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Dear Friends -

I'm happy to report that we've had a whole lot of exciting things going on since the last newsletter. As reported on the [Facebook](#) page, I've been back in the studio recording some new music for you. Working once again with producer, Dirk Johnson, we think we've got some songs you'll love and I can't wait to have them ready for you to hear. With all that it takes to get a project completed, I'm not sure of a release date but I'll sure let you know as we get closer. If you missed this on Facebook, it was a fun moment in the studio when the one and only, Larry Gatlin walked in. Apparently he was tipped off to the fact I was going to record a song he wrote and just as I was about to sing, he walked in. Folks, you don't know what it does to a singer to have an amazing vocalist like Larry Gatlin surprise you and he's just waiting to hear how you sing his very own words. You can bet I stepped it up in the studio knowing he was there listening. I don't know that I did it justice but I sure gave it my best effort and I can't tell you just yet WHICH song, but anything written by Larry Gatlin is one I just know you will like!

In other good news, we have a release date for our TV show! September 18th at 7PM Central/8PM Eastern on RFD-TV channel. It's a simple title that I'm sure you can remember, The Gene and Moe Show! I'm counting on you to help me spread the word on it so it will get good ratings and then they'll want us to do some more taping!

Speaking of our great friend, Larry Black, we are so pleased to hear that he's progressing really well as he heals from his terrible accident on that All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). We haven't got quite as much information on another dear friend who was in the same accident, Boot Daddy's Randy Little—but we've heard he is recuperating very well also. I know you'll send your thoughts and prayers out to both Larry and Randy to heal very quickly.

We add new tour dates all the time so keep an eye out at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com or www.Gene-Watson.com and on Facebook, just look for our [Events calendar](#) at the top of the page under the banner. I look forward to seeing you on the road soon! Take care,



Gene

Recording in Nashville - August 6 & 7, 2015

At Sony Music Studio



Gene in the vocal booth.



Producer, Dirk Johnson and Gene go over an arrangement for a song before recording starts.



Bass player, David Smith, and Gene enjoy a laugh during a break.



Gene and Dirk Johnson check out some music pitched to them.



Bass player, David Smith-David is currently touring with Pop music legend, Don McLean ("American Pie", "Starry Starry Night") Read more on David here:

www.gene-watson.com/index.php/david-smith.html



Greg Galbraith on electric guitar gives a smile for the camera. Read more about Gregg here:

www.gene-watson.com/index.php/gregg-galbraith.html

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Pedal Steel virtuoso, Sonny Garrish at work in the studio.



After the final day of recording the band and Gene snapped this happy shot for a job well done! Shown left to right: Dirk Johnson (Producer and piano), Kelly Back (Acoustic guitar), Aubrey Haynie (Fiddle), Gene Watson, David Smith (Bass), Mike Johnson (Pedal Steel), James Mitchell (Electric Guitar), and Lonnie Wilson (Drums).



Producer Dirk Johnson and Gene pause for this quick pic in the studio.

Right: Larry Gatlin delighted Gene and the musicians when he dropped in to the studio, just as Gene was about to begin recording a song written and recorded by Larry. Here, Larry is playing a new song he'd written, one he was "pitching" to Gene to record.



Drummer, Lonnie Wilson, doing a bang up job in the studio. Lonnie was lead singer of the group Bandana on Warner Bros. Records in the 1980's before focusing on work as a studio drummer, background vocalist and songwriter. He's played on over 400 singles including Top Tens for Tim McGraw, Martina McBride, Rascal Flatts, Brooks & Dunn, Joe Diffie, Carrie Underwood, Faith Hill and others.



Left: Acoustic guitar player, Kelly Back and fiddle player Aubrey Haynie, go over charts for the next song. You can read more on Kelly Back here:



www.gene-watson.com/index.php/kelly-back.html



In the spotlight....Farewell Party Band drummer

Todd Hines!

When Farewell Party Band drummer Todd Hines is not on the tour bus with Gene Watson and the band, he's at home in Paris, Texas and works at **Rockin' L Music**. Todd has worked for owners Karl and Glenna Louis at the store since they bought it in 2009.



Rockin' L Music is a full music service music store with pianos, guitars, drums, as well as professional audio equipment. At the store Todd gives drum and guitar lessons and has students of all ages.

