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*LIVE! At Christ
Community Church
in Tucson on March
14 at 7pm.*

Annie Moses Band Coming Back to Tucson!

The **Annie Moses Band** is unlike any ensemble in America today.

First, this is a family outfit, whose members include parents Bill (composer/arranger/pianist) and Robin (lyricist/vocalist) Wolaver and their children: Annie, Alex, Benjamin, Gretchen, Camille, and Jeremiah, in ages ranging from twenty-four down to ten.

Second, their background is in classical music. The older siblings trained in the Pre-College Program at the renowned Juilliard School of Music; the youngest are well on

their way to similar distinction. All have studied with renowned instructors; most have earned performance awards that testify to the depth of their artistry.

Together, as the Annie Moses Band, they combine all their attributes: love for one another, prodigious talent, as well as a creative curiosity that goes beyond the classics, beyond even music, and into the great questions of life. "Our goal is to

span not only generations but also genres," Robin explains.

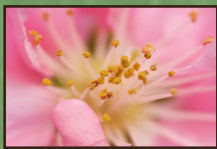
Mo's Haiku

A beat gives feeling
And songs are words that have wings
Music lifts you up.

Read more of their bio and watch video clips of their music on the [Annie Moses Band website](#)

And I quote

I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden.



~Ruth Stout

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.



~Henry Van Dyke

Now every field is clothed with grass, and every tree with leaves; now the woods put forth their blossoms, and the year assumes its gay attire.



~Virgil

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

~Anne Bradstreet

(Pictures of the Newhouse peach tree blossoms by Mark Newhouse)

Sew... What's up? By Jordan Newhouse



Bethany's doll now has a chicken dress to match the one I made Bethany in 2005! (Don't worry--I made Beth's dress big, so it still fits)

I made the above right "chicken dress" to enter in the 2005 Pima County Fair. Mom had picked up the fabric somewhere for me because it was so cute. I decided to use the same pattern that I had used the previous July to make matching dresses for the three of us girls. Even though I'd inserted zippers into all three of those dresses, I had never tried putting in an invisible zipper. Using the instructions on the package, as well as what I could figure might work by looking at the zipper itself, I successfully inserted my first (and only) invisible

zipper! I personally think that's the reason the dress won a first place ribbon at the fair ☺

Ever since Mrs. Breedlove gave my sisters and me My Twinn dolls ([see Sew What's Up article in Sept. 08 issue](#)) I have been

working on ideas for outfits for them. I decided to let my sisters in on the fun of designing dresses for the dolls, so I helped them each to come up with a dress idea to later be marketed as one of my "official" designs. On [my website](#), they will be named the "Bethany dress" and the "Moriah dress".



The dress that Moriah designed



CELEBRITY CORNER

Our sweet friend Cynthia Heald, author, speaker and encourager to countless women, turned 70 this month! She's not older, just wiser and here's a bit of that wisdom from a recent book:

Ten Radical Truths for Living God's Life

1. Maybe God Is Right After All
2. God Is for You, Not against You
3. Trust God, Even When It Doesn't Make Sense
4. Freedom from Self Is a Choice
5. Keep Your Hand in His
6. God's Word Is All the Truth You'll Ever Need
7. You Will Never Regret Doing What Is Right
8. Love Is Not Optional
9. Forgiveness Frees the Forgiver
10. It's God's Life

—Cynthia Heald

Cute Cwips

Daniel makes pizza with "cinderella" cheese!

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Leona Barr	3/2
Marilyn Reiter	3/8
Kevin and Ginger Unwin	3/11
Jeff and Kristine Timm	3/18
Abbigail Timm	3/19
Isabella Triolo	3/24
Al and Dorothy Holsinger	3/29
Kristine Timm	3/30

Tucson Events (click links for more info)

CHET-SE Youth Seminar 9am-3pm (Mark Newhouse speaking on Money Matters)	3/6
Goshen Ministries Concert 3-6pm	3/7
Tucson Organic Gardeners Harvest Festival	3/8
Annie Moses Band Concert	3/13
Christian Bands at Mo Udall Park	3/14
Jonah musical ("starring" Moriah!) Christ Community Church, 9 and 10:45 am	3/29

The big birthday/Christmas group gift for 2009 from Grandma and Papa Newhouse is a Helicopter-teeter-totter contraption for backyard fun!



Daniel "helps" Daddy. >>>

<<<Moriah and Bethany put on the finishing touches while Daniel waits (im)patiently to take it for a whirl...



Justice For All Comes to University of Arizona Campus

The first week of February, the pro-life group Justice For All (JFA) brought a traveling exhibit to the campus of The University of Arizona. The 30 foot high exhibit "explores when human life begins, shows the impact of abortion on the human community, and questions the sanity of the status quo on abortion rights in America."

When JFA comes to a campus they provide training for volunteers, teaching how to interact with students and others who are viewing the exhibit. The training, "Abortion: from Debate to Dialogue," emphasizes finding common ground rather than engaging in conflict, and then building on that common ground to "make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time."

Jordan and Mark attended the training and then spent a couple of hours on campus interacting with students the following day. We watched for a little bit and seeing that it really was "no big deal," began entering conversations.

I (Mark) decided to approach only males because this is a very gender-charged issue. Several of the guys I talked to were surprised that the law allows for abortions in all three trimesters. A couple of them said they hadn't thought much about the issue, so this display succeeded in making them think. Several also said they thought morality is relative.



Jordan (on right) dialogs about abortion with University of Arizona students in front of the Justice For All Exhibit

Several times I heard, "I need to think about this more," or words to that effect. I think everyone I talked to realized they needed to question their beliefs with a more critical eye. They weren't necessarily ready to change their minds, but they left our conversation with something to ponder.

After about an hour I asked Jordan if she was ready to go back to the office. She said that she was just getting into the flow of things, so we stayed for nearly another hour. Here is her perspective:

I (Jordan) spoke to a few people briefly, but I did have one longer conversation. I joined another pro-lifer in his conversation with a woman. We helped each other out with details. I tried to make sure that we weren't "ganging

up" on her, and I would have stepped out of the conversation if I had sensed that she was becoming uncomfortable. As it was, she seemed to enjoy having another person join. When I joined, they were discussing the graphic images and the man was talking about Emmett Till. Then the conversation moved on to the issue of overpopulation and unwanted children. I was able to come up with a lot of adoption stories that fit her arguments, such as children languishing in foster care, resenting being given up for adoption, and also using the fact that our family has adopted two boys so far.

I think that, all in all, this woman had a positive experience. We were able to agree on a number of points, and the conversation ended with her saying, "We'll have to agree to disagree" on the final point of whether abortion is wrong.

As we walked back to the office Jordan told me one of the women she talked to asked, "why do you keep coming back to the question of whether the fetus is a human?" That was what we learned to do in the seminar/training we attended the previous day. I told her she passed. ☺

Book Nook By Moriah

Kayla O'brian and the Dangerous Journey

By Hilda Stahl

Kayla and her brother are now orphans; their parents had died on the voyage to the new land, America. One of the families that they meet on the boat takes them in, but Hope, the mother of the family, starts taking their things and selling them. Hope wants them out of their home so she "helps" them find a home, but it's a trick. In this new land there's something new around every corner. Will they ever be able to find a loving home?