

# THE GOSPEL ROAD

A FIRST OF ITS KIND FOR R & J TOURS.  
WE PROMISE IT WILL BE A GREAT INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY!



SEPTEMBER  
9 - 22, 2013  
14 DAYS



## HIGHLIGHTS

*Anderson University Tour with Ralph!*  
*Gaither Homecoming Studios & Family Resources*  
*Dinner music by Woody Wright*  
*National Quartet Convention*  
*Creation Museum*  
*Renfro Valley - Kentucky's Music Capital*  
*Museum of Appalachia*  
*Smith Family Theatre - Pigeon Forge*  
*The Inn at Christmas Place*  
*Smoky Mountain Cowboy Church*  
*The Cove - Billy Graham Training Center*  
*Calvary's Touch Gospel Quartet*  
*Biltmore Estates Tour*  
*Billy Graham Library & Homestead*  
*The Inn at Amish Door*  
*Ohio Amish Country Tour*  
*Lunch in a private Amish Home*  
*The Declaration Trio Gospel Concert*  
*Smucker's Home Store*  
*Shipshewana, Indiana*  
*"The Browns" at the Blue Gate Theatre*  
*26 Great Meals!*

## MAP AT A GLANCE



This inspirational journey will be co-hosted by  
Dan & Sharon Hansen and Ralph & Jan Engel!



### Day 1 - Home to Bloomington, IL

We began our tour Monday, traveling all day, with stops for coffee breaks and lunch. We arrive in Bloomington for our first overnight.  
**Accommodations: Comfort Inn & Suites – Bloomington, IL**

### Day 2 - Bloomington to Anderson, IN

Our journey continues “Down the Gospel Road” winding our way to Anderson, Indiana. Anderson is the home of Anderson University and proudly claimed by R&J’s very own Ralph Engel as his alma mater. Ralph is just one of the many famous personalities that hail from its halls! Other distinguished alumni include Sandi Patty, Steven Curtis Chapman, Bill & Gloria Gaither, Doug Oldham, Steve Green as well as Mort Crim, Chuck Colson, and former Dodgers’ pitcher Carl Erskine. Anderson is also the home of the long time national radio broadcast, the Christian Brotherhood Hour. Ralph is arranging an inside tour of this iconic institution that has had such an historic impact on declaring the Gospel. This evening a welcome dinner awaits at “The Edge,” a beautiful dining experience overlooking the Edgewood Golf Course. We will be entertained by a great senior couple who perform gospel music concerts all over Central Indiana. It will be our first vocal introduction on our Gospel Road tour. Don’t be leery, they feature Gaither style music, just the type of music we enjoy. Our home for the next two nights is the beautiful Holiday Express Inn in Anderson.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Welcome Dinner**

**Accommodations: Holiday Inn Express, Anderson, IN (2 nights)**

### Day 3 - Anderson

We arise early enough to enjoy a great hot breakfast before we are on our way to the Gaither Family Resources in Alexandria, Indiana, home to well-known gospel music greats Bill & Gloria Gaither. Here we are privileged to have an inside tour of their historic studios (site of the very first Homecoming video), as well as the headquarters of Gaither Music. Plus a guided tour of Alexandria, Bill & Gloria’s hometown, complete with stories of Bill’s boyhood days, is truly fascinating. Our journey takes us back to the Gaither Center to enjoy a home cooked chicken dinner and all the trimmings in their very own restaurant, “The Common Place.” We will again be treated to dinner music by a Homecoming favorite, gospel artist and song writer Woody Wright. Woody’s songs have been recorded by almost every artist in gospel music. This will be an amazing treat you’ll long remember. We’ll visit the fantastic gift shop after lunch as well as Gaither Family Resources, where every Homecoming video ever recorded and the largest collection of gospel music CD’s you’ve ever seen, are available for purchase. Don’t forget your credit card! Dinner this evening is on your own.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

### Day 4 - Anderson to Louisville, KY

After enjoying our included hot breakfast, we head for Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the all-time great National Quartet Convention. We have arranged for reserved seating for the evening concert as well as the afternoon showcase of gospel quartets and new groups trying to make it big. The National Quartet Convention, held at Freedom Hall, is gospel music’s largest and most well-known annual event. Lunch and dinner today are on your own to choose from the multitude of the convention’s dining opportunities available. We spend our evening together at the Hampton Inn in Louisville, KY, an award winning hotel.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodations: Hampton Inn, NE Louisville, KY**