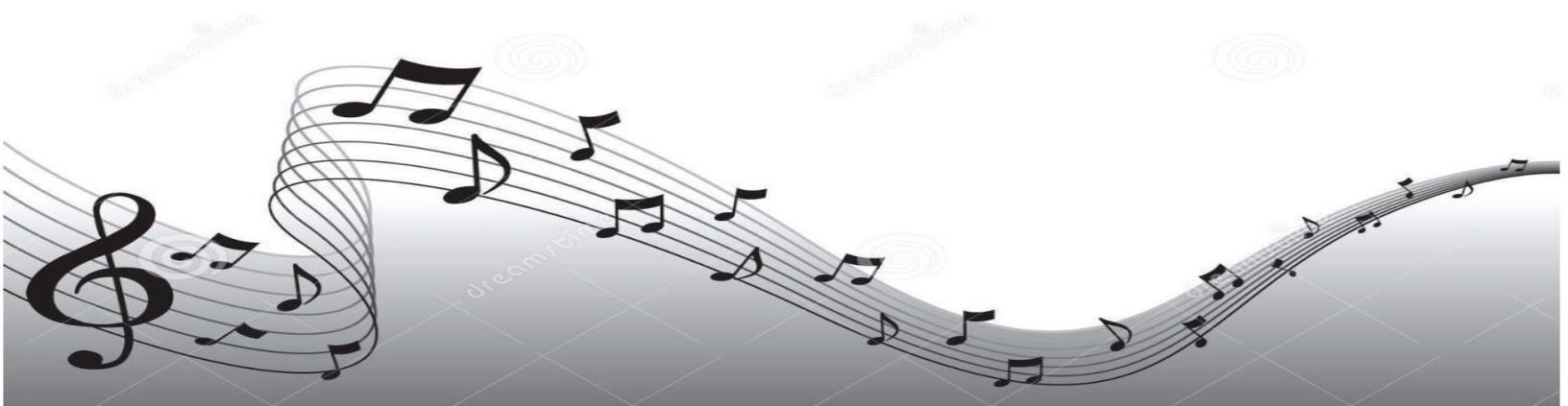
In his spare time, Todd enjoys fishing and playing once a month around Paris with his in-laws', James & Anna Martin, band at the Martin family's Subway restaurants owned by Danny & Jeff Martin, brothers to James.



Todd was surprised by owners of **Rockin' L Music**, Karl and Glenna Louis, with this gift of Pearl Masters Drums. Todd wanted to be sure to publicly thank the Louis's for this wonderful gift. If you are at a Gene Watson show, be sure to notice these beautiful drums Todd plays!

Tour Schedule - 2015

Aug 29 & 30	Midwest Country Theater	Sandstone, MN
Sept 11	Nelson's Music City	Knob Lick, MO
Sept 12	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center New Barn	Renfro Valley, KY
Sept 24 & 25	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Sept 26	Leon Co. Expo Center	Buffalo, TX
Sept 29	Red River Valley Fair	Paris, TX
Oct 3	Penn's Peak	Jim Thorpe, PA
Oct 4	Balsam Valley Amphitheater	Columbia Falls, ME
Oct 9 & 10	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
Oct 17	Dublin Theater	Dublin, GA
Oct 20, 21, 22	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Oct 24	Anderson Music Hall	Hiawassee, GA
Nov 6	Country Tonite Theatre	Pigeon Forge, TN
Nov 7	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
Nov 8	Augusta Expoland Benefit	Fishersville, VA
Nov 13	The Garage Bar & Grill	Alvin, TX
Nov 14	Lovelady Old Gym	Lovelady, TX
Nov 21	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, SC
Dec 3, 4, 5, 6	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO



Tour Schedule - 2016

Jan 9	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, OK
Jan 16 & 17	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL
Jan 31-Feb 7	Country's Family Reunion Cruise	Caribbean
March 4	Mill Town Music Hall	Bremen, GA
March 5	Itawamba Community College	Fulton, MS
March 7	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, FL
March 11	Wild Rose Casino & Resort	Clinton, IA
March 12	Performing Arts Center	Effingham, IL
March 18 & 19	Ross Country Jamboree	New Washington, IN
March 25	Dosey Doe—The Big Barn	The Woodlands, TX
March 26	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, TX
April 29	Little Roy & Lizzy Festival	Lincolnton, GA
April 30	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, OH
May 14 & 15	Old Dominion Barn Dance at the Henrico Theater	Highland Springs, VA
June 3	Cherokee Bluegrass Festival	Cherokee, NC
June 24	Panhandle Watermelon Festival	Chipley, FL
Sept 2 & 3	Blue Gate Theater	Shipshewana, IN
Sept 17 & 18	Truman Lake Opry	Tightwad, MO
Sept 23	Bluegrass Island Festival	Manteo, NC

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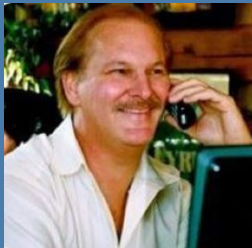


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Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulation to Janie Turpin of Winchester, TN who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: “Gene Watson recorded a song written by country music pioneer, A.P.Carter, that is included on Gene’s Gospel album, “Gospel At It’s Best”. Name that song.”

And the answer: “Will The Circle Be Unbroken”

The next trivia question: For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to: GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com.

If you are reading this and not a registered member of Gene Watson’s Fan Club, just sign up at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. Only Fan Club members get the Trivia Question!