

Ring Praise Music Ministry

On Friday, April 15, we gave a benefit concert for the Nampa Salvation Army at First United Methodist Church, Nampa. People began arriving almost a half hour early! It was a very busy evening for events in Nampa and we were thrilled when there were around 110 people who generously gave \$1,550.01 to support the work of the Salvation Army.

With one minute to go, Ron told the pastor to be ready to start and welcome everyone. In the meantime, Sean asked all of us if we wanted to pray. Well, the pastor welcomed everyone and then we weren't there to start. So he got up again and said we would begin when the musicians get here! Our prayers were answered – it was a beautiful concert glorifying God.

Special guest was Master Voice, a quartet with Helen Watts, Cathy McCrea, Harold Keech and Marvin Bloomquist. Phyllis has been accompanying them and Sean added organ on one of their pieces. Since air could be heard leaking from one of the organ pipes, Sean had turned the organ off for the beginning of the concert. Phyllis started the intro of a piece on the piano. When Sean began to play, nothing happened, and he realized he had forgotten to turn it on! It took several seconds for the organ to warm up before he was able to join in.

Most of our concerts have fewer people when we do ring along with the audience. Wow, what glorious singing with a 110 voice choir!

For Glory Bound, there were 4 kids who helped with sand blocks. We always enjoy involving the kids and the audience loves watching them.

It is always rewarding to raise money to help the Salvation Army with their work. Major Bill Hathorn spoke to our hearts with the story of a young man and the impact the Army has had on him. We continually praise and thank God for allowing us to be His instruments in spreading the message of grace and salvation through Jesus Christ.