

PRESS RELEASE

National conference speaker and recording artist Vern Baardson will be appearing:

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Involved in Gospel music since the early 70's, Vern has experience in performance, broadcasting and recording. God has used him across the United States, Canada and Japan in concert presentations and conference ministry. His unique concert style comes out of a genuine care for people and a wide range of experiences, including 10 years as a church planter.

An uncanny ability to communicate with people of all ages enhances an evening of music mixed with humor and a down to earth practical message that your whole family will remember. **Vern speaks at family and youth camps, churches and has been the keynote speaker at various national youth conferences with audiences of up to 1500.** His abilities as a vocalist enable him to perform a wide range of musical styles including traditional, country and contemporary gospel. His appreciation of so many styles of music is part of the reason he is able to perform in so many different settings, including churches of many denominations, conventions, fairs, retirement homes, and public and private schools.

Vern has developed a musical presentation for public schools called "Singing in the Grain Bin". This program includes music from many periods of American music history and incorporates guitar, mountain dulcimer, banjo, mini accordion, harmonica and soundtrack. The combination of humor and hands on participation from the audience results in a time together that reminds us of the importance and fun music plays in our lives! Over 60 thousand students in the United States, Canada and Japan have enjoyed this program.

Vern's 6 recordings have been a special plus to his ministry bringing encouragement and hope to those who listen and are being played in radio markets across the country. His newest release "**Gone Fishing**" is receiving great reviews and is available in both cassette and CD format.

A native of North Dakota, Baardson received an Associate of Arts degree in Broadcasting from Dickinson State College, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Minot State College, and a Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Brethren Seminary.

Vern, his wife Casey and their son Nathanael travel full time in a ministry of music and evangelism, also offers weekend seminars on the topics of Marriage, Family, and Church Growth. For more information or booking contact: Vern Baardson, PO Box 9342, Fargo ND 58106, and ph. (218) 236-5919. E-mail vbmin@aol.com