### Day 5 - Louisville to Renfro Valley, KY

After enjoying another good hot breakfast at the Hampton, we will make our way to the famous Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, where we will “Prepare To Believe.” This incredible 70,000 sq ft museum brings the pages of the Bible to life. You will be on your own for noon lunch at the Museum’s very own Noah’s Café. Leaving the museum, we travel across the pastoral rolling hills of Kentucky, famously known as “horse country,” to Mt. Vernon and the Renfro Valley, the Music Capitol of Kentucky. Dinner this evening is southern style at The Lodge in the Village, entertainment is the “Legends of Music” at The Barn Theater, and our homey hotel is the National Heritage Inn - just a stroll down the road. What a day!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

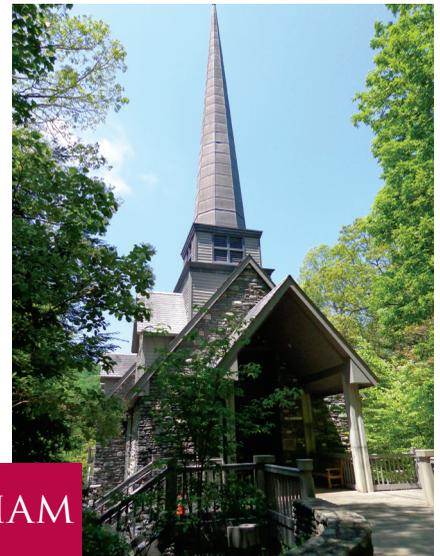
**Accommodations: National Heritage Inn, Renfro Valley, KY**

### Day 6 - Renfro Valley to Pigeon Forge, TN

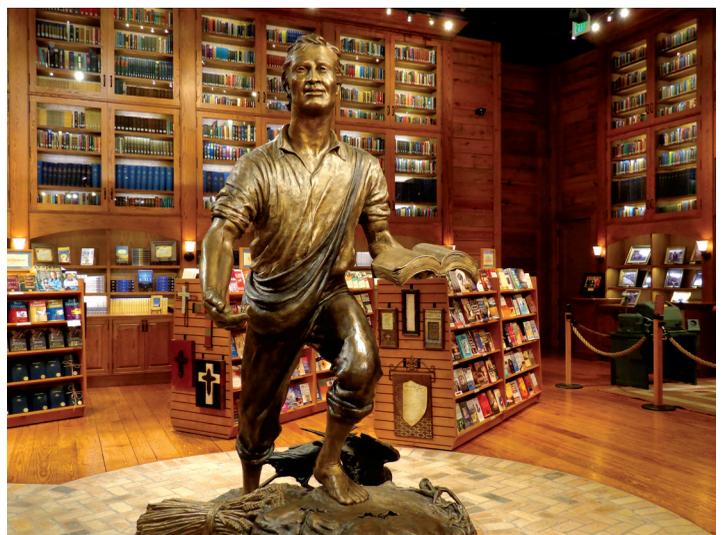
Enjoy the deluxe 25 item breakfast bar before heading off to our wonderful “packed full of events” day. We arrive at the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, Tennessee. This is a wonderfully relaxing expanse of property featuring many old buildings and displays of the long ago days of country music. We enjoy lunch on the grounds and ample time to explore this one of a kind museum. It’s a great spot! Then we journey on to Pigeon Forge. We are dinner show guests at the Smith Family Theatre, a well-known spot and frequently attended. They feature a large “buffet of vittles” known as the very best in the Tennessee Smoky Mountains. When we are full to the brim and ready for a rest, we head to The Inn at Christmas Place, a simply divine place to spend the night. Here we will experience old world charm, elegance, and hospitality second to none in the Smoky Mountains.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch voucher, Dinner Theatre**

**Accommodations: The Inn at Christmas Place, Pigeon Forge, TN**



## BILLY GRAHAM



### Day 7 - Pigeon Forge to Asheville, NC

After breakfast in our surreal surroundings, we will journey to the famous Smoky Mountain Cowboy Church for a morning church service like no other. Following the service we have a genuine Smoky Mountains Sunday dinner at the Applewood Farm Restaurant with all the traditional fixin's! Our Sunday afternoon drive is a classic through the Smoky Mountains. Our excitement is escalating as we anticipate arriving at the Billy Graham Training Center, "The Cove." This incredibly majestic retreat center is nestled in the mountains of Western North Carolina near Asheville and is just amazing! We will enjoy walking the wooded area and then be treated to a delightful evening dinner before meeting for a time of devotion and inspiration led by the gospel quartet "Calvary's Touch." We take our rest at Shepherd's Inn where you will truly love the rich heritage and deep spiritual experience of this "God Spot."

