

## **What Other's Are Sharing About the Ministry of The Mattingly Family**

As the pastor to the Mattingly Family, I am thrilled to recommend this family to minister in your church. These fine folks will encourage you in the Lord and lift your spirit with their singing. The Mattinglys sound and harmony are second to none. Best of all, not only do they sing of the Gospel, but they also live the Gospel.

This family is being used mightily by our Lord to strengthen and to revive churches all across this great nation. Once you invite the Mattinglys to your church, I am very confident you will be blessed by their ministry and will have them back again.

Pastor Walt Lanier / Westwood Missionary Baptist Church / Winter Haven, FL

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The Mattingly Family's concerts cover the range of gospel singing from old-time accapella, through traditional Southern Gospel: and always with strong family harmony and feeling. We look forward to their return each year to our "Davy Crockett Days" celebration.

Joe Bone / Manager / David Crockett Cabin-Museum / Rutherford, TN.

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I have worked with the Mattingly Family on several different occasions and I have found them all to be the finest people and I am happy to say we are all friends....They have the most beautiful voices and the harmony blend is second to none... Any church would be glad to have the Mattingly Family ministry. I can honestly say the Mattingly Family is one of the finest a ccapella groups I have ever recorded.

Jon Raney / Chief Engineer / Raney Recording Studio / Drasco, AR.

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I have performed on the same stage with the Mattingly Family, at the Ozark Folk Center for many years. They have always been a great crowd pleaser with their vocalizations of good old time traditional gospel music. Their singing takes you to another time when "brush arbor" revivals would bring people together, to sing and praise God, with just their voices. They are among my favorite performers and are also a wonderful close knit Christian family.

Joe Jewell/ musician and Craft Interpreter/Ozark Folk Center Mt. View, AR.

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The Mattingly Family, Oh, what joy to speak a word of praise to the Lord Jesus for the ministry of this family. It is all together for God's glory, a sweet spirit among family members. The message of Christ and the cross is presented clearly. There is great harmony and worship in their music ministry.

Harvey McMurry / Pastor / City View Baptist Church / Wichita Falls, TX.

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The Mattinglys are a very special Christian family. Regina and I have grown more and more in love with them, as we have both watched and served with them in our area. They have the God given ability to go where God sends and to serve all kinds whether the churches are big or small. We love the family relationship and the love they minister both to each other and ones that they are serving. They love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They sing, teach and serve with a grateful heart, because they know Christ. We recommend this Christian family of ministry to bless your heart.

Bro. Bob and Regina Wood / Director of Missions / West Plains, MO.

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While Music director of the Ozark Folk Center I would frequently be asked by guest to put members of their family on stage and was often challenged to find tactful ways to decline. When a relation of the Mattinglys approached about having his family perform at the Center I was a bit apprehensive. This relation, Jim's father, was a man I had come to know and love and admire. I was hoping for the best. We set a date for an audition. In fact, we set many dates, and for some reason I had to cancel each one, but Jim's father was persistent, and we finally came to the appointed time. After three notes I whispered to a colleague whom I had asked to assist "Do you need to hear anymore?" He smiled. We both smiled and settled to enjoy the music. We have since enjoyed the Mattingly Family on many occasions and for many reasons. In part it is their choice of songs, timeless standards and the best of contemporary writer's. But most of all it is what they bring to the performance: a unique harmony that can come only from a blending of excellent voices and beyond that, family voices. And there is something more I have never worked with more friendly and sincerely, honest, dedicated folk. They have without question, been a blessing to the Ozark Folk Center.

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It is said that the family that prays together stays together. One might add that the same thing is true of families that sing together. Jim and Ruby Mattingly of Moody, Missouri and their six kids are an example. They have been performing together for several years, during which time they have remained a close knit family. What's more they are great performers of gospel songs, many of which are sung acappella. Anyone listening to their programs will enjoy family ministry at its finest.

W. K. McNeil / Folklorist / Ozark Folk Center

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Family harmony, blend, togetherness and a desire to communicate the Good News to anyone/everyone is a brief but very adequate description of my personal friends, the Mattingly Family. Their dedication to God's call on their lives collectively, is evident in the large number of engagements they fill annually in various venues. May I encourage you to invite this fine family to your church, auditorium, etc. Then....get ready to receive a tremendous blessing.

Dr. Buck Morton / Emcee / National Quartet Convention

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