

# EVIDENCE BIOGRAPHY

In their 7<sup>th</sup> year of ministry, "Evidence" continues to present the Gospel through music and testimony to the Body of Christ. "Our mission statement is to encourage and challenge the Body of Christ to be evidence of a living, loving God to the world." says Kirk. "As believers, we are the tangible Body of Christ here on the earth. Our lives must be living proof of a God who can change a life. "

Comprised of two married couples, Tim and Amy Henning and Kirk and Julianne Kirkland, Evidence is a culmination of a lifelong dream, and considering their heritage, a seemingly natural path to follow. With strong musical roots (Kirk's father is arranger/orchestrator Camp Kirkland) Tim and Kirk grew up singing together in Jacksonville, FL at the First Baptist Church. "Kirk and I have been best friends since we were about 8 years old," says Tim, "it's been so long, we don't even remember meeting." You can hear this "sibling" sound in their blend on stage and brotherly relationship off stage. Julianne and Amy were "grafted in" by marriage. While attending Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga completing a church music degree, Tim met and later married Amy. Originally from High Point, NC, Amy spent her time at TN Temple pursuing a degree in Vocal Performance.

Kirk finished a Bachelors degree in Music Education from Florida State University and traveled with the Living Word concert ministry before moving to Nashville to pursue work as a studio singer. That's where Julianne enters the picture. Originally from Dayton, OH, Julianne attended Cedarville University and completed a double major of French Horn Performance and Communications. She then moved to Nashville to work in the Christian Music industry. During this time, she met and married Kirk as God had brought together the final piece of what would soon become Evidence.

Licensed and ordained to the ministry, both Tim and Kirk knew they were called to the church. "Kirk and I had always wanted to minister together in some capacity," says Tim. " With our love of music and passion for people, along with God bringing wives into our lives with like hearts, Evidence soon became a reality."

After completing their 4<sup>th</sup> recording project (produced by Scott Williamson – FFH, Point of Grace, Michael O' Brien), entitled *Look Up* in the fall of 2004, and with the 2006 release of *Voices*, their much anticipated acappella recording, the group feels a new momentum with a timely message for the church. "God has been teaching all of us individually and as a group about perspective," says Amy. "We know that every place we sing there are people that are hurting, struggling, striving in their walk with the Lord... like we are." "Just because we're up in front of them doesn't mean we don't struggle just the same," agrees Julianne. "The Lord has been challenging us to "look up" and see things from HIS perspective... When we look from His point of view, everything changes...How we see God, ourselves, others, even our circumstances." "We can't help but change." Kirk agrees, "Seeing the heart of God, His love for us, His love for the world – we are realizing more and more on our journey that life may be hard, but God is good."

Just down the road, the interstate, here in America or abroad, Evidence has a desire to see God at work and join Him there. Whether in the presentation of original songs and testimonies, leading in worship, teaching workshops or leading choir/orchestra clinics, Evidence desires first to challenge believers everywhere to be evidence of God's grace to the world, that they might secondly, show the lost how to have a personal relationship with a living, loving God through His son, Jesus.

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