

# Nashville kind of night

*Daystar Ministries help spread holiday cheer one Evening in December*

While many Nashvillians feel the urge to increase their selfless acts of kindness around the holiday season, others give all year round. The folks at Daystar Counseling Ministries definitely fall into the latter category, offering counseling services to Middle Tennessee residents of all ages. To raise funds for their organization, Daystar hosted its annual event, An Evening in December, at Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre.

Traditionally held the first Monday of the month, An Evening in December provided a festive kickoff for the approaching holiday season. Guests were warmly greeted outside with a hot cup of apple cider as they checked in. The Morlan family, composed of a gaggle of adorable children, offered angelic Christmas songs to the partygoers waiting to step inside the cozy Chaffin's Barn. Mingling inside The Barn, which has become a Nashville institution after 43 years, everyone chatted about the upcoming holidays and all the wonderful things Daystar has been up to.

Chaffin's Barn's website states, "Don't let the home-spun charm fool you!" Now we know what that means—the cozy, down-home atmosphere lets everyone relax and feel as though they've stepped back in time, but the delectable grub would satisfy even the most sophisticated palate. Home-cooked Southern favorites kept all partygoers happy, especially when they sampled the homemade desserts.

Now, this would not be a Nashville party if there were not a little music involved. A slew of big-time guests provided entertainment for the evening, wowing everyone with their sound. Amy Grant was joined by Marty Stuart, Connie Smith, Tricia Walker, Karen Staley, Jeff Taylor and Buddy Greene. Talk about an all-star lineup, even for around these parts! We cannot wait for next December! *MM*

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Marty Stuart and Connie Smith



Mimi Heldman, Corinne Barfield



David Denton, Brian Anderson



Jim Knestrick, Pace Verner, Kathleen Goff



Buddy Greene, Tricia Walker, Karen Staley, Jeff Taylor



Kim Jensen, Carol Nuismer, Kelly Hillin



Anna and Gif Thornton



Kitsie Hayles, Sissy Goff



Chelsea Lesniewski, Tamara Price, Le Quichea Hairston