Holy City" for spiritual rest.

In the newsletter you will get: a brief history of Charleston, SC; a listing of some of our public performances; and information on where and how to order our products. Please continue to visit our website for up to the

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T h e H o l y C i t y **How did Charleston become known for its spirituality?**

Known as the Holy City for more than 300 years, Charleston has a religious history that included the last active French Huguenot congregation in North America and St. Michael's Episcopal Church where George Washington worshiped in pew #43 in 1791. Hundreds of significant and lovingly preserved structures from the colonial and antebellum periods grace the historic district's narrow streets. Church bells toll the hour as history unfolds around each and every corner. In no other place are the past and present more intertwined.

The history and philosophy of early Charleston was based on religious tolerance and it was believed that with this attitude the settlement would increase in numbers and profitability. Religious freedom was granted after the Second Charter was drafted. Charleston is home to many of the oldest congregations in the country. The openness toward religion brought French Huguenots, Baptists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians to worship openly in Charleston. Early in the 18th Century many denominations worshiped in Charleston:

including Jewish congregations, Lutheran and Methodist churches and Roman Catholics. Because of its origins for religious diversity, Charleston became known as the "Holy City."

Steeple from many of the oldest churches in the South dominate the Charleston skyline. With churches come graveyards and many of the South's most famous citizens.

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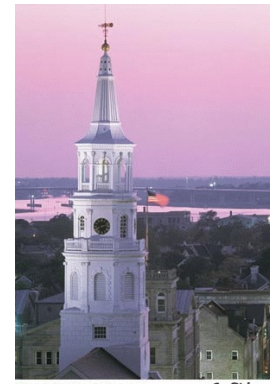
minute information and to enjoy free music samples.

As always, please send us your e-mail address so that we can place you on our growing electronic mailing list. And also please let your friends know to come visit our website for special treats and updates throughout the

year that will only be available on the Internet.

Again, thank you for all your support, have a happy holiday, and we hope to see you soon.

Keep the light shinin'!
The Plantation Singers



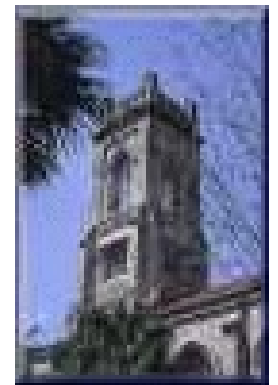
NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM Go RVing

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Charleston, SC

Plantation Singers Merchandise

The Plantation Singers have CDs, cassettes, a video and postcards that are now available through our Web site. Take advantage of the opportunity to share this unique music with your family and bring some gospel into your home.

By capturing the power and style of the live performances of traditional gospel favorites, the Plantation Singers can now share their unique music with anyone. Order a copy of any product and experience a part of this unique culture and the charismatic style of this group.



Unitarian Church Charleston, SC

The Holy City, cont.

Throughout the area are many tour companies, which provide an inside look into the churches and graveyards in Charleston. Ghost tours are popular among visitors and provide a bit of history, folklore and eyewitness accounts throughout the years of ghosts and apparitions.

Kentucky. Mepkin Abbey encourages men and women of all faiths to take a "spiritual retreat" by visiting for the day or planning an extended stay with Abbey church, services and song. The former plantation home is lovingly landscaped and overlooks the Cooper River.

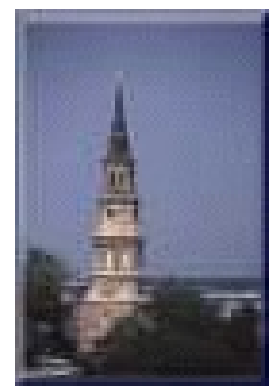


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**French Huguenot Church
Church Street
Charleston, SC**

The Holy City is considered a place of spiritual rest. Mepkin Abbey, located outside of Charleston in Moncks Corner, is a monastery of Trappist Monks of the Abbey of Gethsemani in



**Mepkin Abbey
Moncks Corner
South Carolina**



St. Phillips Presbyterian Church Charleston, SC

Upcoming Events

Admission is free unless otherwise indicated.

<p>Grace Family Worship Center Harvest Festival</p> <p>Saturday, October 29, 2005 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Wannamaker County Park Cottonwood Shelter Hwy. 78, N. Charleston, SC</p> <p>Event is 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Free Food, Games, Prizes (Park Entrance Fee: \$1.00)</p>	<p>Candlelight Vigil Against Spiritual Violence</p> <p>Sunday, November 6, 2005 7:00 p.m. U.S. Custom House East Bay & Market Streets Charleston, SC</p> <p>For more information, call (843) 532-0743 or email mikeschwarzott@surfbest.net</p>	<p>Black History Program</p> <p>Saturday, February 18, 2006 6:00 p.m. Solid Rock Christian Church 2130-A N. Boland Circle N. Charleston, SC 29407</p> <p>For more information, call Pastor Nancy Faden Home: (843) 767-4322 Cell: (843) 442-9097</p>
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For more information,
call 553-8757 or visit
www.gracefamilyministries.org

Get News, Hear the Music

While surfing on the Web you can now listen to Plantation Singers selections on the Uuplink, Unitarian Universalist Webcast (Radio). The Web-cast is found at www.live365.com, one of the Internet's leading independent Web radio stations. Simply click on "Religious" and when the page loads, scroll down to the "Uuplink" entry.

Plantation Singers continue to lead MP3 Gospel Chart

Plantation Singers "Amazing Grace" has received over 7,500 downloads since being posted to the Internet in late September 1999.

Plantation Singers Featured on Info Line

The Plantation Singers can be heard through your telephone on INFO LINE, the phone information service of the Post and Courier. You can listen by dialing (843) 937-6000, pressing B-A-N-D (2263) and then pressing 1799.

**You can also hear the Plantation Singers on the following stations.
Be sure to call and request your favorite songs.**

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90.9 FM**
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Contact: CJ the DJ

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Heaven 1390
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Carriage Ride
Charleston,
South Carolina



The Rooftops of
Charleston
South Carolina



Rainbow Row
Charleston,
South Carolina

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