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Sunday Lunch, Evening Dinner**  
**Accommodations: Shepherd's Inn, The Cove, Asheville, NC**

### Day 8 - Asheville to Charlotte, NC

Following our nice hot breakfast we journey just a few short miles away to the world famous Biltmore Estates. This mansion and gardens built in 1895 is on the National Historic Register and at 179,000 square feet and 250 rooms, is the largest private home in the US. You will have time to tour the mansion, enjoy the Biltmore Gardens, and have lunch at the Estates. Then we are off winding our way through

the NC mountains to the famous Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. Our home for the next two nights is the lovely Homewood Suites by Hilton, in Charlotte, just a stone's throw from the Library.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Evening Reception**  
**Accommodations: Homewood Suites, Charlotte, NC (2 nights)**

### Day 9 - Charlotte

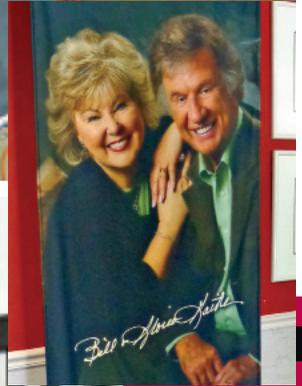
Our wonderful full breakfast buffet at Homewood Suites is the best and we love it. What is in store for us today can only be imagined! The trip and tour at the Billy Graham Library tops the all-time high for spiritual blessings! Retrace Billy Graham's dynamic journey through stunning multi-media presentations, interactive kiosks, photos, and memorabilia all done with state-of-the-art technology. When you are finished you will absolutely realize it's not about the man "Billy Graham" but about his "God fearing dedication to his Lord & Savior." After touring the Library, his boyhood home, and Ruth's (his dear wife) gravesite, we will gather together to have lunch at the Dairy Bar Café right in the Library. After a full day at the Library we will head back to Homewood Suites, "our home away from home," with the Manager's evening reception included.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Manager's Evening Reception**  
**Accommodations: Homewood Suites**

### Day 10 - Charlotte to Wilmot, OH

Today is a delightful travel day through the western mountain regions

**THE INN**  
at Christmas Place



## INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME!

of North Carolina, Virginia, & West Virginia to Amish Country of Ohio - a totally different experience for us to take in. Our home for this evening will be at the Amish Door Inn, the gateway to Amish Country. It's a great escape and a very easy going lifestyle. Discover on your own the Village of Amish Door. Dine on your own this evening at the village restaurant and enjoy the elegant Victorian Inn and a relaxing free evening in the countryside.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodations: The Inn at Amish Door, Wilmot, OH (2 nights)**

### Day 11 - Wilmot

A full day in Amish Country is planned when we will start the day at 9:00am, boarding our coach & ready to depart with our local guide. The Village of Kidron is our first stop. It features an outdoor flea market in addition to farmers bringing animals to the weekly auction with horse drawn wagons. It's a great shutterbug opportunity. You will also have time to shop at the popular Lehman's Hardware, over 2 acres under one roof of non-electrical household and hardware items. A special lunch is included for us in a private Amish home with each person receiving a free Amish gift. Next is shopping at the Walnut Creek Bulk Foods & Candies Store, an unforgettable experience. Tonight we dine at the Amish Door and enjoy our very own gospel concert by "The Declaration Trio."

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Amish Home Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodations: Inn at Amish Door**

### Day 12 - Wilmot to Shippshewana, IN

After our included breakfast, we take a short drive to the Smucker's Home Store and Café. "With a name like Smucker's, it has to be good!" Lunch will be on your own as we travel the Ohio and Indiana countryside to our stop for the night, the Amish Country Inn in Shippshewana, Indiana. Our final Gospel Road concert will be a dinner and show at the incredible Blue Gate Theatre featuring the musical sounds of "The Browns" and the hilarious humor of "Wilburn & Wil-

burn." An incredible evening awaits you with some of the very best up & coming gospel musicians and Christian comedians.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodations: Amish Country Inn, Shippshewana, IN**

### Day 13 - Shippshewana to Madison, WI

Following breakfast and some time in the Shippshewana area, we travel to our home for the evening, spending our last night on the Gospel Road.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodations: Hampton Inn, Madison, WI**

### Day 14 - Madison to Home

Arrive home today with fantastic memories of The Gospel Road!

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

## 2013 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	September 9 - 22, 2013 (14 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,699 Double \$2,549 Triple	\$3,579 Single \$2,399 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	26 Included Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PP:	\$163 Double p/p	\$226 Single p/p
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$40 Travel Bucks earned on this tour	
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking	

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